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It's a Fact that there are many books all over the world. Usually, each organization has its own appropriate books, like in medical doctors' associations they have a Compendium of Clinical Practices, in engineers' associations they have a Standard Handbook, lawyers' associations they have Codes and in other organizations they have Guides, Procedures, Policies.

What I want to highlight is that it is not appropriate for lawyers to use the Standard Handbook of engineers in their profession gatherings and similarly, engineers should not use the Compendium of Clinical Practice and interpret it in their construction projects.

The Holy Scriptures exist because and for one group or people only. They should not be used by other groups or people. . Leviticus 26:46: "These are the statutes and ordinances and laws which the Lord established between Himself and the sons of Israel through Moses at Mount Sinai.

And there is even a prohibition that God himself said,

Deuteronomy 23:3: "No Ammonite or Moabite may enter the assembly of the Lord. Even to the tenth generation, none of them may enter the assembly of the Lord forever".

The question is, these are in the Old Testament, does Christ have a similar statement? Matthew 10:5-6: "These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel'".

But in the Old Testament there is a way with conditions,

Exodus 12:43-45: "The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'This is the ordinance of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it. But every man's servant who is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he may eat of it. A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat of it'".

What is the method and condition in the New Testament? Here is God's command to the Apostles, Matthew 28:19-20: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Who were the disciples, taught by the Apostles, what is the Name of the Society or Group to which they all belonged? There are such verses in the books of the New Testament,

1 Peter 4:17: "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God: and if it begins first at us, what will the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

1 Timothy 3:15: "But if I tarry a long time, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." 2 Corinthians 1:1: "Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia.

1 Corinthians 1:2: "To the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call in every place on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, theirs and ours".

Now, what business do different groups around the world have to interpret, to apply the scriptures to their groups if they are not part of the Church of God. If they say they have the right, how can they be part of the Church of God when the names of their organizations are so different from the one organization whose name is the Church of God in the Bible that was administered by the Apostles?

The Church of God is the Household of God, with laws to follow, those written in their holy scriptures. It is like a country with its own laws. China has its own Law. Singapore has its own law, and so almost all countries have their own laws that are written. And those also have jurisdictions and boundaries. Each written law is not applicable in another country, they can only be similar but not the one same written rules.

Conclusion? Uncontestable, in the past and in the present and in the times to come, the Bible (OT and NT) is fully applicable, owned and only for the Church of God. All Christians are in the Church of God only. An outsider in the household of God is not a Christian. You will not have the right faith because you will not hear the words of Christ if you are in another household, because Christ is the head of his own household that he bought with his own blood, only there within his house do his laws apply only, proofed by Revelation 22:16; 1:11. Any other house, you ask? Surely anti-Christ, no exceptions.

Do you want to apply the laws of Christ? What is your citizenship? Where are you, what house? Maybe you are not in the Church of God? The Christians invite you in. Read them, Join them. Practice with them with Christ.

The Truth.

From eternity, God is Father.

To eternity, God is Father

That from eternity, to eternity, He has His only begotten Son God.

His joy is being a Father because His joy is His Only Begotten Son God who first called Him Father from the beginning, when nothing was yet created. The joy of His Only Begotten Son is the Man, whom they created from their image, who were created here on earth for man, male and female. After all creation, everything was very good, nothing evil was created by Good God. All of that is because of and for the One, Heb 1:2-4.

There was a creature who envies Christ, and the created man and became evident enemy when he came before the woman. The perfect opposite of Christ, the antichrist, father of lies, who destroyed and killed man who was the joy of the Only Begotten Son God. Satan wanted, not only to exceed God the Son, but to be equal to God the Father. That is why God the Father has shown in his Revelation that he gave the rule of the universe to his Only Begotten Son God to show and end all the allies and foolishness of Satan. Then starts a new beginning where Elohim lives with Man, Man lives with Elohim. Joy Complete. The Master plan fulfilled, Genesis 1:26; 5:2; Efeso 5:32; Apoc. 21:3; Proverbs 8:31, Amen.

In that story, the antichrists will be identified, the enemies are the arrogant, always angry and those who do not believe: 1. God the Father has an Only Begotten Son. Sees highly too much of real self. 2. The creator of all things of man is the Only Begotten Son of God because nothing was created without him. 3. Being villain is evil, lies, kills, destroys, is wise, is arrogant, causes downfall of others, has no respect, lust of flesh, and the likes.

4. In the Leadership, there is no submission.

5. There are boundaries and jurisdictions, do not trespass to go up or down, uninvited or wanted, feeling important.

It seems that you have thought a lot about who and what the enemies of the Truth, the antichrists are. They can be any individual, organizations, religion, government, a country, whether they are physical or spiritual. That is why the Apostle Paul said, Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the higher realms."

All the materials in this project of mine are just through a simple Google Search of available and downloadable publicly shared material so I have no control over errors and other things that others may think are errors or omissions or even additions. I only made re-arrangements. The titles are also not wrong because the books do not really have titles and the Old Testament is in the Hebrew language with Greek titles in most bibles which are not the titles recognized in the country of Israel, like Bereshit for them, but Genesis for others. It is not wrong to put titles if they fit the content of the book.

Just like my first intention to change the order of the books in the New Testament, I also changed the order of the books in the Old Testament so that I can understand the scriptures more clearly and especially for you, my friend.

Why the Bible 1905 and NKJV is because that is what Google search shows as the best parallel between Tagalog 1905 and English version in my opinion which can be said to be a reliable Formal Translation that I can download publicly online.

Friend, I have never seen a version of the Bible organized in the same way that I did. Most traditional versions of the Bible follow the canonical order established by the early groups and councils. They all strive to have different versions of the translation but do not move the alignment of the scriptures.

This led me to organize the books of the New Testament in a way that emphasizes the flow of the

narrative and the development of the early Churches in each place. This can give readers a fresh perspective and a clearer understanding of the story and the main characters.

The release of a variant of the Bible with this alignment is beneficial to knowing the Truth in a more chronological and story-centered way. The version is clearly presented as a tool to hear the Church of God narrating, proclaiming, and the thematic order is to avoid confusion with the traditional canonical orders.

The purpose of this arrangement is to help readers:

1. Understand the Urgency: The opening of Revelation emphasizes the prophetic aspects that emphasize the importance of the revelation of God through Jesus Christ must be immediate and immediate. 2. Who is Christ?: After reading the Revelation of God with Christ as its central figure, readers naturally want to know more about Christ, as the Apostle Paul tells us who Christ is, providing a deep theological understanding of the Only Begotten Son of God
3. Follow the Narrative: Who is Christ according to John, Matthew, Mark, and Luke then offers a detailed account of Christ's life, teachings, death, and resurrection, providing historical and narrative context. 4. See the Growth of the Church: The Acts and Epistles to the Church of God record the growth and challenges of the Church, offering practical and theological insight for believers.

This alignment, I believe, is what the early Christians wanted to be read today in this or our day. To my surprise, if they were here today, they would all agree to the emergence of this variant. I did not destroy the scriptures by including 28, 29 and 30 here, they were not removed or lost. I just included them here as shown below contents table.

Order NT Book Order NT Books Order OT Books Order OT Books

19 Hosea

1 Revelation of God 16 2 Corinthians 1 Genesis

20 Isaiah

2 Christ according to Apostle Paul 17 Romans 2 Job

21 2 Kings

3 Christ according to Apostle John 18 Philippians 3 Exodus

22 Micah

4 Christ according to Apostle Mark 19 Colossians 4 Leviticus

Christ according to Apostle 23 Nahum

5 Matthew 20 Ephesians 5 Numbers

24 Zephaniah

6 Christ according to Luke 21 2 John 6 Deuteronomy

25 Jeremiah

7 Acts of the Church of God 22 3 John 7 Joshua

26 Habakkuk

8 1 Peter 23 Philemon 8 Judges

27 Obadiah

9 1 John 24 Titus 9 Ruth

10 James 25 1 Timothy 10 1 Samuel

29 Ezekiel

11 Jude 26 2 Timothy 11 2 Samuel

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12 1 Thessalonians 27 2 Peter 12 1 Chronicles

31 Haggai

13 2 Thessalonians 28 The Teacher 13 2 Chronicles

Song of 32 Zechariah

14 Galatians 29 King's Proverbs 14 Solomon

Songs of the 33 Malachi

15 1 Corinthians 30 Forefathers 15 1 Kings

34 Esther

16 Joel

35 Ezra

17 Jonah

36 Nehemiah

18 Amos

Do not wonder, there are several chapters and verses in the Bible that are not found in the oldest manuscripts, that is why there are passages that I have strikethroughed with red marks. Here are some notable examples:

1. Mark 16:9-20: The longer ending of Mark, which includes appearances of the resurrected Jesus, is not found in the earliest manuscripts like Codex Sinaiticus

2. John 7:53-8:11: The story of the woman caught in adultery is absent in the earliest manuscripts  
3. Matthew 6:13: The doxology "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen." is not present in the earliest manuscripts

4. Luke 24:51: The reference to Jesus' ascension is missing in some early manuscripts  
5. Matthew 17:21: "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting" is not found in the earliest manuscripts  
6. Matthew 18:11: "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" is also absent in the earliest manuscripts

Below are the verses from the Old Testament books that inspired alpaba to create this variant, where the last verse below, a question of God Isaiah 44:7 that he answered, a verse like apples of gold in silver settings, in the first verse of God's Revelation. Rev 1:1-3; and 22:6,16. Glory to God.

Isaiah 34:16:



"Search in the book of the Lord, and read: None of these shall fail; none shall want their mate. For his mouth hath commanded, and his Spirit hath gathered them."

Jeremiah 15:16:

"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were the joy and rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts."

Psalms 119:140:

"Your word is very pure; therefore your servant loves it."

Psalms 119:18:

"Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from your law."

Psalms 119:105:

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

Isaiah 55:10-11:

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goes out of my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but shall accomplish that which I please, and shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it."

Isaiah 48:3:

"I have declared the former things from the beginning; They went forth from my mouth, and I caused them to be heard. Suddenly I did them, and they came to pass."

Isaiah 46:10:

"Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times the things that are not yet done, Saying, 'My counsel shall stand, And I will do all my pleasure.'"

Isaiah 44:7:

"And who, like me, shall call, and declare, and prepare for Me, Since I have founded the ancient people? And the things that are to come, and that shall be done, shall they declare."



# Revelation of God

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord,

1 "who is and who was and who is to The Revelation of Jesus Christ,  
come, the Almighty."

which God gave Him to show His

servants--things which must shortly take 'I, John, both your brother  
and

place. And He sent and signified it by

His angel to His servant John, companion in the tribulation and

kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,

2 was on the island that is called Patmos

who bore witness to the word of God,

for the word of God and for the

and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to testimony of Jesus Christ. all  
things that he saw.

3Blessed is he who reads and those who and I heard behind me a loud  
voice, as 10 was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day,

hear the words of this prophecy, and of a trumpet, keep those things  
which are written in it;

for the time is near. <sup>1</sup> I saying, "I am the Alpha and the <sup>4</sup> Omega, the First and the Last," and,

John, to the seven churches which are "What you see, write in a book and send

in Asia: Grace to you and peace from it to the seven churches which are in

Him who is and who was and who is to Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to

come, and from the seven Spirits who Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to

are before His throne, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

sand from Jesus Christ, the faithful <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Then I turned to see the voice that

witness, the firstborn from the dead, and spoke with me. And having turned I saw

the ruler over the kings of the earth. To seven golden lampstands, Him who loved us and washed us from

our sins in His own blood, <sup>h</sup>

and in the midst of the seven

<sup>6</sup> lampstands One like the Son of Man,

and has made us kings and priests to clothed with a garment down to the feet

His God and Father, to Him be glory and and girded about the chest with a

dominion forever and ever. Amen. golden band.

<sup>7</sup>Behold, He is coming with clouds, and <sup>4</sup>His head and hair were white like wool,

every eye will see Him, even they who as white as snow, and His eyes like a

pierced Him. And all the tribes of the flame of fire; earth will mourn because of Him. Even

so, Amen.

15 His feet were like fine brass, as if hand you have persevered and have

refined in a furnace, and His voice as patience, and have labored for My

the sound of many waters; name's sake and have not become

weary.

16

He had in His right hand seven stars,

out of His mouth went a sharp two- 4 Nevertheless I have this against you, edged sword, and His countenance was that you have left your first love. like the sun shining in its strength.

1 have fallen; repent and do the first

7 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet 5 Remember therefore from where you

as dead. But He laid His right hand on works, or else I will come to you quickly

me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I and remove your lampstand from its

am the First and the Last. place--unless you repent.

1 6 8a am He who lives, and was dead, and

But this you have, that you hate the

behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also

And I have the keys of Hades and of hate. Death.

7 He who has an ear, let him hear what

19 Write the things which you have seen, the Spirit says to the churches. To him

and the things which are, and the things who overcomes I will give to eat from

which will take place after this. the tree of life, which is in the midst of

the Paradise of God."

20

The mystery of the seven stars which

you saw in My right hand, and the seven 8 And to the angel of the church in golden lampstands: The seven stars are Smyrna write, "These things says the

the angels of the seven churches, and First and the Last, who was dead, and

the seven lampstands which you saw came to life: are the seven churches.

"I know your works, tribulation, and

poverty (but you are rich); and I know

2 the blasphemy of those who say they To the angel of the church of

are Jews and are not, but are a

Ephesus write, "These things says He

who holds the seven stars in His right synagogue of Satan.

hand, who walks in the midst of the 1 0 Do not fear any of those things

which seven golden lampstands:

you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil

2 is about to throw some of you into prison, I know your works, your labor, your

patience, and that you cannot bear that you may be tested, and you will

those who are evil. And you have tested have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until

death, and I will give you the crown of

those who say they are apostles and are

not, and have found them liars; life.

1 1 He who has an ear, let him hear what

Son of God, who has eyes like a flame

the Spirit says to the churches. He who of fire, and His feet like fine brass: overcomes shall not be hurt by the

second death." 1' I know your works, love, service, faith,

and your patience; and as for your

12 And to the angel of the church in

works, the last are more than the first.

Pergamos write, "These things says He

who has the sharp two-edged sword: 2 0Nevertheless I have a few things

1 woman Jezebel, who calls herself a

3 know your works, and where you against you, because you allow that

dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you prophetess, to teach and

seduce My

hold fast to My name, and did not deny servants to commit sexual immorality

My faith even in the days in which and eat things sacrificed to idols. Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was

killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>2</sup>1 And I gave her time to repent of her

sexual immorality, and she did not

<sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you, repent. because you have there those who hold

the doctrine of Balaam, who taught <sup>2</sup> 2 ndeed I will cast her into a sickbed, Balak to put a stumbling block before and those who commit adultery with her

the children of Israel, to eat things into great tribulation, unless they repent

sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual of their deeds. immorality.

<sup>2</sup> 3 will kill her children with death, and all

<sup>15</sup> Thus you also have those who hold

the churches shall know that I am He

the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which who searches the minds and hearts.

thing I hate. And I will give to each one of you

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Repent, or else I will come to you according to your works.

quickly and will fight against them with <sup>2</sup> 4 Now to you I say, and to the rest in the sword of My mouth. Thyatira, as many as do not have this

doctrine, who have not known the

<sup>1</sup> 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what depths of Satan, as they say,



I will put

the Spirit says to the churches. To him on you no other burden.  
who overcomes I will give some of the

hidden manna to eat. And I will give him <sup>25</sup>But hold fast what you  
have till I come. a white stone, and on the stone a new

name written which no one knows <sup>26</sup>And he who overcomes, and  
keeps My except him who receives it.'

works until the end, to him I will give

<sup>1</sup> power over the nations--<sup>8</sup> And to the angel of the church in

Thyatira write, "These things says the <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> He shall rule them with a rod  
of iron;

They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels' -- as I also have  
<sup>7</sup> And to the angel of the church in received from My Father;  
Philadelphia write, "These things says

He who is holy, He who is true, "He who

<sup>2</sup> has the key of David, He who opens and ' and I will give him the  
morning star.

no one shuts, and shuts and no one

<sup>2</sup> opens": "' He who has an ear, let him hear what

the Spirit says to the churches.'" <sup>8</sup> I know your works. See, I have set

before you an open door, and no one

can shut it; for you have a little strength,

<sup>3</sup>"And to the angel of the church in

have kept My word, and have not

Sardis write, "These things says He who denied My name. has the  
seven Spirits of God and the

seven stars: "I know your works, that 9

Indeed I will make those of the

you have a name that you are alive, but

synagogue of Satan, who say they are

you are dead.

Jews and are not, but lie--indeed I will

2 make them come and worship before

Be watchful, and strengthen the things your feet, and to know that I  
have loved

which remain, that are ready to die, for I you. have not found your  
works perfect

before God. 1 0Because you have kept My command

3Remember therefore how you have to persevere, I also will keep you  
from

the hour of trial which shall come upon

received and heard; hold fast and repent. the whole world, to test  
those who dwell

Therefore if you will not watch, I will on the earth. come upon you  
as a thief, and you will

not know what hour I will come upon 1 Behold, I am coming quickly!  
Hold fast you. what you have, that no one may take

4 your crown.

You have a few names even in Sardis

who have not defiled their garments; 12He who overcomes, I will  
make him a and they shall walk with Me in white, for pillar in the  
temple of My God, and he they are worthy. shall go out no more. I

will write on him <sup>5</sup> the name of My God and the name of

He who overcomes shall be clothed in the city of My God, the New Jerusalem,

white garments, and I will not blot out which comes down out of heaven from

his name from the Book of Life; but I will My God. And I will write on him My new

confess his name before My Father and name. before His angels.

<sup>13</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what

<sup>6</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." the Spirit says to the churches."

<sup>14</sup> And to the angel of the church of the

Laodiceans write, "These things says <sup>4</sup>After these things I looked, and the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness,

behold, a door standing open in heaven.

the Beginning of the creation of God: And the first voice which I heard was

<sup>1</sup> like a trumpet speaking with me, saying, <sup>5a</sup> know your works, that you are

"Come up here, and I will show you

neither cold nor hot. I could wish you things which must take place after this."

were cold or hot.

<sup>2</sup> Immediately I was in the Spirit; and

<sup>16</sup> So then, because you are lukewarm, behold, a throne set in heaven, and One

and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you sat on the throne. out of My mouth.

1 3And He who sat there was like a jasper 7 Because you say, "I am rich, have and a sardius stone in appearance; and

become wealthy, and have need of there was a rainbow around the throne,

nothing'--and do not know that you are in appearance like an emerald. wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and

naked-- 4

Around the throne were twenty-four

1 thrones, and on the thrones I saw

' I counsel you to buy from Me gold twenty-four elders sitting, clothed in

refined in the fire, that you may be rich; white robes; and they had crowns of

and white garments, that you may be gold on their heads. clothed, that the shame of your

nakedness may not be revealed; and 5And from the throne proceeded anoint your eyes with eye salve, that lightnings, thunderings, and voices.

you may see.

Seven lamps of fire were burning before

1 the throne, which are the seven Spirits

' As many as I love, I rebuke and of God.

chasten. Therefore be zealous and

repent. 6

Before the throne there was a sea of

2 glass, like crystal. And in the midst of 0Behold, I stand at the door

and knock.

the throne, and around the throne, were

If anyone hears My voice and opens the four living creatures full of eyes in front

door, I will come in to him and dine with and in back. him, and he with Me.

2 To him who overcomes I will grant to the second living creature like a calf, the

1 7The first living creature was like a lion,

sit with Me on My throne, as I also third living creature had a face like a

overcame and sat down with My Father man, and the fourth living creature was

on His throne. like a flying eagle.

2 8 2 He who has an ear, let him hear what

The four living creatures, each having

the Spirit says to the churches. ' six wings, were full of eyes around and

within. And they do not rest day or night, to open the scroll and to loose its seven

saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God seals." Almighty, Who was and is and is to

come!" 6And I looked, and behold, in the midst

of the throne and of the four living

'Whenever the living creatures give creatures, and in the midst of the

elders,

glory and honor and thanks to Him who stood a Lamb as though it had been

sits on the throne, who lives forever and slain, having seven horns and seven

eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God

sent out into all the earth.

10 he twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits on the throne and worship 7Then He came and took the scroll out Him who lives forever and ever, and of the right hand of Him who sat on the

cast their crowns before the throne, throne. saying:

'Now when He had taken the scroll, the

11 You are worthy, O Lord, To receive four living creatures and the twenty-four

glory and honor and power; For You elders fell down before the Lamb, each

created all things, And by Your will they having a harp, and golden bowls full of

exist and were created." incense, which are the prayers of the

saints.

5And I saw in the right hand of Him And they sang a new song, saying:

"You are worthy to take the scroll, And

who sat on the throne a scroll written

to open its seals; For You were slain,

inside and on the back, sealed with

And have redeemed us to God by Your

seven seals.

blood Out of every tribe and tongue and

2 people and nation,

Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming

with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to 10And have made us kings and  
priests to open the scroll and to loose its seals?"

our God; And we shall reign on the

3And no one in heaven or on the earth earth." or under the earth was  
able to open the 11

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of

scroll, or to look at it.

many angels around the throne, the

4 living creatures, and the elders; and the

So I wept much, because no one was number of them was ten  
thousand times

found worthy to open and read the scroll, ten thousand, and  
thousands of or to look at it. thousands,

5But one of the elders said to me, "Do 2

1 saying with a loud voice: "Worthy is

not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of the Lamb who was slain To  
receive

Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed power and riches and wisdom,  
And strength and honor and glory and 6And I heard a voice in the  
midst of the

blessing!" four living creatures saying, "A quart of

wheat for a denarius, and three quarts

13And every creature which is in heaven of barley for a denarius; and  
do not

and on the earth and under the earth harm the oil and the wine." and  
such as are in the sea, and all that

are in them, I heard saying: "Blessing 7When He opened the fourth  
seal, I and honor and glory and power Be to heard the voice of the  
fourth living

Him who sits on the throne, And to the creature saying, "Come and  
see." Lamb, forever and ever!"

8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse.

14Then the four living creatures said, And the name of him who sat on  
it was

"Amen!" And the twenty-four elders fell Death, and Hades followed  
with him.

down and worshiped Him who lives And power was given to them  
over a

forever and ever. fourth of the earth, to kill with sword,

with hunger, with death, and by the

beasts of the earth.

6Now I saw when the Lamb opened

one of the seals; and I heard one of the 7When He opened the fifth  
seal, I saw

under the altar the souls of those who

four living creatures saying with a voice

had been slain for the word of God and

like thunder, "Come and see."

for the testimony which they held.



2And I looked, and behold, a white horse. 0And they cried with a loud voice,

1

He who sat on it had a bow; and a

saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true,

crown was given to him, and he went

until You judge and avenge our blood on

out conquering and to conquer.

those who dwell on the earth?"

3When He opened the second seal, I 1 1Then a white robe was given to each heard the second living creature saying, of them; and it was said to them that "Come and see." they should rest a little while longer, until 4 both the number of their fellow servants

Another horse, fiery red, went out. And and their brethren, who would be killed

it was granted to the one who sat on it to as they were, was completed. take peace from the earth, and that

people should kill one another; and 1 2a looked when He opened the sixth there was given to him a great sword.

seal, and behold, there was a great

5 earthquake; and the sun became black

When He opened the third seal, I heard as sackcloth of hair, and the moon

the third living creature say, "Come and became like blood. see." So I looked, and behold, a black

horse, and he who sat on it had a pair of

scales in his hand.

1 s 3And the stars of heaven fell to the of the tribe of Judah twelve

earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs were sealed; of the tribe of Reuben

when it is shaken by a mighty wind. twelve thousand were sealed; of the

tribe of Gad twelve thousand were

14 sealed;

Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and

island was moved out of its place. 6of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Naphtali

15 twelve thousand were sealed; of the

And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand were

mighty men, every slave and every free sealed; man, hid themselves in the caves and in

the rocks of the mountains, 7of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Levi twelve

16 thousand were sealed; of the tribe of

and said to the mountains and rocks,

"Fall on us and hide us from the face of Issachar twelve thousand were sealed;

Him who sits on the throne and from the

wrath of the Lamb! 8of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand

were sealed; of the tribe of Joseph

17 twelve thousand were sealed; of the

For the great day of His wrath has  
come, and who is able to stand?" tribe of Benjamin twelve thousand  
were

sealed.

7After these things I saw four angels After these things I looked, and  
behold,

a great multitude which no one could

standing at the four corners of the earth, number, of all nations, tribes,  
peoples,

holding the four winds of the earth, that and tongues, standing before  
the throne

the wind should not blow on the earth, and before the Lamb, clothed  
with white

on the sea, or on any tree. robes, with palm branches in their hands,

2Then I saw another angel ascending 0and crying out with a loud  
voice,

1

from the east, having the seal of the saying, "Salvation belongs to our  
God

living God. And he cried with a loud who sits on the throne, and to  
the

voice to the four angels to whom it was Lamb!" granted to harm the  
earth and the sea,

3 1 All the angels stood around the throne

saying, "Do not harm the earth, the sea, and the elders and the four

living

or the trees till we have sealed the creatures, and fell on their faces  
before

servants of our God on their foreheads."

the throne and worshiped God,

4And I heard the number of those who 2saying: "Amen! Blessing and  
glory and

1

were sealed. One hundred and forty- wisdom, Thanksgiving and  
honor and

four thousand of all the tribes of the

children of Israel were sealed:

power and might, Be to our God forever upon the golden altar which  
was before

and ever. Amen." the throne.

1 4 3Then one of the elders answered, And the smoke of the incense,  
with the

saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in prayers of the saints,  
ascended before

white robes, and where did they come God from the angel's hand.  
from?"

5 Then the angel took the censer, filled it

14

And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So with fire from the altar, and  
threw it to

he said to me, "These are the ones who the earth. And there were  
noises,

come out of the great tribulation, and thunderings, lightnings, and an  
washed their robes and made them earthquake. white in the blood of  
the Lamb.

6 So the seven angels who had the

15Therefore they are before the throne of seven trumpets prepared  
themselves to

God, and serve Him day and night in His sound. temple. And He who  
sits on the throne

will dwell among them. 7The first angel sounded: And hail and

fire followed, mingled with blood, and

16They shall neither hunger anymore nor they were thrown to the  
earth. And a

thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike third of the trees were burned  
up, and all

them, nor any heat; green grass was burned up.

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or the Lamb who is in the midst of the Then the second angel  
sounded: And

throne will shepherd them and lead something like a great mountain  
burning

them to living fountains of waters. And with fire was thrown into the  
sea, and a

God will wipe away every tear from their third of the sea became  
blood. eyes."

'And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the  
ships were

8When He opened the seventh seal, destroyed.



flying through the midst of heaven, of men. saying with a loud voice,  
"Woe, woe,

woe to the inhabitants of the earth, <sup>8</sup> They had hair like women's hair,  
and because of the remaining blasts of the their teeth were like lions'  
teeth. trumpet of the three angels who are

about to sound!" 'And they had breastplates like

breastplates of iron, and the sound of

their wings was like the sound of

<sup>9</sup>Then the fifth angel sounded: And I chariots with many horses  
running into

saw a star fallen from heaven to the battle.

earth. To him was given the key to the <sup>0</sup>They had tails like scorpions,  
and

bottomless pit. <sup>1</sup>

there were stings in their tails. Their

<sup>2</sup> power was to hurt men five months. And he opened the bottomless  
pit, and smoke arose out of the pit like the

smoke of a great furnace. So the sun <sup>1</sup> And they had as king over them  
the and the air were darkened because of angel of the bottomless pit,  
whose name

the smoke of the pit. in Hebrew is Abaddon, but in Greek he

has the name Apollyon.

<sup>3</sup>Then out of the smoke locusts came <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> upon the earth. And to them  
was given One woe is past. Behold, still two more power, as the  
scorpions of the earth woes are coming after these things. have power.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Then the sixth angel sounded: And I

<sup>4</sup>They were commanded not to harm the heard a voice from the four

horns of the

grass of the earth, or any green thing, or golden altar which is before God, any tree, but only those men who do not

have the seal of God on their foreheads. <sup>1</sup> 4saying to the sixth angel who had the

trumpet, "Release the four angels who

<sup>5</sup>And they were not given authority to kill are bound at the great river Euphrates."

them, but to torment them for five

months. Their torment was like the <sup>1</sup> 5So the four angels, who had been torment of a scorpion when it strikes a prepared for the hour and day and

man. month and year, were released to kill a

third of mankind.

<sup>16</sup>Now the number of the army of the hand cried with a loud voice, as when a

horsemen was two hundred million; I lion roars. When he cried out, seven

heard the number of them. thunders uttered their voices.

<sup>1</sup> 4 7

And thus I saw the horses in the Now when the seven thunders uttered

vision: those who sat on them had their voices, I was about to write; but I

breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, heard a voice from heaven saying to me,

and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the "Seal up the things which the seven horses were like the heads of lions; and thunders uttered, and do not write



out of their mouths came fire, smoke, them." and brimstone.

5The angel whom I saw standing on the

1' By these three plagues a third of sea and on the land raised up his hand

mankind was killed--by the fire and the to heaven smoke and the brimstone which came

out of their mouths. 6 and swore by Him who lives forever

and ever, who created heaven and the

1' For their power is in their mouth and in things that are in it, the earth and the

their tails; for their tails are like serpents, things that are in it, and the sea and the

having heads; and with them they do things that are in it, that there should be

harm. delay no longer,

27 0But the rest of mankind, who were not

but in the days of the sounding of the

killed by these plagues, did not repent of seventh angel, when he is about to

the works of their hands, that they sound, the mystery of God would be

should not worship demons, and idols of finished, as He declared to His servants

gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, the prophets. which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

8Then the voice which I heard from

And they did not repent of their heaven spoke to me again and said,  
murders or their sorceries or their sexual "Go, take the little book  
which is open in  
immorality or their thefts. the hand of the angel who stands on the  
sea and on the earth."

1 So I went to the angel and said to him, OI saw still another mighty  
angel

"Give me the little book." And he said to  
coming down from heaven, clothed with  
a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, me, "Take and eat it; and it  
will make

your stomach bitter, but it will be as  
his face was like the sun, and his feet  
sweet as honey in your mouth."  
like pillars of fire.

1 0Then I took the little book out of the  
2He had a little book open in his hand.

angel's hand and ate it, and it was as  
And he set his right foot on the sea and  
his left foot on the land, sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I  
7When they finish their testimony, the had eaten it, my stomach  
became bitter. beast that ascends out of the bottomless

pit will make war against them,  
11 overcome them, and kill them.

And he said to me, "You must

prophesy again about many peoples,  
nations, tongues, and kings." 8And their dead bodies will lie in the  
street of the great city which spiritually is  
called Sodom and Egypt, where also our

1 1 Lord was crucified. Then I was given a reed like a

measuring rod. And the angel stood, 'Then those from the peoples,  
tribes,

saying, "Rise and measure the temple of

tongues, and nations will see their dead

God, the altar, and those who worship

bodies three-and-a-half days, and not

there.

allow their dead bodies to be put into

2 graves.

But leave out the court which is outside

the temple, and do not measure it, for it 10And those who dwell on the  
earth will has been given to the Gentiles. And rejoice over them, make  
merry, and they will tread the holy city underfoot for send gifts to one  
another, because forty-two months. these two prophets tormented  
those

3And I will give power to my two who dwell on the earth.

witnesses, and they will prophesy one 1 1Now after the three-and-a-  
half days thousand two hundred and sixty days,

the breath of life from God entered them,  
clothed in sackcloth."

and they stood on their feet, and great  
4 fear fell on those who saw them.

These are the two olive trees and the

two lampstands standing before the God 1 2And they heard a loud  
voice from of the earth.

heaven saying to them, "Come up here."

5 And they ascended to heaven in a cloud,

And if anyone wants to harm them, fire and their enemies saw them.

proceeds from their mouth and devours

their enemies. And if anyone wants to h o n the same hour there was a  
great harm them, he must be killed in this

manner. earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell.

In the earthquake seven thousand  
6 people were killed, and the rest were

These have power to shut heaven, so afraid and gave glory to the God  
of

that no rain falls in the days of their heaven. prophecy; and they have  
power over

waters to turn them to blood, and to 1 4The second woe is past.  
Behold, the strike the earth with all plagues, as often

third woe is coming quickly.  
as they desire.

15Then the seventh angel sounded: And seven heads and ten horns,  
and seven

there were loud voices in heaven, diadems on his heads. saying, "The  
kingdoms of this world

have become the kingdoms of our Lord 4 His tail drew a third of the  
stars of and of His Christ, and He shall reign heaven and threw them  
to the earth.

forever and ever!" And the dragon stood before the woman

1 her Child as soon as it was born.

6And the twenty-four elders who sat who was ready to give birth, to  
devour

before God on their thrones fell on their

faces and worshiped God, 5She bore a male Child who was to rule

all nations with a rod of iron. And her

17

saying: "We give You thanks, O Lord Child was caught up to God  
and His

God Almighty, The One who is and who throne. was and who is to  
come, Because You

have taken Your great power and 6 Then the woman fled into the  
reigned. wilderness, where she has a place

prepared by God, that they should feed

1' The nations were angry, and Your her there one thousand two  
hundred

wrath has come, And the time of the and sixty days. dead, that they  
should be judged, And

that You should reward Your servants 7And war broke out in heaven:  
Michael the prophets and the saints, And those and his angels fought  
with the dragon;

who fear Your name, small and great, and the dragon and his angels fought,

And should destroy those who destroy  
the earth." 8

but they did not prevail, nor was a place  
1 found for them in heaven any longer.

' Then the temple of God was opened in

heaven, and the ark of His covenant 'So the great dragon was cast out,  
that was seen in His temple. And there were

serpent of old, called the Devil and  
lightnings, noises, thunderings, an

Satan, who deceives the whole world;  
earthquake, and great hail.

he was cast to the earth, and his angels

were cast out with him.

1 2Now a great sign appeared in 1 0Then I heard a loud voice  
saying in

heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, heaven, "Now salvation, and  
strength,

with the moon under her feet, and on and the kingdom of our God,  
and the

her head a garland of twelve stars. power of His Christ have come, for  
the

accuser of our brethren, who accused

2 them before our God day and night, has Then being with child, she  
cried out in

labor and in pain to give birth. been cast down.

3And another sign appeared in heaven: <sup>1</sup>1And they overcame him by the blood behold, a great, fiery red dragon having of the Lamb and by the word of their

testimony, and they did not love their <sup>2</sup>Now the beast which I saw was like a lives to the death. leopard, his feet were like the feet of a

bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a

<sup>12</sup>Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you lion. The dragon gave him his power, his

who dwell in them! Woe to the throne, and great authority. inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For

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the devil has come down to you, having And I saw one of his heads as if it had great wrath, because he knows that he been mortally wounded, and his deadly

has a short time." wound was healed. And all the world

marveled and followed the beast.

<sup>13</sup>Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted <sup>4</sup>So they worshiped the dragon who the woman who gave birth to the male gave authority to the beast; and they

Child. worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is

like the beast? Who is able to make war

<sup>14</sup> with him?"

But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the

wilderness to her place, where she is <sup>5</sup>And he was given a mouth speaking nourished for a time and times and half great things and blasphemies, and he

a time, from the presence of the serpent. was given authority to  
continue for forty-

two months.

15

So the serpent spewed water out of  
his mouth like a flood after the woman, <sup>6</sup>Then he opened his mouth in  
that he might cause her to be carried blasphemy against God, to  
blaspheme

away by the flood. His name, His tabernacle, and those  
who dwell in heaven.

<sup>16</sup>But the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth  
and <sup>7</sup>It was granted to him to make war with swallowed up the flood  
which the the saints and to overcome them. And

dragon had spewed out of his mouth. authority was given him over  
every tribe,

tongue, and nation.

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And the dragon was enraged with the  
woman, and he went to make war with <sup>8</sup>All who dwell on the earth  
will worship the rest of her offspring, who keep the him, whose names  
have not been

commandments of God and have the written in the Book of Life of the  
Lamb

testimony of Jesus Christ. slain from the foundation of the world.

'If anyone has an ear, let him hear.

1 <sup>3</sup>Then I stood on the sand of the

<sup>10</sup>He who leads into captivity shall go



sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of

the sea, having seven heads and ten into captivity; he who kills with the sword

horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and must be killed with the sword. Here is

on his heads a blasphemous name. the patience and the faith of the saints. <sup>1</sup>1

Then I saw another beast coming up

out of the earth, and he had two horns <sup>1</sup> 4Then I looked, and behold, a like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with

<sup>1</sup> Him one hundred and forty-four <sup>2</sup> And he exercises all the authority of thousand, having His Father's name

the first beast in his presence, and written on their foreheads. causes the earth and those who dwell in

it to worship the first beast, whose <sup>2</sup>

And I heard a voice from heaven, like

deadly wound was healed.

the voice of many waters, and like the

<sup>1</sup> voice of loud thunder. And I heard the <sup>3</sup>He performs great signs, so that he

sound of harpists playing their harps.

even makes fire come down from

heaven on the earth in the sight of men. <sup>3</sup>They sang as it were a new song

<sup>1</sup> before the throne, before the four living <sup>4</sup> And he deceives those who dwell on creatures, and the elders; and no one

the earth by those signs which he was could learn that song except the granted to do in the sight of the beast, hundred and forty-four thousand who

telling those who dwell on the earth to were redeemed from the earth. make an image to the beast who was

wounded by the sword and lived. <sup>4</sup>These are the ones who were not

<sup>1</sup> defiled with women, for they are virgins. <sup>5</sup>He was granted power to give breath

These are the ones who follow the

to the image of the beast, that the image Lamb wherever He goes. These were

of the beast should both speak and redeemed from among men, being cause as many as would not worship firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. the image of the beast to be killed.

<sup>1</sup> for they are without fault before the

<sup>6</sup>He causes all, both small and great, <sup>5</sup>And in their mouth was found no deceit,

rich and poor, free and slave, to receive throne of God. a mark on their right hand or on their

foreheads, <sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in the

midst of heaven, having the everlasting

<sup>17</sup>

and that no one may buy or sell except gospel to preach to those who dwell on

one who has the mark or the name of the earth--to every nation, tribe, tongue,

the beast, or the number of his name. and people--

17 ' Here is wisdom. Let him who has saying with a loud voice, "Fear God understanding calculate the number of and give glory to Him, for the hour of His

the beast, for it is the number of a man: judgment has come; and worship Him

His number is 666. who made heaven and earth, the sea

and springs of water."

81 And another angel followed, saying, 5And another angel came out of the "Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great temple, crying with a loud voice to Him

city, because she has made all nations who sat on the cloud, "Thrust in Your

drink of the wine of the wrath of her sickle and reap, for the time has come

fornication." for You to reap, for the harvest of the

earth is ripe."

"Then a third angel followed them,

16

saying with a loud voice, "If anyone So He who sat on the cloud thrust in

worships the beast and his image, and His sickle on the earth, and the earth

receives his mark on his forehead or on was reaped. his hand,

17Then another angel came out of the

he himself shall also drink of the wine temple which is in heaven,  
he also

of the wrath of God, which is poured out having a sharp sickle. full  
strength into the cup of His

indignation. He shall be tormented with <sup>1</sup> ' And another angel came  
out from the fire and brimstone in the presence of the altar, who had  
power over fire, and he

holy angels and in the presence of the cried with a loud cry to him  
who had the

Lamb. sharp sickle, saying, "Thrust in your

<sup>1</sup> the vine of the earth, for her grapes are

1And the smoke of their torment sharp sickle and gather the clusters  
of

ascends forever and ever; and they fully ripe." have no rest day or  
night, who worship

the beast and his image, and whoever <sup>1</sup> ' So the angel thrust his sickle  
into the receives the mark of his name." earth and gathered the vine of  
the earth,

and threw it into the great winepress of

<sup>12</sup>

Here is the patience of the saints; here the wrath of God.

are those who keep the commandments

of God and the faith of Jesus. <sup>2</sup> 0And the winepress was trampled

<sup>1</sup> the winepress, up to the horses' bridles,

3Then I heard a voice from heaven outside the city, and blood came  
out of

saying to me, "Write: "Blessed are the for one thousand six hundred

furlongs.

dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may

rest from their labors, and their works 1 5Then I saw another  
sign in heaven, follow them."

great and marvelous: seven angels

1 having the seven last plagues, for in 4Then I looked, and behold, a  
white

them the wrath of God is complete.

cloud, and on the cloud sat One like the

Son of Man, having on His head a 2

And I saw something like a sea of glass

golden crown, and in His hand a sharp

sickle. mingled with fire, and those who have

the victory over the beast, over his

image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing  
on the 2So the first went and poured out his sea of glass, having harps  
of God. bowl upon the earth, and a foul and

loathsome sore came upon the men

3They sing the song of Moses, the who had the mark of the beast and

servant of God, and the song of the those who worshiped his image.  
Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are

Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just 3Then the second angel poured  
out his

and true are Your ways, O King of the bowl on the sea, and it became  
blood as

saints! of a dead man; and every living creature

in the sea died.

4Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are 4Then the third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water,

worship before You, For Your judgments and they became blood. have been manifested."

5And I heard the angel of the waters

5After these things I looked, and behold, saying: "You are righteous, O Lord, The

the temple of the tabernacle of the One who is and who was and who is to

testimony in heaven was opened. be, Because You have judged these

things.

6And out of the temple came the seven angels having the seven plagues, 6For they have shed the blood of saints clothed in pure bright linen, and having and prophets, And You have given them

their chests girded with golden bands. blood to drink. For it is their just due."

77 Then one of the four living creatures And I heard another from the altar gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls saying, "Even so, Lord God Almighty,

bowls full of the wrath of God who lives true and righteous are Your judgments."

forever and ever.

8 Then the fourth angel poured out his

"The temple was filled with smoke from bowl on the sun, and power was given

the glory of God and from His power, to him to scorch men with fire.

and no one was able to enter the temple

till the seven plagues of the seven 'And men were scorched with great heat, angels were completed. and they blasphemed the name of God

who has power over these plagues; and

they did not repent and give Him glory.

1 6Then I heard a loud voice from the

10Then the fifth angel poured out his

temple saying to the seven angels, "Go

and pour out the bowls of the wrath of bowl on the throne of the beast, and his

God on the earth." kingdom became full of darkness; and

they gnawed their tongues because of

the pain.

11 1 They blasphemed the God of heaven ' Now the great city was divided into because of their pains and their sores, three parts, and the cities of the nations

and did not repent of their deeds. fell. And great Babylon was

remembered before God, to give her the

12 cup of the wine of the fierceness of His

Then the sixth angel poured out his

bowl on the great river Euphrates, and wrath.

its water was dried up, so that the way 0Then every island fled away, and the

of the kings from the east might be 2 prepared. mountains were not found.

1 2 3 And I saw three unclean spirits like 1 And great hail from heaven  
fell upon frogs coming out of the mouth of the men, each hailstone  
about the weight of

dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, a talent. Men blasphemed God  
because

and out of the mouth of the false of the plague of the hail, since that  
prophet. plague was exceedingly great.

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For they are spirits of demons,  
performing signs, which go out to the 1 7 Then one of the seven  
angels who

kings of the earth and of the whole world, had the seven bowls came  
and talked

to gather them to the battle of that great with me, saying to me,  
"Come, I will

day of God Almighty. show you the judgment of the great

1 harlot who sits on many waters, 5 Behold, I am coming as a thief.  
Blessed is he who watches, and keeps 2

with whom the kings of the earth  
his garments, lest he walk naked and

committed fornication, and the  
they see his shame." inhabitants of the earth were made

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6 And they gathered them together to drunk with the wine of her  
fornication."

the 3 place called in Hebrew, So he carried me away in the Spirit into



Armageddon. the wilderness. And I saw a woman

1 sitting on a scarlet beast which was full

7 Then the seventh angel poured out his of names of blasphemy,  
having seven

bowl into the air, and a loud voice came heads and ten horns. out of  
the temple of heaven, from the

throne, saying, "It is done!" 4The woman was arrayed in purple and

scarlet, and adorned with gold and

1 ' And there were noises and precious stones and pearls, having in  
thunderings and lightnings; and there her hand a golden cup full of

was a great earthquake, such a mighty abominations and the filthiness  
of her

and great earthquake as had not fornication. occurred since men were  
on the earth.

5And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE

GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS 13These are of one mind, and  
they will AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE give their power and  
authority to the

EARTH. beast.

6 1 4

1 saw the woman, drunk with the blood These will make war with the  
Lamb,

of the saints and with the blood of the and the Lamb will overcome  
them, for

martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I He is Lord of lords and King  
of kings;

marveled with great amazement. and those who are with Him are  
called,

7But the angel said to me, "Why did you 5Then he said to me, "The waters which

marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the 1 woman and of the beast that carries her, you saw, where the harlot sits, are

which has the seven heads and the ten peoples, multitudes, nations, and horns. tongues.

"The beast that you saw was, and is not, 1 6And the ten horns which you saw on and will ascend out of the bottomless pit the beast, these will hate the harlot,

and go to perdition. And those who make her desolate and naked, eat her

dwell on the earth will marvel, whose flesh and burn her with fire. names are not written in the Book of Life

from the foundation of the world, when 17For God has put it into their hearts to they see the beast that was, and is not, fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind,

and yet is. and to give their kingdom to the beast,

until the words of God are fulfilled.

"Here is the mind which has wisdom:

The seven heads are seven mountains 1 8And the woman whom you saw is that on which the woman sits. great city which reigns over the kings of

1

0There are also seven kings. Five have the earth."

fallen, one is, and the other has not yet

come. And when he comes, he must 1 8After these things I saw another continue a short time.

angel coming down from heaven, having

1 great authority, and the earth was 1

The beast that was, and is not, is

illuminated with his glory.

himself also the eighth, and is of the

seven, and is going to perdition. 2

And he cried mightily with a loud voice,

1 saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is 2§ 'Th e ten horns which you saw are ten fallen, and has become a dwelling place kings who have received no kingdom as of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, yet, but they receive authority for one and a cage for every unclean and hated hour as kings with the beast. bird!

3For all the nations have drunk of the 11 'And the merchants of the earth will wine of the wrath of her fornication, the weep and mourn over her, for no one

kings of the earth have committed buys their merchandise anymore: fornication with her, and the merchants

of the earth have become rich through 1 2 erchandise of gold and silver, the abundance of her luxury." precious stones and pearls, fine linen

and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind

4And I heard another voice from heaven of citron wood, every kind of object of

saying, "Come out of her, my people, ivory, every kind of object of most

lest you share in her sins, and lest you precious wood, bronze, iron, and

receive of her plagues. marble;

5 h For her sins have reached to heaven, and cinnamon and incense,  
fragrant oil and God has remembered her iniquities. and frankincense,  
wine and oil, fine flour

and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses

6 and chariots, and bodies and souls of Render to her just as she  
rendered to

you, and repay her double according to men. her works; in the cup  
which she has

14

mixed, mix double for her. The fruit that your soul longed for has

gone from you, and all the things which

7 are rich and splendid have gone from In the measure that she  
glorified herself

and lived luxuriously, in the same you, and you shall find them no  
more at

measure give her torment and sorrow; all.

for she says in her heart, "I sit as queen, 5The merchants of these  
things, who

and am no widow, and will not see 1 sorrow.' became rich by her, will  
stand at a

distance for fear of her torment, weeping

8 and wailing, Therefore her plagues will come in one

day--death and mourning and famine. 6and saying, "Alas, alas, that  
great city

And she will be utterly burned with fire, 1 for strong is the Lord God  
who judges that was clothed in fine linen, purple,

her. and scarlet, and adorned with gold and

"The kings of the earth who committed

1 7

fornication and lived luxuriously with her For in one hour such great riches

will weep and lament for her, when they came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all

see the smoke of her burning, who travel by ship, sailors, and as many

as trade on the sea, stood at a distance

10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, "Alas, alas, that great 1 ' and cried out when they saw the city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one smoke of her burning, saying, "What is

hour your judgment has come.' like this great city?"

1 2 9 § "They threw dust on their heads and For true and righteous are His

cried out, weeping and wailing, and judgments, because He has judged the

saying, "Alas, alas, that great city, in great harlot who corrupted the earth with

which all who had ships on the sea her fornication; and He has avenged on

became rich by her wealth! For in one her the blood of His servants shed by

hour she is made desolate.' her."

2 0 Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you 3 Again they said, "Alleluia! Her smoke

holy apostles and prophets, for God has rises up forever and ever!" avenged you on her!"

4 And the twenty-four elders and the four

21 Then a mighty angel took up a stone living creatures fell down and  
worshiped

like a great millstone and threw it into God who sat on the throne,  
saying,

the sea, saying, "Thus with violence the "Amen! Alleluia!" great city  
Babylon shall be thrown down,

and shall not be found anymore. 5 Then a voice came from the throne,

saying, "Praise our God, all you His

22

The sound of harpists, musicians, servants and those who fear Him,  
both

flutists, and trumpeters shall not be small and great!" heard in you  
anymore. No craftsman of

any craft shall be found in you anymore, 6 And I heard, as it were, the  
voice of a

and the sound of a millstone shall not be great multitude, as the sound  
of many

heard in you anymore. waters and as the sound of mighty

thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the

23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

you anymore, and the voice of

bridegroom and bride shall not be heard 7 Let us be glad and rejoice  
and give Him in you anymore. For your merchants glory, for the  
marriage of the Lamb has

were the great men of the earth, for by come, and His wife has made  
herself

your sorcery all the nations were ready." deceived.

2 And in her was found the blood of in fine linen, clean and bright, for the

4 8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed

prophets and saints, and of all who were fine linen is the righteous acts of the

slain on the earth." saints.

'Then he said to me, "Write: "Blessed

1 9 After these things I heard a loud are those who are called to the marriage

voice of a great multitude in heaven, supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me,

saying, "Alleluia! Salvation and glory "These are the true sayings of God."

and honor and power belong to the Lord 0 And I fell at his feet to worship him.

our God! 1

But he said to me, "See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of men, the flesh of horses and of those

your brethren who have the testimony of who sit on them, and the flesh of all

Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony people, free and slave, both small and

of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." great."

Now I saw heaven opened, and ' And I saw the beast, the kings of the

behold, a white horse. And He who sat earth, and their armies, gathered

on him was called Faithful and True, together to make war against Him who

and in righteousness He judges and sat on the horse and against His army.

makes war.

2 0Then the beast was captured, and with

12His eyes were like a flame of fire, and him the false prophet who worked signs

on His head were many crowns. He had in his presence, by which he deceived

a name written that no one knew except those who received the mark of the

Himself. beast and those who worshiped his

image. These two were cast alive into

13 the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

He was clothed with a robe dipped in

blood, and His name is called The Word

2 1

of God. And the rest were killed with the sword

which proceeded from the mouth of Him

14 who sat on the horse. And all the birds

And the armies in heaven, clothed in

fine linen, white and clean, followed Him were filled with their flesh. on white horses.



15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of

Almighty God. 2 He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent

of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years;

And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS

AND LORD OF LORDS. h and he cast him into the bottomless pit, 1 and shut him up, and set a seal on him,

7 Then I saw an angel standing in the so that he should deceive the nations no

sun; and he cried with a loud voice, more till the thousand years were

saying to all the birds that fly in the finished. But after these things he must

midst of heaven, "Come and gather be released for a little while.

together for the supper of the great God,

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat on

1 8 hat you may eat the flesh of kings, the

them, and judgment was committed to  
flesh of captains, the flesh of mighty them. Then I saw the souls of  
those who

had been beheaded for their witness to earth and the heaven fled away. And

Jesus and for the word of God, who had there was found no place for them. not worshiped the beast or his image,

and had not received his mark on their <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, foreheads or on their hands. And they standing before God, and books were

lived and reigned with Christ for a opened. And another book was opened,

thousand years. which is the Book of Life. And the dead

were judged according to their works, by

<sup>5</sup>But the rest of the dead did not live the things which were written in the

again until the thousand years were books. finished. This is the first resurrection.

<sup>1 3</sup>The sea gave up the dead who were in

<sup>6</sup>Blessed and holy is he who has part in it, and Death and Hades delivered up

the first resurrection. Over such the the dead who were in them. And they

second death has no power, but they were judged, each one according to his

shall be priests of God and of Christ, works. and shall reign with Him a thousand

years. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were cast into

the lake of fire. This is the second death.

<sup>7</sup>Now when the thousand years have

expired, Satan will be released from his <sup>15</sup>And anyone not found written in the prison Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

sand will go out to deceive the nations

which are in the four corners of the earth, 2 1 Now I saw a new heaven and a Gog and Magog, to gather them

new earth, for the first heaven and the  
together to battle, whose number is as

the sand of the sea. first earth had passed away. Also there  
was no more sea.

"They went up on the breadth of the 2 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New earth and surrounded the camp of the Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven saints and the beloved city. And fire from God, prepared as a bride adorned came down from God out of heaven and for her husband. devoured them.

1 3 0And I heard a loud voice from heaven The devil, who deceived them, was saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God cast into the lake of fire and brimstone is with men, and He will dwell with them, where the beast and the false prophet and they shall be His people. God are. And they will be tormented day and Himself will be with them and be their night forever and ever. God. 11

Then I saw a great white throne and 4  
Him who sat on it, from whose face the And God will wipe away every tear from

their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no which are the names of the twelve tribes

more pain, for the former things have of the children of Israel: passed away."

13three gates on the east, three gates on  
5Then He who sat on the throne said, the north, three gates on the south, and

"Behold, I make all things new." And He three gates on the west. said to me, "Write, for these words are

true and faithful." <sup>1</sup> 4Now the wall of the city had twelve

foundations, and on them were the

<sup>6</sup>And He said to me, "It is done! I am the names of the twelve apostles of the

Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning Lamb. and the End. I will give of the fountain of

the water of life freely to him who thirsts. <sup>1</sup> 5And he who talked with me had a gold

reed to measure the city, its gates, and

<sup>7</sup>He who overcomes shall inherit all its wall. things, and I will be his God and he shall

be My son. <sup>1</sup> 6The city is laid out as a square; its

length is as great as its breadth. And he

<sup>8</sup>But the cowardly, unbelieving, measured the city with the reed: twelve abominable, murderers, sexually thousand furlongs. Its length, breadth, immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all and height are equal. liars shall have their part in the lake

which burns with fire and brimstone, <sup>17</sup>Then he measured its wall: one which is the second death." hundred and forty-four cubits, according

to the measure of a man, that is, of an

"Then one of the seven angels who had angel. the seven bowls filled with the seven

last plagues came to me and talked with <sup>1</sup> 8The construction of its wall was of me, saying, "Come, I will show you the jasper; and the city was pure gold, like

bride, the Lamb's wife." clear glass.

<sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to

a great and high mountain, and showed were adorned with all kinds of precious

me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, stones: the first foundation was jasper,

descending out of heaven from God, the second sapphire, the third

chalcedony, the fourth emerald,

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having the glory of God. Her light was

like a most precious stone, like a jasper 20 the fifth sardonyx, the sixth sardius, stone, clear as crystal. the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl,

1 the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth

2 Also she had a great and high wall the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase,

with twelve gates, and twelve angels at amethyst. the gates, and names written on them,

21

The twelve gates were twelve pearls: be in it, and His servants shall serve

each individual gate was of one pearl. Him. And the street of the city was pure gold,

like transparent glass. 4 They shall see His face, and His name

shall be on their foreheads.

22

But I saw no temple in it, for the Lord

God Almighty and the Lamb are its 5 There shall be no night there: They temple. need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the

2 shall reign forever and ever.

3The city had no need of the sun or of Lord God gives them light. And they

the moon to shine in it, for the glory of

God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light. 6 Then he said to me, "These words are

2 the holy prophets sent His angel to

4And the nations of those who are faithful and true." And the Lord God of

saved shall walk in its light, and the show His servants the things which

kings of the earth bring their glory and must shortly take place. honor into it.

7 Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed

2 5 ts gates shall not be shut at all by day is he who keeps the words of the

(there shall be no night there). prophecy of this book."

2 8 6And they shall bring the glory and the Now I, John, saw and heard these

honor of the nations into it. things. And when I heard and saw, I fell

down to worship before the feet of the

27 angel who showed me these things.

But there shall by no means enter it

anything that defiles, or causes an

abomination or a lie, but only those who "Then he said to me, "See

that you do

are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. not do that. For I am your fellow servant,

and of your brethren the prophets, and

of those who keep the words of this

22 book. Worship God." And he showed me a pure river of

water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding 1 0 And he said to me, "Do not seal the from the throne of God and of the Lamb. words of the prophecy of this book, for 2 the time is at hand.

In the middle of its street, and on either

side of the river, was the tree of life, 1

He who is unjust, let him be unjust still;

which bore twelve fruits, each tree

he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he

yielding its fruit every month. The leaves

who is righteous, let him be righteous

of the tree were for the healing of the

still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

nations.

3 And there shall be no more curse, but

the throne of God and of the Lamb shall 1 17 2 And behold, I am coming quickly, and And the Spirit and the bride say, My reward is with Me, to give to every "Come!" And let him who hears say,

one according to his work. "Come!" And let him who thirsts come.

Whoever desires, let him take the water

1 3 am the Alpha and the Omega, the of life freely. Beginning and the End, the First and the

1 8

Last." For I testify to everyone who hears the

words of the prophecy of this book: If

14Blessed are those who do His anyone adds to these things, God will commandments, that they may have the add to him the plagues that are written

right to the tree of life, and may enter in this book; through the gates into the city.

1' and if anyone takes away from the

15But outside are dogs and sorcerers words of the book of this prophecy, God

and sexually immoral and murderers shall take away his part from the Book

and idolaters, and whoever loves and of Life, from the holy city, and from the

practices a lie. things which are written in this book.

1 2 0 6§§ , Jesus, have sent My angel to testify He who testifies to these things says, to you these things in the churches. I am "Surely I am coming quickly." Amen.

the Root and the Offspring of David, the Even so, come, Lord Jesus! Bright and Morning Star."

2 1The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.



# The Christ according to Apostle Paul

righteousness is the scepter of Your  
kingdom.

1 God, who at various times and in

various ways spoke in time past to the 9 You have loved  
righteousness and

hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your  
fathers by the prophets,

God, has anointed You With the oil of  
2 gladness more than Your companions."

has in these last days spoken to us by

His Son, whom He has appointed heir of 1 0 all things, through whom  
also He made And: "You, LORD, in the beginning laid

the foundation of the earth, And the  
the worlds;

heavens are the work of Your hands.

3who being the brightness of His glory 1 1They will perish, but You  
remain; And and the express image of His person, they will all grow  
old like a garment; and upholding all things by the word of

His power, when He had by Himself 1 2Like a cloak You will fold them  
up, And purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on  
high, they will be changed. But You are the

same, And Your years will not fail."

4having become so much better than the 3But to which of the angels  
has He ever

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angels, as He has by inheritance

obtained a more excellent name than said: "Sit at My right hand, Till I  
make

they. Your enemies Your footstool"?

5 14 For to which of the angels did He ever Are they not all ministering  
spirits sent

say: "You are My Son, Today I have forth to minister for those who  
will inherit

begotten You"? And again: "I will be to salvation? Him a Father, And  
He shall be to Me a

Son"?

2Therefore we must give the more

6But when He again brings the firstborn earnest heed to the things we  
have

into the world, He says: "Let all the heard, lest we drift away. angels  
of God worship Him."

2 For if the word spoken through angels

7And of the angels He says: "Who proved steadfast, and every makes  
His angels spirits And His transgression and disobedience ministers a  
flame of fire." received a just reward,

But to the Son He says: "Your throne, Show shall we escape if we  
neglect so

O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of great a salvation, which at the  
first began to be spoken by the Lord, and for which reason He is not

ashamed to

was confirmed to us by those who heard call them brethren, Him,

12

saying: "I will declare Your name to My

4God also bearing witness both with brethren; In the midst of the assembly I

signs and wonders, with various will sing praise to You." miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit,

according to His own will? 1 3And again: "I will put My trust in Him."

And again: "Here am I and the children

5For He has not put the world to come, whom God has given Me." of which we speak, in subjection to

angels. 1 4 namuch then as the children have

partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself

6But one testified in a certain place, likewise shared in the same, that

saying: "What is man that You are through death He might destroy him

mindful of him, Or the son of man that who had the power of death, that is, the

You take care of him? devil,

7 1 You have made him a little lower than 5and release those who through fear of the angels; You have crowned him with death were all their lifetime subject to

glory and honor, And set him over the bondage. works of Your hands.

16

For indeed He does not give aid to

8You have put all things in subjection angels, but He does give aid to

the seed

under his feet." For in that He put all in of Abraham. subjection under him, He left nothing

that is not put under him. But now we do <sup>1</sup> 7Therefore, in all things He had to be not yet see all things put under him. made like His brethren, that He might be

a merciful and faithful High Priest in

'But we see Jesus, who was made a things pertaining to God, to make little lower than the angels, for the propitiation for the sins of the people.

suffering of death crowned with glory

and honor, that He, by the grace of God, <sup>1</sup> ' For in that He Himself has suffered, might taste death for everyone. being tempted, He is able to aid those

who are tempted.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in

bringing many sons to glory, to make <sup>3</sup>Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of

the captain of their salvation perfect

the heavenly calling, consider the through sufferings.

Apostle and High Priest of our

<sup>1</sup> confession, Christ Jesus, <sup>1</sup>For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> who was faithful to Him who appointed <sup>3</sup>but exhort one another daily, while it is Him, as Moses also was faithful in all called "Today," lest any of you be

His house. hardened through the deceitfulness of

For this One has been counted worthy

<sup>1</sup> 4

of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as For we have become partakers  
of

He who built the house has more honor Christ if we hold the  
beginning of our

than the house. confidence steadfast to the end,

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> For every house is built by someone, <sup>5</sup> while it is said: "Today, if  
you will hear but He who built all things is God. His voice, Do not  
harden your hearts as

in the rebellion."

<sup>5</sup> And Moses indeed was faithful in all His <sup>6</sup> For who, having heard,  
rebelled?

house as a servant, for a testimony of <sup>1</sup> those things which would be  
spoken Indeed, was it not all who came out of

afterward, Egypt, led by Moses?

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> 7

but Christ as a Son over His own house, Now with whom was He  
angry forty

whose house we are if we hold fast the years? Was it not with those  
who sinned,

confidence and the rejoicing of the hope whose corpses fell in the  
wilderness?

firm to the end.

18And to whom did He swear that they

7Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: would not enter His rest, but to those

"Today, if you will hear His voice, who did not obey?

8 1 Do not harden your hearts as in the ' So we see that they could not enter in rebellion, In the day of trial in the because of unbelief. wilderness,

Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, 4Therefore, since a promise remains

And saw My works forty years. of entering His rest, let us fear lest any

1 of you seem to have come short of it. 0Therefore I was angry with that

generation, And said, "They always go 2 For indeed the gospel was preached to astray in their heart, And they have not

known My ways.' us as well as to them; but the word

which they heard did not profit them, not

1 being mixed with faith in those who 1 so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not heard it.

enter My rest."

1 3For we who have believed do enter that

2Beware, brethren, lest there be in any rest, as He has said: "So I swore in My

of you an evil heart of unbelief in wrath, "They shall not enter My

rest," departing from the living God;

although the works were finished from <sup>13</sup>And there is no creature hidden from the foundation of the world. His sight, but all things are naked and

open to the eyes of Him to whom we

<sup>4</sup> must give account. For He has spoken in a certain place of the seventh day in this way: "And God

<sup>1</sup> 4

rested on the seventh day from all His Seeing then that we have a great High

works"; Priest who has passed through the

heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us

s hold fast our confession. and again in this place: "They shall not

enter My rest." <sup>5</sup>For we do not have a High Priest who

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, Since therefore it remains that some

must enter it, and those to whom it was but was in all points tempted as we are,

first preached did not enter because of yet without sin. disobedience,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>Let us therefore come boldly to the

<sup>7</sup> throne of grace, that we may obtain again He designates a certain day,

saying in David, "Today," after such a mercy and find grace to help in time of

long time, as it has been said: "Today, if need. you will hear His voice, Do not harden

your hearts."

5For every high priest taken from

8For if Joshua had given them rest, then among men is appointed for men in

He would not afterward have spoken of things pertaining to God, that he may

another day. offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.

There remains therefore a rest for the 2 He can have compassion on those who

people of God. are ignorant and going astray, since he

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0For he who has entered His rest has himself is also subject to weakness.

himself also ceased from his works as 3Because of this he is required as for the

God did from His. people, so also for himself, to offer

1

1Let us therefore be diligent to enter sacrifices for sins.

that rest, lest anyone fall according to 4 And no man takes this honor to himself, the same example of disobedience. but he who is called by God, just as

1

2For the word of God is living and Aaron was.

powerful, and sharper than any two- 5So also Christ did not glorify Himself to edged sword, piercing even to the become High Priest, but it was He who

division of soul and spirit, and of joints said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I



and marrow, and is a discerner of the have begotten You." thoughts and intents of the heart.

6As He also says in another place: "You are a priest forever According to the 6Therefore, leaving the discussion of

order of Melchizedek";

the elementary principles of Christ, let

us go on to perfection, not laying again

7who, in the days of His flesh, when He the foundation of repentance from dead

had offered up prayers and works and of faith toward God, supplications, with vehement cries and

tears to Him who was able to save Him 2

of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on

from death, and was heard because of

of hands, of resurrection of the dead,

His godly fear,

and of eternal judgment.

8though He was a Son, yet He learned 3And this we will do if God permits. obedience by the things which He

suffered. 4

For it is impossible for those who were

once enlightened, and have tasted the

'And having been perfected, He became

heavenly gift, and have become

the author of eternal salvation to all who

partakers of the Holy Spirit,

obey Him,

1

0called by God as High Priest s and have tasted the good word of God  
and the powers of the age to come,  
"according to the order of Melchizedek,"

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1 whom we have much to say, and 6 if they fall away, to renew them  
again to  
repentance, since they crucify again for  
hard to explain, since you have become  
themselves the Son of God, and put  
dull of hearing.

Him to an open shame.

12

For though by this time you ought to 7  
For the earth which drinks in the rain  
be teachers, you need someone to  
that often comes upon it, and bears  
teach you again the first principles of the  
herbs useful for those by whom it is  
oracles of God; and you have come to  
cultivated, receives blessing from God;  
need milk and not solid food.

3For everyone who partakes only of ~~s~~but if it bears thorns and briers,  
it is

rejected and near to being cursed,

milk is unskilled in the word of

whose end is to be burned.

righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But, beloved, we are confident of better

But solid food belongs to those who

things concerning you, yes, things that

are of full age, that is, those who by

accompany salvation, though we speak

reason of use have their senses

in this manner.

exercised to discern both good and evil.

1 0For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which  
you have

shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and  
do Priest forever according to the order of

minister. Melchizedek.

And we desire that each one of you

show the same diligence to the full 7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, assurance of hope until the end,

priest of the Most High God, who met

1 Abraham returning from the slaughter of 2 hat you do not become sluggish, but

the kings and blessed him,

imitate those who through faith and

patience inherit the promises. 2

to whom also Abraham gave a tenth

1 part of all, first being translated "king of 3For when God made a promise to

righteousness," and then also king of

Abraham, because He could swear by Salem, meaning "king of peace," no one greater, He swore by Himself,

3

1 without father, without mother, without 4saying, "Surely blessing I will bless

genealogy, having neither beginning of

you, and multiplying I will multiply you." days nor end of life, but made like the

1

5And so, after he had patiently endured, Son of God, remains a priest continually.

he obtained the promise. 4 Now consider how great this man was,

1 gave a tenth of the spoils. 6For men indeed swear by the greater, to

whom even the patriarch Abraham  
and an oath for confirmation is for them  
an end of all dispute. <sup>5</sup>And indeed those who are of the sons  
of Levi, who receive the priesthood,

<sup>17</sup>

Thus God, determining to show more have a commandment to  
receive tithes

abundantly to the heirs of promise the from the people according to  
the law,

immutability of His counsel, confirmed it that is, from their brethren,  
though they

by an oath, have come from the loins of Abraham;

<sup>16</sup> ' that by two immutable things, in which but he whose genealogy is  
not derived it is impossible for God to lie, we might from them  
received tithes from Abraham

have strong consolation, who have fled and blessed him who had the  
promises.

for refuge to lay hold of the hope set

before us. <sup>7</sup>Now beyond all contradiction the lesser

is blessed by the better.

<sup>1</sup> ' This hope we have as an anchor of the

soul, both sure and steadfast, and which <sup>8</sup> Here mortal men receive  
tithes, but enters the Presence behind the veil, there he receives them,  
of whom it is

<sup>2</sup>

Where the forerunner has entered for witnessed that he lives.

us, even Jesus, having become High 'Even Levi, who receives tithes,  
paid

tithes through Abraham, so to speak, <sup>1</sup> 0For he was still in the loins of  
his father a better hope, through which we draw

when Melchizedek met him. near to God.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 1Therefore, if perfection were through 0And inasmuch as He was  
not made the Levitical priesthood (for under it the priest without an  
oath people received the law), what further

need was there that another priest <sup>2</sup> 1(

for they have become priests without

should rise according to the order of an oath, but He with an oath by  
Him

Melchizedek, and not be called who said to Him: "The LORD has  
sworn according to the order of Aaron? And will not relent, "You are a  
priest

<sup>1</sup> Melchizedek"), <sup>2</sup>For the priesthood being changed, of forever  
According to the order of

necessity there is also a change of the

law. <sup>2</sup> by so much more Jesus has become a

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>3</sup>For He of whom these things are surety of a better covenant.

spoken belongs to another tribe, from <sup>2</sup>3Also there were many priests,  
because which no man has officiated at the altar. they were prevented  
by death from

continuing.

<sup>14</sup>

For it is evident that our Lord arose  
from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke <sup>2</sup> 4

But He, because He continues forever,

nothing concerning priesthood. has an unchangeable priesthood.

15 And it is yet far more evident if, in the 25 Therefore He is also able to save to likeness of Melchizedek, there arises the uttermost those who come to God

another priest through Him, since He always lives to  
make intercession for them.

16

who has come, not according to the  
law of a fleshly commandment, but 2 6 For such a High Priest was fitting for according to the power of an endless life. us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,

1 higher than the heavens;

7 For He testifies: "You are a priest separate from sinners, and has become

forever According to the order of  
Melchizedek." 2 7 who does not need daily, as those

1 for His own sins and then for the

8 For on the one hand there is an high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first

annulling of the former commandment people's, for this He did once for all

because of its weakness and when He offered up Himself.  
unprofitableness,

2 8 For the law appoints as high priests

1 9 or the law made nothing perfect; on

men who have weakness, but the word

the other hand, there is the bringing in of of the oath, which came  
after the law,

appoints the Son who has been covenant with the house of Israel and  
perfected forever. with the house of Judah--

9not according to the covenant that I

8Now this is the main point of the made with their fathers in the day  
when I

took them by the hand to lead them out

things we are saying: We have such a

of the land of Egypt; because they did

High Priest, who is seated at the right

not continue in My covenant, and I

hand of the throne of the Majesty in the

disregarded them, says the LORD.

heavens,

1 0For this is the covenant that I will make

2a Minister of the sanctuary and of the

with the house of Israel after those days,

true tabernacle which the Lord erected,

says the LORD: I will put My laws in

and not man.

their mind and write them on their



3 hearts; and I will be their God, and they For every high priest is appointed to shall be My people. offer both gifts and sacrifices. Therefore

it is necessary that this One also have <sup>1</sup>None of them shall teach his neighbor, something to offer. and none his brother, saying, "Know the <sup>4</sup> LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the

For if He were on earth, He would not least of them to the greatest of them.

be a priest, since there are priests who

offer the gifts according to the law; <sup>1</sup> For I will be merciful to their s unrighteousness, and their sins and

who serve the copy and shadow of the their lawless deeds I will remember no

heavenly things, as Moses was divinely

more."

instructed when he was about to make

the tabernacle. For He said, "See that <sup>h</sup> o n that He says, "A new covenant," He you make all things according to the

pattern shown you on the mountain." has made the first obsolete. Now what is

becoming obsolete and growing old is

<sup>6</sup> ready to vanish away.

But now He has obtained a more

excellent ministry, inasmuch as He is

also Mediator of a better covenant,  
which was established on better 9Then indeed, even the first covenant  
promises. had ordinances of divine service and the  
earthly sanctuary.

7For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have  
2For a tabernacle was prepared: the first been sought for a second.  
part, in which was the lampstand, the

table, and the showbread, which is  
8 called the sanctuary; Because finding fault with them, He says:  
"Behold, the days are coming,

says the LORD, when I will make a new hand behind the second veil,  
the part of and more perfect tabernacle not made

the tabernacle which is called the with hands, that is, not of this  
creation.

Holiest of All,

12

Not with the blood of goats and calves,

4which had the golden censer and the but with His own blood He  
entered the

ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides Most Holy Place once for all,  
having

with gold, in which were the golden pot obtained eternal redemption.  
that had the manna, Aaron's rod that

budded, and the tablets of the covenant; 1 3For if the blood of bulls  
and goats and

the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the  
sand above it were the cherubim of glory unclean, sanctifies for the  
purifying of

overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these the flesh, things we cannot

now speak in detail.

1 4how much more shall the blood of

6Now when these things had been thus Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

prepared, the priests always went into offered Himself without spot to God,

the first part of the tabernacle, cleanse your conscience from dead performing the services. works to serve the living God?

7 1 But into the second part the high priest 5And for this reason He is the Mediator went alone once a year, not without of the new covenant, by means of death,

blood, which he offered for himself and for the redemption of the transgressions

for the people's sins committed in under the first covenant, that those who

ignorance; are called may receive the promise of

the eternal inheritance.

8the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the 6For where there is a testament, there

way into the Holiest of All was not yet 1 made manifest while the first tabernacle must also of necessity be the death of

was still standing. the testator.

'It was symbolic for the present time in 1 7For a testament is in force after men which both gifts and sacrifices are are dead, since it has no power at all

offered which cannot make him who while the testator lives.

performed the service perfect in regard

to the conscience-- 1 ' Therefore not even the first covenant

1

0concerned only with foods and drinks, was dedicated without blood.

various washings, and fleshly 1 ' For when Moses had spoken every ordinances imposed until the time of precept to all the people according to

reformation. the law, he took the blood of calves and

1 hyssop, and sprinkled both the book

1But Christ came as High Priest of the goats, with water, scarlet wool, and

good things to come, with the greater itself and all the people, 20saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded 1 0 For the law, having a shadow of you."

the good things to come, and not the

2 very image of the things, can never with 1 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood these same sacrifices, which they offer

both the tabernacle and all the vessels continually year by year, make those

of the ministry. who approach perfect.

2 2 2 And according to the law almost all For then would they not have ceased to things are purified with blood, and be offered? For the worshipers, once

without shedding of blood there is no purified, would have had no more

remission. consciousness of sins.

23Therefore it was necessary that the 3But in those sacrifices there is  
a copies of the things in the heavens reminder of sins every year.  
should be purified with these, but the

heavenly things themselves with better 4

For it is not possible that the blood of  
sacrifices than these.

bulls and goats could take away sins.

24

For Christ has not entered the holy 5

Therefore, when He came into the  
places made with hands, which are

world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering  
copies of the true, but into heaven itself,

You did not desire, But a body You have  
now to appear in the presence of God

prepared for Me.

for us;

2 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin

5 6

not that He should offer Himself often,

You had no pleasure.

as the high priest enters the Most Holy

Place every year with blood of another-- 7 Then I said, "Behold, I have come-- In

2 the volume of the book it is written of 6He then would have had to suffer often

Me-- To do Your will, O God."

since the foundation of the world; but

now, once at the end of the ages, He 8Previously saying, "Sacrifice and has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. offering, burnt offerings, and offerings

for sin You did not desire, nor had

27 pleasure in them" (which are offered

And as it is appointed for men to die

according to the law),

once, but after this the judgment,

2 then He said, "Behold, I have come to

' so Christ was offered once to bear the

do Your will, O God." He takes away the

sins of many. To those who eagerly wait

first that He may establish the second.

for Him He will appear a second time,

apart from sin, for salvation.

1 2 OBy that will we have been sanctified 1

and having a High Priest over the

through the offering of the body of Jesus house of God, Christ once for all.

11

And every priest stands ministering assurance of faith, having our hearts

daily and offering repeatedly the same sprinkled from an evil conscience and

sacrifices, which can never take away our bodies washed with pure water. sins.

2 3

1 hope without wavering, for He who

2But this Man, after He had offered one Let us hold fast the confession of our

sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the promised is faithful. right hand of God,

2 4

1 order to stir up love and good works,

3from that time waiting till His enemies And let us consider one another in

are made His footstool.

25not forsaking the assembling of

14

For by one offering He has perfected ourselves together, as is the manner of

forever those who are being sanctified. some, but exhorting one another, and so

much the more as you see the Day

15But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to approaching.

us; for after He had said before, 6For if we sin willfully after we have

2

1 6§ received the knowledge of the truth, "This

is the covenant that I will make

with them after those days, says the there no longer remains a  
sacrifice for

LORD: I will put My laws into their sins, hearts, and in their minds I  
will write

2 7

them," but a certain fearful expectation of

judgment, and fiery indignation which

1 7 hen He adds, "Their sins and their will devour the adversaries.  
lawless deeds I will remember no more."

2 ' Anyone who has rejected Moses' law

1 dies without mercy on the testimony of ' Now where there is  
remission of these,

there is no longer an offering for sin. two or three witnesses.

1 2 ' Of how much worse punishment, do ' Therefore, brethren, having  
boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of you suppose, will he be  
thought worthy

Jesus, who has trampled the Son of God

underfoot, counted the blood of the

20 covenant by which he was sanctified a

by a new and living way which He

common thing, and insulted the Spirit of



consecrated for us, through the veil, that

grace?

is, His flesh,

30 For we know Him who said,

"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says 1 1 Now faith is the substance of

the Lord. And again, "The LORD will things hoped for, the evidence of things

judge His people."

not seen.

31 I is a fearful thing to fall into the hands 2 For by it the elders obtained a good of the living God. testimony.

32 3 By faith we understand that the worlds

But recall the former days in which,

after you were illuminated, you endured

were framed by the word of God, so that

a great struggle with sufferings: the things which are seen were not

33 p made of things which are visible. artly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and 4

By faith Abel offered to God a more

tribulations, and partly while you excellent sacrifice than Cain, through

became companions of those who were

which he obtained witness that he was

so treated;

righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and

34 or you had compassion on me in my through it he being dead still speaks.

chains, and joyfully accepted the 5

By faith Enoch was taken away so that

plundering of your goods, knowing that he did not see death, "and was not

you have a better and an enduring found, because God had taken him"; for

possession for yourselves in heaven. before he was taken he had this

3 testimony, that he pleased God. 5Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. 6

But without faith it is impossible to

36 please Him, for he who comes to God For you have need of endurance, so must believe that He is, and that He is a

that after you have done the will of God, rewarder of those who diligently seek

you may receive the promise: Him.

3 7 7 'For yet a little while, And He who is By faith Noah, being divinely warned of coming will come and will not tarry. things not yet seen, moved with godly

38 Now the just shall live by faith; But if fear, prepared an ark for the saving of

his household, by which he condemned anyone draws back, My soul has no the world and became heir of the pleasure in him." righteousness which is according to faith.

38 ' But we are not of those who draw back By faith Abraham obeyed when he was to perdition, but of those who believe to called to go out to the place which he

the saving of the soul. would receive as an inheritance. And he

went out, not knowing where he was going.

'By faith he dwelt in the land of promise received the promises offered up his

as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents only begotten son, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him

of the same promise; 18 whom it was said, "In Isaac your

seed shall be called,"

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or he waited for the city which has

foundations, whose builder and maker is 1 ' concluding that God was able to raise God. him up, even from the dead, from which

1 sense. 1 By faith Sarah herself also received he also received him in a figurative

strength to conceive seed, and she bore

a child when she was past the age, 2 O By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau because she judged Him faithful who concerning things to come.

had promised.

2 1By faith Jacob, when he was dying,

12Therefore from one man, and him as

blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and

good as dead, were born as many as worshiped, leaning on the top of his staff.

the stars of the sky in multitude--

innumerable as the sand which is by the 2 2By faith Joseph, when he was dying, seashore.

made mention of the departure of the

1 children of Israel, and gave instructions 3These all died in faith, not having

concerning his bones.

received the promises, but having seen

them afar off were assured of them, 23By faith Moses, when he was born, embraced them and confessed that they

was hidden three months by his parents,

were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

because they saw he was a beautiful

1 child; and they were not afraid of the 4For those who say such things declare

king's command.

plainly that they seek a homeland.

2 4

1 By faith Moses, when he became of 5And truly if they had called to

mind that

age, refused to be called the son of

country from which they had come out, Pharaoh's daughter, they would have had opportunity to

return. <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>choosing rather to suffer affliction with

<sup>1</sup> the people of God than to enjoy the <sup>6</sup>But now they desire a better, that is, a

passing pleasures of sin,

heavenly country. Therefore God is not

ashamed to be called their God, for He <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>esteeming the reproach of Christ has prepared a city for them.

greater riches than the treasures in

<sup>1</sup> Egypt; for he looked to the reward. <sup>7</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had <sup>27</sup> <sup>36</sup>still others had trial of mockings and

By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing

the wrath of the king; for he endured as scourgings, yes, and of chains and

seeing Him who is invisible. imprisonment.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup>

' By faith he kept the Passover and the They were stoned, they were sawn in

sprinkling of blood, lest he who two, were tempted, were slain with the

destroyed the firstborn should touch sword. They wandered about in them. sheepskins and goatskins, being

destitute, afflicted, tormented--

2' By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the 3 8 whom the world was not worthy. Egyptians, attempting to do so, were They wandered in deserts and drowned. mountains, in dens and caves of the

earth.

30By faith the walls of Jericho fell down

after they were encircled for seven days. 3' And all these, having obtained a good

testimony through faith, did not receive

31By faith the harlot Rahab did not the promise,

perish with those who did not believe, 0God having provided something better

when she had received the spies with 4 peace. for us, that they should not be made

perfect apart from us.

32

And what more shall I say? For the

time would fail me to tell of Gideon and

Barak and Samson and Jephthah, also 1 2Therefore we also, since we are of David and Samuel and the prophets: surrounded by so great a cloud of

witnesses, let us lay aside every weight,

33who through faith subdued kingdoms, and the sin which so easily ensnares us,

worked righteousness, obtained and let us run with endurance the

race promises, stopped the mouths of lions, that is set before us,

34q<sup>2</sup> uenched the violence of fire, escaped looking unto Jesus, the author and the edge of the sword, out of weakness finisher of our faith, who for the joy that

were made strong, became valiant in was set before Him endured the cross,

battle, turned to flight the armies of the despising the shame, and has sat down

aliens. at the right hand of the throne of God.

35Women received their dead raised to 3For consider Him who endured such

life again. Others were tortured, not hostility from sinners against Himself,

accepting deliverance, that they might lest you become weary and discouraged

obtain a better resurrection. in your souls.

4<sup>h</sup> You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, and make straight paths for your feet, striving against sin. so that what is lame may not be

dislocated, but rather be healed.

5And you have forgotten the exhortation

1 4

which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, Pursue peace with all people, and

do not despise the chastening of the holiness, without which no one will see

LORD, Nor be discouraged when you the Lord: are rebuked by Him;

1 5 ooking carefully lest anyone fall short

6For whom the LORD loves He chastens, of the grace of God; lest any root of

And scourges every son whom He bitterness springing up cause trouble,

receives." and by this many become defiled;

71 If you endure chastening, God deals 6 est there be any fornicator or profane with you as with sons; for what son is person like Esau, who for one morsel of

there whom a father does not chasten? food sold his birthright.

1 7

'But if you are without chastening, of For you know that afterward, when he

which all have become partakers, then wanted to inherit the blessing, he was

you are illegitimate and not sons. rejected, for he found no place for

repentance, though he sought it

'Furthermore, we have had human diligently with tears. fathers who corrected us, and we paid

1 8

them respect. Shall we not much more For you have not come to the

readily be in subjection to the Father of mountain that may be touched and that

spirits and live? burned with fire, and to blackness and

darkness and tempest,

10

For they indeed for a few days



chastened us as seemed best to them, <sup>1</sup> ' and the sound of a trumpet  
and the but He for our profit, that we may be voice of words, so that  
those who heard

partakers of His holiness. it begged that the word should not be

spoken to them anymore.

<sup>11</sup>Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful;  
nevertheless, <sup>20</sup>(For they could not endure what was afterward it  
yields the peaceable fruit of commanded: "And if so much as a beast

righteousness to those who have been touches the mountain, it shall  
be stoned

trained by it. or shot with an arrow."

<sup>1 2 1 2</sup>Therefore strengthen the hands which And so terrifying was the  
sight that

hang down, and the feeble knees, Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid  
and trembling." )

<sup>2 2 2</sup>

But you have come to Mount Zion and Do not forget to entertain  
strangers, for

to the city of the living God, the by so doing some have unwittingly

heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable entertained angels. company  
of angels,

3

<sup>2</sup> with them--those who are mistreated--

<sup>3</sup> the general assembly and church of Remember the prisoners as if  
chained

the firstborn who are registered in since you yourselves are in the  
body

heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the also. spirits of just men made

perfect,

4 Marriage is honorable among all, and

24 o Jesus the Mediator of the new

the bed undefiled; but fornicators and

covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling adulterers God will judge.  
that speaks better things than that of

Abel. 5Let your conduct be without

covetousness; be content with such

25See that you do not refuse Him who things as you have. For He  
Himself has

speaks. For if they did not escape who said, "I will never leave you nor  
forsake

refused Him who spoke on earth, much you." more shall we not  
escape if we turn

away from Him who speaks from 6So we may boldly say: "The LORD  
is

heaven, my helper; I will not fear. What can man

do to me?"

26whose voice then shook the earth; but

now He has promised, saying, "Yet once 7Remember those who rule  
over you, more I shake not only the earth, but also who have spoken  
the word of God to

heaven." you, whose faith follow, considering the

2

7Now this, "Yet once more," indicates outcome of their conduct.

the removal of those things that are 8Jesus Christ is the same  
yesterday, being shaken, as of things that are today, and forever.  
made, that the things which cannot be

shaken may remain. 'Do not be carried about with various

2 and strange doctrines. For it is good that

' Therefore, since we are receiving a the heart be established by grace,  
not

kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us with foods which have not  
profited those

have grace, by which we may serve who have been occupied with  
them. God acceptably with reverence and

godly fear. 1 0We have an altar from which those

who serve the tabernacle have no right

2' For our God is a consuming fire. to eat.

11

For the bodies of those animals,

1 3Let brotherly love continue. whose blood is brought into the  
sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are 18Pray for us; for we are  
confident that burned outside the camp. we have a good conscience,  
in all things

desiring to live honorably.

12Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His  
own blood, 1 ' But I especially urge you to do this, suffered outside the  
gate. that I may be restored to you the sooner.

1 2 0 3Therefore let us go forth to Him, Now may the God of peace  
who

outside the camp, bearing His reproach. brought up our Lord Jesus  
from the

dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

14 through the blood of the everlasting

For here we have no continuing city,  
but we seek the one to come. covenant,

1

5Therefore by Him let us continually 2 1 ake you complete in every  
good

offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that work to do His will, working  
in you what

is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to is well pleasing in His sight,  
through

His name. Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever

and ever. Amen.

16But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices  
God is 2 And I appeal to you, brethren, bear

well pleased. with the word of exhortation, for I have

written to you in few words.

17 Obey those who rule over you, and be 2

3

submissive, for they watch out for your Know that our brother  
Timothy has

souls, as those who must give account. been set free, with whom I  
shall see you

Let them do so with joy and not with if he comes shortly. grief, for  
that would be unprofitable for

you. 2 4

Greet all those who rule over you, and  
all the saints. Those from Italy greet you.

Grace be with you all. Amen.

# The Christ according to Apostle John

1 2

But as many as received Him, to them

He gave the right to become children of

1 God, to those who believe in His name: In the beginning was the Word, and

the Word was with God, and the Word 1 3 who were born, not of blood, nor of the was God. will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, 2 but of God.

He was in the beginning with God.

1 4

3 All things were made through Him, and And the Word became flesh and dwelt

among us, and we beheld His glory, the

without Him nothing was made that was glory as of the only begotten of the

made. Father, full of grace and truth.

4 In Him was life, and the life was the 1 5

John bore witness of Him and cried

light of men. out, saying, "This was He of whom I said,

5 "He who comes after me is preferred

And the light shines in the darkness, before me, for He was before me."

and the darkness did not comprehend it.

1 6 And of His fullness we have all

6 There was a man sent from God, received, and grace for grace. whose name was John.

1 7

For the law was given through Moses,

7 This man came for a witness, to bear but grace and truth came through Jesus

witness of the Light, that all through him Christ. might believe.

1 8

8 No one has seen God at any time. The

He was not that Light, but was sent to only begotten Son, who is in the bosom

bear witness of that Light. of the Father, He has declared Him.

That was the true Light which gives 1 ' Now this is the testimony of John,

light to every man coming into the world. when the Jews sent priests and Levites

1 you?" 0 He was in the world, and the world from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are

was made through Him, and the world

did not know Him. 2 0 He confessed, and did not deny, but

confessed, "I am not the Christ."

He came to His own, and His own did  
not receive Him. <sup>2</sup> 1And they asked him, "What then? Are  
you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he  
answered, <sup>3</sup>1 did not know Him; but that He should "No." be revealed  
to Israel, therefore I came  
baptizing with water."

<sup>2</sup>2

Then they said to him, "Who are you,

32

that we may give an answer to those And John bore witness, saying, "I  
saw

who sent us? What do you say about the Spirit descending from  
heaven like a

yourself?" dove, and He remained upon Him.

<sup>2</sup>3 33) did not know Him, but He who sent

He said: "I am "The voice of one crying  
in the wilderness: "Make straight the me to baptize with water said to  
me,  
way of the LORD,"" as the prophet "Upon whom you see the Spirit  
Isaiah said." descending, and remaining on Him, this  
is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

<sup>2</sup>4Now those who were sent were from the Pharisees. <sup>3</sup>4And I have  
seen and testified that this

is the Son of God."

<sup>2</sup>5And they asked him, saying, "Why then do you baptize if you are  
not the <sup>3</sup>5Again, the next day, John stood with

Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" two of his disciples.



26 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he

John answered them, saying, "I baptize with water, but there stands One said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" among you whom you do not know.

37

The two disciples heard him speak,  
27 is He who, coming after me, is  
and they followed Jesus.

preferred before me, whose sandal  
strap I am not worthy to loose." 3' Then Jesus turned, and seeing them  
following, said to them, "What do you

2 ' These things were done in Bethabara seek?" They said to Him,  
"Rabbi" (which

beyond the Jordan, where John was is to say, when translated,  
Teacher),

baptizing. "where are You staying?"

2 3 ' The next day John saw Jesus coming ' He said to them, "Come  
and see."

toward him, and said, "Behold! The They came and saw where He was  
Lamb of God who takes away the sin of staying, and remained with  
Him that day

the world! (now it was about the tenth hour).

3 4 0 0 This is He of whom I said, "After me One of the two who heard  
John speak,

comes a Man who is preferred before and followed Him, was Andrew,  
Simon

me, for He was before me.' Peter's brother.

4 1

He first found his own brother Simon,  
and said to him, "We have found the

Messiah" (which is translated, the And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I

Christ). say to you, hereafter you shall see

heaven open, and the angels of God

42 ascending and descending upon the

And he brought him to Jesus. Now

when Jesus looked at him, He said, Son of Man."

"You are Simon the son of Jonah. You

shall be called Cephas" (which is

translated, A Stone). 2On the third day there was a wedding

4 in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of 3The following day Jesus wanted to go

Jesus was there.

to Galilee, and He found Philip and said

to him, "Follow Me." 2 Now both Jesus and His disciples were

4 invited to the wedding. 4Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the

city of Andrew and Peter. 3And when they ran out of wine, the

4 mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have 5 hilip found Nathanael and said to him,

no wine."

"We have found Him of whom Moses in

the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- 4

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does

Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

your concern have to do with Me? My

4 hour has not yet come." 6And Nathanael said to him, "Can

anything good come out of Nazareth?" 5His mother said to the servants, Philip said to him, "Come and see." "Whatever He says to you, do it."

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward 6 Now there were set there six waterpots Him, and said of him, "Behold, an of stone, according to the manner of

Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" purification of the Jews, containing

4 twenty or thirty gallons apiece.

' Nathanael said to Him, "How do You

know me?" Jesus answered and said to 7

Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots

him, "Before Philip called you, when you with water." And they filled them up to

were under the fig tree, I saw you." the brim.

4' Nathanael answered and said to Him,

8 And He said to them, "Draw some out

"Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You now, and take it to the master of the

are the King of Israel!" feast." And they took it.

Jesus answered and said to him, 'When the master of the feast had  
 "Because I said to you, "I saw you under tasted the water that was  
 made wine,  
 the fig tree,' do you believe? You will and did not know where it came  
 from  
 see greater things than these." (but the servants who had drawn the  
 water knew), the master of the feast 1' Jesus answered and said to  
 them, called the bridegroom. "Destroy this temple, and in three days I  
 will raise it up."

10And he said to him, "Every man at the

2 0

beginning sets out the good wine, and Then the Jews said, "It has  
 taken forty-

when the guests have well drunk, then six years to build this temple,  
 and will

the inferior. You have kept the good You raise it up in three days?"  
 wine until now!"

2 1

1 His body. 1This beginning of signs Jesus did in But He was speaking  
 of the temple of

Cana of Galilee, and manifested His

glory; and His disciples believed in Him. 2 2Therefore, when He had  
 risen from the

1 had said this to them; and they believed

2After this He went down to Capernaum, dead, His disciples  
 remembered that He

He, His mother, His brothers, and His the Scripture and the word which Jesus

disciples; and they did not stay there had said. many days.

23Now when He was in Jerusalem at the

13Now the Passover of the Jews was at Passover, during the feast, many

hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. believed in His name when they saw the

signs which He did.

14 And He found in the temple those who 2

4

sold oxen and sheep and doves, and But Jesus did not commit Himself to

the money changers doing business. them, because He knew all men,

1 2 5

When He had made a whip of cords, and had no need that anyone should

He drove them all out of the temple, with testify of man, for He knew what was in

the sheep and the oxen, and poured out man. the changers' money and overturned the

tables.

1 3 There was a man of the Pharisees 6And He said to those who sold doves,

named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.

"Take these things away! Do not make

My Father's house a house of 2 This man came to Jesus by night and merchandise!" said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You

1 are a teacher come from God; for no 7 Then His disciples remembered that it

one can do these signs that You do  
was written, "Zeal for Your house has

unless God is with him."  
eaten Me up."

1 3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most

' So the Jews answered and said to assuredly, I say to you, unless one is

Him, "What sign do You show to us, born again, he cannot see the kingdom

since You do these things?" of God."

4 14

Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a And as Moses lifted up the serpent in

man be born when he is old? Can he the wilderness, even so must the Son of

enter a second time into his mother's Man be lifted up, womb and be born?"

1 5

that whoever believes in Him should

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say not perish but have eternal

life. to you, unless one is born of water and

the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom 1 6For God so loved the world that He of God. gave His only begotten Son, that

whoever believes in Him should not

6That which is born of the flesh is flesh, perish but have everlasting life. and that which is born of the Spirit is

spirit. 1 7For God did not send His Son into the 7 world to condemn the world, but that the

Do not marvel that I said to you, "You world through Him might be saved.

must be born again.'

1 "" He who believes in Him is not

'The wind blows where it wishes, and condemned; but he who does not

you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell believe is condemned already, because

where it comes from and where it goes. he has not believed in the name of the

So is everyone who is born of the Spirit." only begotten Son of God.

'Nicodemus answered and said to Him, 1' And this is the condemnation, that the "How can these things be?" light has come into the world, and men

loved darkness rather than light,

10 because their deeds were evil.

Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 2 0



For everyone practicing evil hates the

light and does not come to the light, lest

11 his deeds should be exposed.

Most assuredly, I say to you, We  
speak what We know and testify what

We have seen, and you do not receive 2 1But he who does the truth  
comes to Our witness. the light, that his deeds may be clearly

seen, that they have been done in God."

12) I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will  
you believe 22

After these things Jesus and His  
if I tell you heavenly things? disciples came into the land of Judea,  
and there He remained with them and

13No one has ascended to heaven but baptized.

He who came down from heaven, that is,

the Son of Man who is in heaven. 2 3Now John also was baptizing in  
Aenon

near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and  
were 33He who has received His testimony  
baptized. has certified that God is true.

24 34For He whom God has sent speaks

For John had not yet been thrown into  
prison. the words of God, for God does not give

the Spirit by measure.

Then there arose a dispute between

3 5

some of John's disciples and the Jews The Father loves the Son, and has

about purification. given all things into His hand.

23 6And they came to John and said to 6He who believes in the Son has him, "Rabbi, He who was with you everlasting life; and he who does not

beyond the Jordan, to whom you have believe the Son shall not see life, but the

testified--behold, He is baptizing, and all wrath of God abides on him." are coming to Him!"

27

John answered and said, "A man can 4Therefore, when the Lord knew that

receive nothing unless it has been given

the Pharisees had heard that Jesus

to him from heaven. made and baptized more disciples than

2 John

' You yourselves bear me witness, that I

said, "I am not the Christ,' but, "I have 2

(though Jesus Himself did not baptize,

been sent before Him.'

but His disciples),

2' He who has the bride is the 3He left Judea and departed again to bridegroom; but the friend of the

Galilee.

bridegroom, who stands and hears him,

rejoices greatly because of the 4 But He needed to go through Samaria. bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of

mine is fulfilled. 5So He came to a city of Samaria which

30He must increase, but I must decrease. is called Sychar, near the plot of ground

that Jacob gave to his son Joseph.

31He who comes from above is above 6 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus all; he who is of the earth is earthly and therefore, being wearied from His speaks of the earth. He who comes from journey, sat thus by the well. It was heaven is above all. about the sixth hour.

32And what He has seen and heard, that 7A woman of Samaria came to draw He testifies; and no one receives His water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a testimony. drink."

8 17

For His disciples had gone away into The woman answered and said, "I

the city to buy food. have no husband." Jesus said to her,

"You have well said, 'I have no

'Then the woman of Samaria said to husband,'

Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, 8 or you have had five husbands, and

ask a drink from me, a Samaritan 1 woman?" For Jews have no dealings the one whom you now have is not your

with Samaritans. husband; in that you spoke truly."

11 0

Jesus answered and said to her, "If ' The woman said to Him, "Sir, I you knew the gift of God, and who it is perceive that You are a prophet. who says to you, "Give Me a drink,' you

would have asked Him, and He would 2 0Our fathers worshiped on this have given you living water." mountain, and you Jews say that in

Jerusalem is the place where one ought

11

The woman said to Him, "Sir, You to worship."

have nothing to draw with, and the well

is deep. Where then do You get that 21Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe living water? Me, the hour is coming when you will

neither on this mountain, nor in

12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, Jerusalem, worship the Father. who gave us the well, and drank from it

himself, as well as his sons and his 2 You worship what you do not know; livestock?" we know what we worship, for salvation

is of the Jews.

13

Jesus answered and said to her,

"Whoever drinks of this water will thirst 2 3

But the hour is coming, and now is,

again, when the true worshipers will worship

the Father in spirit and truth; for the

14

but whoever drinks of the water that I Father is seeking such to  
worship Him.

shall give him will never thirst. But the

water that I shall give him will become in 2 4God is Spirit, and those  
who worship him a fountain of water springing up into Him must  
worship in spirit and truth."

everlasting life."

2 5The woman said to Him, "I know that

15The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me

Messiah is coming" (who is called

this water, that I may not thirst, nor Christ). "When He comes, He will  
tell us

come here to draw." all things."

1 2 6 6Jesus said to her, "Go, call your

Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you

husband, and come here." am He."

27 37For in this the saying is true: "One

And at this point His disciples came,

and they marveled that He talked with a sows and another reaps.'  
woman; yet no one said, "What do You

seek?" or, "Why are You talking with 38 sent you to reap that for  
which you

her?" have not labored; others have labored,

and you have entered into their labors."

2' The woman then left her waterpot,

went her way into the city, and said to 3' And many of the Samaritans of that

the men, city believed in Him because of the word

of the woman who testified, "He told me

2'" Come, see a Man who told me all all that I ever did." things that I ever did. Could this be the

Christ?" 4 0So when the Samaritans had come to

3 and He stayed there two days. 0Then they went out of the city and Him, they urged Him to stay with them;

came to Him.

4 1

Um the meantime His disciples urged His own word. And many more believed because of Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat."

4 2Then they said to the woman, "Now

32But He said to them, "I have food to we believe, not because of what you

eat of which you do not know." said, for we ourselves have heard Him

and we know that this is indeed the

33Therefore the disciples said to one Christ, the Savior of the world." another, "Has anyone brought Him

anything to eat?" 4 3

Now after the two days He departed

from there and went to Galilee.

34 Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to For Jesus Himself testified that a finish His work. prophet has no honor in his own country.

35 Do you not say, "There are still four months and then comes the harvest"? Galileans received Him, having seen all

Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes the things He did in Jerusalem at the

and look at the fields, for they are feast; for they also had gone to the feast.

already white for harvest!

46

36 And he who reaps receives wages, So Jesus came again to Cana of

Galilee where He had made the water

and gathers fruit for eternal life, that wine. And there was a certain nobleman

both he who sows and he who reaps whose son was sick at Capernaum. may rejoice together.

47

When he heard that Jesus had come

out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down 3 In these lay a great multitude of sick

and heal his son, for he was at the point people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting

of death. for the moving of the water.

44 ' Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you For an angel went down at a certain people see signs and wonders, you will time into the pool and stirred up the

by no means believe." water; then whoever stepped in first,

after the stirring of the water, was made

4 well of whatever disease he had. ' The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!"

5Now a certain man was there who had

50 an infirmity thirty-eight years.

Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your

son lives." So the man believed the

word that Jesus spoke to him, and he 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and went his way. knew that he already had been in that

condition a long time, He said to him,

51 "Do you want to be made well?"

And as he was now going down, his

servants met him and told him, saying,

"Your son lives!" 7The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I

have no man to put me into the pool

52 when the water is stirred up; but while I

Then he inquired of them the hour

when he got better. And they said to him, am coming, another steps down before

"Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever me." left him."

8Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your

53 bed and walk."

So the father knew that it was at the

same hour in which Jesus said to him,

"Your son lives." And he himself 'And immediately the man was made



believed, and his whole household. well, took up his bed, and walked.  
And

that day was the Sabbath.

54This again is the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of  
Judea into <sup>1</sup> 0The Jews therefore said to him who Galilee. was cured,  
"It is the Sabbath; it is not

lawful for you to carry your bed."

5After this there was a feast of the <sup>1</sup> He answered them, "He who made  
me

well said to me, "Take up your bed and

Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. walk."

2Now there is in Jerusalem by the <sup>2</sup>Then they asked him, "Who is the  
Man

1

Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in

who said to you, "Take up your bed and

Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches.

walk'?"

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 3But the one who was healed did not <sup>2</sup>

For the Father judges no one, but has

know who it was, for Jesus had committed all judgment to the Son,  
withdrawn, a multitude being in that

place. <sup>2</sup> 3that all should honor the Son just as

they honor the Father. He who does not

<sup>1</sup> 4Afterward Jesus found him in the honor the Son does not honor the

temple, and said to him, "See, you have Father who sent Him. been made well. Sin no more, lest a

worse thing come upon you." 2 4 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who

1 sent Me has everlasting life, and shall

5The man departed and told the Jews hears My word and believes in Him who

that it was Jesus who had made him not come into judgment, but has passed

well. from death into life.

1 2 6For this reason the Jews persecuted 5Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour Jesus, and sought to kill Him, because is coming, and now is, when the dead

He had done these things on the will hear the voice of the Son of God;

Sabbath. and those who hear will live.

1 2 7 6For as the Father has life in Himself, But Jesus answered them, "My Father

has been working until now, and I have so He has granted the Son to have life

been working." in Himself,

1 2 7

' Therefore the Jews sought all the and has given Him authority to

more to kill Him, because He not only execute judgment also, because He is

broke the Sabbath, but also said that the Son of Man. God was His

Father, making Himself

equal with God. 2 8Do not marvel at this; for the hour is

coming in which all who are in the

1 ' Then Jesus answered and said to graves will hear His voice them,  
"Most assuredly, I say to you, the

Son can do nothing of Himself, but what 2 ' and come forth--those who  
have done He sees the Father do; for whatever He good, to the  
resurrection of life, and

does, the Son also does in like manner. those who have done evil, to  
the

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0For the Father loves the Son, and resurrection of condemnation.

shows Him all things that He Himself 30 can of Myself do nothing. As  
I hear, I

does; and He will show Him greater judge; and My judgment is  
righteous,

works than these, that you may marvel. because I do not seek My own  
will but

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1For as the Father raises the dead and the will of the Father who sent  
Me.

gives life to them, even so the Son gives 3 14a I bear witness of Myself,  
My witness life to whom He will. is not true.

3 4 23 have come in My Father's name, and There is another who bears  
witness of Me, and I know that the witness which you do not receive  
Me; if another comes

He witnesses of Me is true. in his own name, him you will receive.

33 4

You have sent to John, and he has How can you believe, who

receive

borne witness to the truth. honor from one another, and do not

seek the honor that comes from the only

34 God? Yet I do not receive testimony from

man, but I say these things that you may 5Do not think that I shall  
accuse you to

be saved. 4

the Father; there is one who accuses

35He was the burning and shining lamp, you--Moses, in whom you  
trust.

and you were willing for a time to rejoice 6For if you believed Moses,  
you would

in his light. 4

believe Me; for he wrote about Me.

36But I have a greater witness than 7 4 John's; for the works which the  
Father But if you do not believe his writings, has given Me to finish--  
the very works how will you believe My words?" that I do--bear  
witness of Me, that the

Father has sent Me.

37And the Father Himself, who sent Me, 6After these things Jesus  
went over

the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of

has testified of Me. You have neither Tiberias. heard His voice at  
any time, nor seen

His form. 2

Then a great multitude followed Him,

3' But you do not have His word abiding because they saw His signs which He

performed on those who were diseased.

in you, because whom He sent, Him you

do not believe. 3And Jesus went up on the mountain,

39 ou search the Scriptures, for in them and there He sat with His disciples. you think you have eternal life; and 4 these are they which testify of Me. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews,

was near.

40But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. 5Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and

seeing a great multitude coming toward

4 Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we 1a I do not receive honor from men.

buy bread, that these may eat?"

42But I know you, that you do not have 6But this He said to test him, for He

the love of God in you. Himself knew what He would do. 7 1 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred 6Now when evening came, His denarii worth of bread is not sufficient disciples went down to the sea, for them, that every one of them may

have a little." 17g ot into the boat, and went over the

sea toward Capernaum. And it was

8One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon already dark, and Jesus had not come

Peter's brother, said to Him, to them.

1 8

"There is a lad here who has five barley Then the sea arose because a great

loaves and two small fish, but what are wind was blowing. they among so many?"

1 ' So when they had rowed about three

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Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on

down." Now there was much grass in the sea and drawing near the boat; and

the place. So the men sat down, in they were afraid. number about five thousand.

20But He said to them, "It is I; do not be

11

And Jesus took the loaves, and when afraid."

He had given thanks He distributed

them to the disciples, and the disciples 2 1Then they willingly received Him into to those sitting down; and likewise of the the boat, and immediately the boat was

fish, as much as they wanted. at the land where they were going.

12 So when they were filled, He said to 22

On the following day, when the people

His disciples, "Gather up the fragments who were standing on the other side of

that remain, so that nothing is lost." the sea saw that there was no other

1 disciples had entered, and that Jesus

3Therefore they gathered them up, and boat there, except that one which His

filled twelve baskets with the fragments had not entered the boat with His

of the five barley loaves which were left disciples, but His disciples had gone

over by those who had eaten. away alone--

1 2 4Then those men, when they had seen 3however, other boats came from the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is Tiberias, near the place where they ate

truly the Prophet who is to come into the bread after the Lord had given thanks--

world."

24

when the people therefore saw that

15Therefore when Jesus perceived that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples,

they were about to come and take Him they also got into boats and came to

by force to make Him king, He departed Capernaum, seeking Jesus. again to the mountain by Himself alone.

2 34 5And when they found Him on the other Then they said to Him,  
"Lord, give us

side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, this bread always." when did  
You come here?"

2 Jesus answered them and said, "Most bread of life. He who comes to  
Me shall

6 35And Jesus said to them, "I am the

assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, never hunger, and he who  
believes in

not because you saw the signs, but Me shall never thirst. because you  
ate of the loaves and were

filled. 36 But I said to you that you have seen

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7Do not labor for the food which Me and yet do not believe.

perishes, but for the food which endures 37All that the Father gives Me  
will come to everlasting life, which the Son of Man to Me, and the one  
who comes to Me I

will give you, because God the Father will by no means cast out. has  
set His seal on Him."

2 3' For I have come down from heaven,

' Then they said to Him, "What shall we not to do My own will, but  
the will of Him

do, that we may work the works of who sent Me. God?"

2 3' This is the will of the Father who sent

9Jesus answered and said to them, Me, that of all He has given Me I  
should

"This is the work of God, that you lose nothing, but should raise it up  
at the



believe in Him whom He sent." last day.

34 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign 0And this is the will of Him who sent Me, will You perform then, that we may see that everyone who sees the Son and

it and believe You? What work will You believes in Him may have everlasting

do? life; and I will raise him up at the last

day."

31

Our fathers ate the manna in the

desert; as it is written, "He gave them 41The Jews then complained about Him, bread from heaven to eat." because He said, "I am the bread which

came down from heaven."

32

Then Jesus said to them, "Most

assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not 42And they said, "Is not this Jesus, the give you the bread from heaven, but My son of Joseph, whose father and mother

Father gives you the true bread from we know? How is it then that He says, "I

heaven. have come down from heaven'?"

33For the bread of God is He who comes 43Jesus therefore answered and said to down from heaven and gives life to the them, "Do not murmur among world." yourselves.

45 45For My flesh is food indeed, and My No one can come to Me unless the

Father who sent Me draws him; and I blood is drink indeed. will raise him up at the last day.

56He who eats My flesh and drinks My

45 is written in the prophets, "And they

blood abides in Me, and I in him.

shall all be taught by God.' Therefore

everyone who has heard and learned 57As the living Father sent Me, and I live from the Father comes to Me. because of the Father, so he who feeds

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6Not that anyone has seen the Father, on Me will live because of Me.

except He who is from God; He has 58This is the bread which came down seen the Father. from heaven--not as your fathers ate the

4 bread will live forever." 7Most assuredly, I say to you, he who manna, and are dead. He who eats this

believes in Me has everlasting life.

4 synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

8a am the bread of life. 5' These things He said in the

4 6 ' Your fathers ate the manna in the 0Therefore many of His disciples, when wilderness, and are dead. they heard this, said, "This is a hard

saying; who can understand it?"

50This is the bread which comes down

from heaven, that one may eat of it and When Jesus knew in Himself

that His

not die. disciples complained about this, He said

to them, "Does this offend you?

51a am the living bread which came down

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from heaven. If anyone eats of this What then if you should see the Son of

bread, he will live forever; and the bread Man ascend where He was before? that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall

give for the life of the world." 63It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh

profits nothing. The words that I speak

5 2The Jews therefore quarreled among to you are spirit, and they are life. themselves, saying, "How can this Man

give us His flesh to eat?" 64But there are some of you who do not

believe." For Jesus knew from the

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Then Jesus said to them, "Most beginning who they were who did not

assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat believe, and who would betray Him. the flesh of the Son of Man and drink

His blood, you have no life in you. 6 5And He said, "Therefore I have said to

5 it has been granted to him by My

4Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My you that no one can come to Me unless

blood has eternal life, and I will raise Father." him up at the last day.

6 5 6From that time many of His disciples For even His brothers did

went back and walked with Him no more. Him.

67 Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you 6Then Jesus said to them,  
"My time has

also want to go away?" not yet come, but your time is always

ready.

6 8But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You  
have the 7The world cannot hate you, but it hates words of eternal life.  
Me because I testify of it that its works

are evil.

6 9Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the  
Son of 8You go up to this feast. I am not yet the living God." going up  
to this feast, for My time has

not yet fully come."

70

Jesus answered them, "Did I not

choose you, the twelve, and one of you 'When He had said these  
things to them, is a devil?" He remained in Galilee.

7 1He spoke of Judas Iscariot, the son of 0But when His brothers had  
gone up, Simon, for it was he who would betray then He also went up  
to the feast, not

Him, being one of the twelve. openly, but as it were in secret.

Then the Jews sought Him at the feast,

7After these things Jesus walked in and said, "Where is He?"

Galilee; for He did not want to walk in <sup>12</sup>And there was much complaining Judea, because the Jews sought to kill Him. among the people concerning Him.

Some said, "He is good"; others said,

<sup>2</sup> "No, on the contrary, He deceives the

Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles

people."

was at hand.

<sup>3</sup>His brothers therefore said to Him, <sup>13</sup>However, no one spoke openly of Him

for fear of the Jews.

"Depart from here and go into Judea,

that Your disciples also may see the <sup>14</sup>Now about the middle of the feast works that You are doing.

Jesus went up into the temple and

<sup>4</sup> taught.

For no one does anything in secret

while he himself seeks to be known <sup>15</sup>And the Jews marveled, saying, "How openly. If You do these things, show Yourself to the world." does this Man know letters, having

never studied?"

<sup>1 2 6</sup>Jesus answered them and said, "My <sup>6</sup>But look! He speaks boldly, and they doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent say nothing to Him. Do the rulers know

Me. indeed that this is truly the Christ?

1 2 7 anyone wills to do His will, he shall 7However, we know where this Man is know concerning the doctrine, whether it from; but when the Christ comes, no

is from God or whether I speak on My one knows where He is from." own authority.

2 8

1 the temple, saying, "You both know Me,

8He who speaks from himself seeks his Then Jesus cried out, as He taught in

own glory; but He who seeks the glory and you know where I am from; and I

of the One who sent Him is true, and no have not come of Myself, but He who

unrighteousness is in Him. sent Me is true, whom you do not know.

1 2 ' Did not Moses give you the law, yet ' But I know Him, for I am from Him, and none of you keeps the law? Why do you He sent Me." seek to kill Me?"

30Therefore they sought to take Him; but

20The people answered and said, "You no one laid a hand on Him, because His

have a demon. Who is seeking to kill hour had not yet come. You?"

31And many of the people believed in

21 Him, and said, "When the Christ comes,

Jesus answered and said to them, "I

did one work, and you all marvel. will He do more signs than these which

<sup>22</sup> Moses therefore

gave you

circumcision (not that it is from Moses, The Pharisees heard the crowd  
<sup>32</sup>

but from the fathers), and you murmuring these things concerning Him,

circumcise a man on the Sabbath. and the Pharisees and the chief priests

sent officers to take Him.

<sup>23</sup> a man receives circumcision on the Sabbath, so that the law of Moses <sup>33</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "I shall be

should not be broken, are you angry with you a little while longer, and then I

with Me because I made a man go to Him who sent Me. completely well on the Sabbath?

<sup>3 4</sup> ou will seek Me and not find Me, and

<sup>24</sup>Do not judge according to appearance, where I am you cannot come." but judge with righteous judgment."

<sup>35</sup>Then the Jews said among

<sup>25</sup>Now some of them from Jerusalem themselves, "Where does He intend to

said, "Is this not He whom they seek to go that we shall not find Him? Does He

kill? intend to go to the Dispersion among

the Greeks and teach the Greeks?

<sup>3 4 6</sup>What is this thing that He said, "You <sup>6</sup>The officers answered, "No man ever will seek Me and not find Me, and where spoke like this Man!" I am you cannot come'?"

Then the Pharisees answered them,

37

On the last day, that great day of the "Are you also deceived?

feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying,

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me 4 8

Have any of the rulers or the

and drink. Pharisees believed in Him?

38He who believes in Me, as the 4 ' But this crowd that does not know the Scripture has said, out of his heart will law is accursed." flow rivers of living water."

50Nicodemus (he who came to Jesus by

3 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, ' night, being one of them) said to them,

whom those believing in Him would

receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet 5 1 Does our law judge a man before it given, because Jesus was not yet

hears him and knows what he is doing?"

glorified.

5 2

4 They answered and said to him, "Are 0Therefore many from the crowd, when

you also from Galilee? Search and look,

they heard this saying, said, "Truly this

for no prophet has arisen out of Galilee."

is the Prophet."



53And everyone went to his own house.

41

others said, "This is the Christ." But  
some said, "Will the Christ come out of  
Galilee?

8But Jesus went to the Mount of

42 Olives.

Has not the Scripture said that the  
Christ comes from the seed of David

and from the town of Bethlehem, where 2 Now early in the morning  
He came David was?" again into the temple, and all the people

came to Him; and He sat down and

43 taught them.

So there was a division among the  
people because of Him.

3Then the scribes and Pharisees

44 brought to Him a woman caught in Now some of them wanted to  
take Him,

but no one laid hands on Him. adultery. And when they had set her in  
the midst,

45Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said  
to them, 4 they said to Him, "Teacher, this woman

"Why have you not brought Him?" was caught in adultery, in the very  
act. 5 14

Now Moses, in the law, commanded us Jesus answered and said to  
them,

that such should be stoned. But what do "Even if I bear witness of  
Myself, My

You say?" witness is true, for I know where I came

from and where I am going; but you do

6 not know where I come from and where This they said, testing Him,  
that they

might have something of which to I am going.

accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down 5 ou judge according to the flesh;  
I

and wrote on the ground with His finger, 1 as though He did not hear.  
judge no one.

7 1 So when they continued asking Him, 6And yet if I do judge, My  
judgment is He raised Himself up and said to them, true; for I am not  
alone, but I am with the

"He who is without sin among you, let Father who sent Me. him throw  
a stone at her first."

1 7

It is also written in your law that the

'And again He stooped down and wrote testimony of two men is true.  
on the ground.

1 ' I am One who bears witness of Myself,

"Then those who heard it, being and the Father who sent Me bears

convicted by their conscience, went out witness of Me." one by one,  
beginning with the oldest

even to the last. And Jesus was left 1' Then they said to Him, "Where is  
Your alone, and the woman standing in the Father?" Jesus answered,  
"You know

midst. neither Me nor My Father. If you had

known Me, you would have known My

10

When Jesus had raised Himself up Father also."

and saw no one but the woman, He said

to her, "Woman, where are those 2 0These words Jesus spoke in the  
accusers of yours? Has no one treasury, as He taught in the temple;

condemned you?" and no one laid hands on Him, for His

hour had not yet come.

11

She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus

said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; 2 1Then Jesus said to them  
again, "I am go and sin no more." going away, and you will seek Me,  
and

will die in your sin. Where I go you

12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, cannot come."

saying, "I am the light of the world. He

who follows Me shall not walk in 22So the Jews said, "Will He kill  
Himself, darkness, but have the light of life." because He says, "Where  
I go you

1

3The Pharisees therefore said to Him, cannot come'?"

"You bear witness of Yourself; Your

witness is not true."

23And He said to them, "You are from never been in bondage to  
anyone. How

beneath; I am from above. You are of can You say, "You will be made free'?"

this world; I am not of this world.

34

Jesus answered them, "Most

24Therefore I said to you that you will die assuredly, I say to you,  
whoever

in your sins; for if you do not believe that commits sin is a slave of sin.  
I am He, you will die in your sins."

35

And a slave does not abide in the

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Then they said to Him, "Who are house forever, but a son abides  
forever.

You?" And Jesus said to them, "Just

what I have been saying to you from the 36Therefore if the Son makes  
you free, beginning. you shall be free indeed.

2 3 6a have many things to say and to judge 74 know that you are  
Abraham's concerning you, but He who sent Me is descendants, but  
you seek to kill Me,

true; and I speak to the world those because My word has no place in  
you.

things which I heard from Him."

2 38 speak what I have seen with My 7 They did not understand that  
He spoke Father, and you do what you have seen

to them of the Father. with your father."

2 ' Then Jesus said to them, "When you 3' They answered and said to Him,

lift up the Son of Man, then you will "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to

know that I am He, and that I do nothing them, "If you were Abraham's children,

of Myself; but as My Father taught Me, I you would do the works of Abraham.

speak these things.

4 0But now you seek to kill Me, a Man

2 ' And He who sent Me is with Me. The who has told you the truth which I heard

Father has not left Me alone, for I from God. Abraham did not do this. always do those things that please Him."

4 1

30As He spoke these words, many you do the deeds of your father." Then

they said to Him, "We were not born of believed in Him. fornication; we have one Father--God."

31Then Jesus said to those Jews who 4 2

Jesus said to them, "If God were your believed Him, "If you abide in My word, Father, you would love Me, for I

you are My disciples indeed. proceeded forth and came from God;

32And you shall know the truth, and the nor have I come of Myself,

but He sent

Me.

truth shall make you free."

4 3Why do you not understand My

33They answered Him, "We are speech? Because you are not able to  
Abraham's descendants, and have listen to My word.

44

You are of your father the devil, and prophets are dead. Who do  
You make

the desires of your father you want to do. Yourself out to be?" He was  
a murderer from the beginning,

and does not stand in the truth, because 54Jesus answered, "If I honor  
Myself, My there is no truth in him. When he speaks honor is nothing.  
It is My Father who

a lie, he speaks from his own resources, honors Me, of whom you say  
that He is

for he is a liar and the father of it. your God.

4 5But because I tell the truth, you do not 5 et you have not known  
Him, but I believe Me. know Him. And if I say, "I do not know

Him,' I shall be a liar like you; but I do

46Which of you convicts Me of sin? And know Him and keep His  
word.

if I tell the truth, why do you not believe

Me? 56 our father Abraham rejoiced to see

My day, and he saw it and was glad."

47

He who is of God hears God's words;

therefore you do not hear, because you 57Then the Jews said to Him,  
"You are are not of God." not yet fifty years old, and have You

seen Abraham?"

4' Then the Jews answered and said to Him, "Do we not say rightly  
that You are 58Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I a Samaritan and  
have a demon?" say to you, before Abraham was, IAM."

4' Jesus answered, "I do not have a ' Then they took up stones to throw  
at

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demon; but I honor My Father, and you Him; but Jesus hid Himself  
and went out

dishonor Me. of the temple, going through the midst of

them, and so passed by.

50

And I do not seek My own glory; there  
is One who seeks and judges.

5 9Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a 1Most assuredly, I say to you, if  
anyone

man who was blind from birth.

keeps My word he shall never see

death." 2

And His disciples asked Him, saying,

5 "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his 2Then the Jews said to Him,  
"Now we

parents, that he was born blind?"

know that You have a demon! Abraham

is dead, and the prophets; and You say, <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor "If anyone keeps My word he shall never his parents sinned, but that the works of taste death.' God should be revealed in him.

<sup>5</sup>3Are You greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? And the <sup>4 1</sup> 1 must work the works of Him who sent <sup>5</sup>Then the Pharisees also asked him Me while it is day; the night is coming again how he had received his sight. He

when no one can work. said to them, "He put clay on my eyes,  
and I washed, and I see."

<sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the <sup>6</sup>Therefore some of the Pharisees said,

light of the world." <sup>1</sup>

"This Man is not from God, because He

<sup>6</sup> does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, When He had said these things, He

spat on the ground and made clay with "How can a man who is a sinner do the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of such signs?" And there was a division

the blind man with the clay. among them.

<sup>1</sup> 7

<sup>7</sup> They said to the blind man again, And He said to him, "Go, wash in the

pool of Siloam" (which is translated, "What do you say about Him because

Sent). So he went and washed, and He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is



came back seeing. a prophet."

"Therefore the neighbors and those who But the Jews did not believe  
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previously had seen that he was blind concerning him, that he had  
been blind

said, "Is not this he who sat and and received his sight, until they  
called

begged?" the parents of him who had received his

sight.

"He is like him." He said, "I am he." Some said, "This is he." Others  
said, 1 ' And they asked them, saying, "Is this

your son, who you say was born blind?

1 How then does he now see?" 0Therefore they said to him, "How were

your eyes opened?" 2 0His parents answered them and said, 11 "We  
know that this is our son, and that

He answered and said, "A Man called

he was born blind;

Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes

and said to me, "Go to the pool of 2 1but by what means he now sees  
we do Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed, and I received sight."  
not know, or who opened his eyes we

do not know. He is of age; ask him. He

1 will speak for himself." 2Then they said to him, "Where is He?"

He said, "I do not know." <sup>2</sup> His parents said these things because

<sup>13</sup> They brought him who formerly was they feared the Jews, for the  
Jews had

agreed already that if anyone confessed

blind to the Pharisees.

that He was Christ, he would be put out

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<sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his  
eyes.

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of the synagogue.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of <sup>33</sup> this Man were not from God,  
He

age; ask him." could do nothing."

<sup>2 3</sup> 44

So they again called the man who was They answered and said to  
him, "You

blind, and said to him, "Give God the were completely born in sins,  
and are

glory! We know that this Man is a you teaching us?" And they cast  
him out.

sinner."

25

He answered and said, "Whether He is out; and when He had found him, He

a sinner or not I do not know. One thing said to him, "Do you believe in the Son

I know: that though I was blind, now I of God?" see."

36

<sup>2</sup> Lord, that I may believe in Him?" <sup>6</sup>Then they said to him again, "What did He answered and said, "Who is He,

He do to you? How did He open your

eyes?" <sup>37</sup>And Jesus said to him, "You have both

seen Him and it is He who is talking with

27

He answered them, "I told you already, you."

and you did not listen. Why do you want

to hear it again? Do you also want to <sup>3</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And he become His disciples?" worshiped Him.

<sup>2</sup> Then they reviled him and said, "You <sup>3</sup> And Jesus said, "For judgment I have

are His disciple, but we are Moses' come into this world, that those who do

disciples. not see may see, and that those who

see may be made blind."

<sup>2</sup> ' We know that God spoke to Moses; as

for this fellow, we do not know where He <sup>4</sup> <sup>0</sup>Then some of the Pharisees who were is from." with Him heard these words, and said to

0The man answered and said to them, Him, "Are we blind also?"

"Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you 4 1

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind,

do not know where He is from; yet He you would have no sin; but now you say,

has opened my eyes! "We see.' Therefore your sin remains.

31Now we know that God does not hear

sinner; but if anyone is a worshiper of 1 0 Most assuredly, I say to you, he God and does His will, He hears him.

who does not enter the sheepfold by the

3 door, but climbs up some other way, the 2

Since the world began it has been

same is a thief and a robber.

unheard of that anyone opened the eyes

of one who was born blind.

2But he who enters by the door is the the sheep and flees; and the wolf shepherd of the sheep. catches the sheep and scatters them.

3To him the doorkeeper opens, and the 13The hireling flees because he is a sheep hear his voice; and he calls his hireling and does not care about the

own sheep by name and leads them out. sheep.

4 1 And when he brings out his own sheep, 4a am the good shepherd; and I know he goes before them; and the sheep My sheep, and am

known by My own.

follow him, for they know his voice.

15As the Father knows Me, even so I

5Yet they will by no means follow a know the Father; and I lay down  
My life

stranger, but will flee from him, for they for the sheep. do not know  
the voice of strangers."

1 6And other sheep I have which are not

6Jesus used this illustration, but they did of this fold; them also I must  
bring, and

not understand the things which He they will hear My voice; and  
there will be

spoke to them. one flock and one shepherd.

7 174 Then Jesus said to them again, "Most 'Therefore My Father loves  
Me, assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of because I lay down My  
life that I may

the sheep. take it again.

'All who ever came before Me are 1 ' No one takes it from Me, but I lay  
it thieves and robbers, but the sheep did down of Myself. I have power  
to lay it

not hear them. down, and I have power to take it again.

This command I have received from My

'I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, Father." he will be saved, and  
will go in and out

and find pasture. 1' Therefore there was a division again

among the Jews because of these

<sup>10</sup>The thief does not come except to sayings.

steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have <sup>0</sup>And many of them said, "He has a

come that they may have life, and that <sup>2</sup> they may have it more abundantly. demon and is mad. Why do you listen to

Him?"

<sup>11</sup> am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

<sup>0</sup>thers said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon

<sup>12</sup>But a hireling, he who is not the open the eyes of the blind?" shepherd, one who does not own the

<sup>2</sup><sup>2</sup>

sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves Now it was the Feast of Dedication in

Jerusalem, and it was winter.

<sup>23</sup>And Jesus walked in the temple, in <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Is it not written

Solomon's porch. in your law, "I said, "You are gods"?"

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>45</sup> He called them gods, to whom the Then the Jews surrounded Him and said to Him, "How long do You keep us word of God came (and the Scripture

in doubt? If You are the Christ, tell us cannot be broken), plainly."

36

do you say of Him whom the Father

Jesus answered them, "I told you, and sanctified and sent into the world, "You

you do not believe. The works that I do are blaspheming,' because I said, "I am

in My Father's name, they bear witness the Son of God"? of Me.

3 7) I do not do the works of My Father,

26But you do not believe, because you do not believe Me;

are not of My sheep, as I said to you.

2 My sheep hear My voice, and I know Me, believe the works, that you may

7 3' but if I do, though you do not believe

them, and they follow Me. know and believe that the Father is in

Me, and I in Him."

28And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone 3' Therefore they sought again to seize

snatch them out of My hand. Him, but He escaped out of their hand.

2 4 ' My Father, who has given them to Me, 0And He went away again beyond the is greater than all; and no one is able to Jordan to the place where John was

snatch them out of My Father's hand. baptizing at first, and there He stayed.

30 and My Father are one." 4 1Then many came to Him and said,

"John performed no sign, but all the

31 things that John spoke about this Man

Then the Jews took up stones again to  
stone Him. were true."

32 4 2 Jesus answered them, "Many good And many believed in Him  
there. works I have shown you from My Father.

For which of those works do you stone

Me?" 1 1 Now a certain man was sick,

Lazarus of Bethany, the town of Mary

33The Jews answered Him, saying, "For and her sister Martha. a good  
work we do not stone You, but

for blasphemy, and because You, being 2 It was that Mary who  
anointed the Lord a Man, make Yourself God." with fragrant oil and  
wiped His feet with

her hair, whose brother Lazarus was 1 3However, Jesus spoke of his  
death, sick. but they thought that He was speaking

about taking rest in sleep.

3Therefore the sisters sent to Him, 4 1 saying, "Lord, behold, he whom  
You Then Jesus said to them plainly, love is sick." "Lazarus is dead.

4 1 When Jesus heard that, He said, "This 5And I am glad for your  
sakes that I sickness is not unto death, but for the was not there, that  
you may believe.

glory of God, that the Son of God may Nevertheless let us go to him."  
be glorified through it."

1 6Then Thomas, who is called the Twin,

5Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister said to his fellow disciples,  
"Let us also



and Lazarus. go, that we may die with Him."

6 1 7

So, when He heard that he was sick, So when Jesus came, He found that

He stayed two more days in the place he had already been in the tomb four

where He was. days.

7 1 Then after this He said to the disciples, 8 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, "Let us go to Judea again." about two miles away.

8 1 The disciples said to Him, "Rabbi, lately ' And many of the Jews had joined the the Jews sought to stone You, and are women around Martha and Mary, to

You going there again?" comfort them concerning their brother.

'Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve 2 0 Now Martha, as soon as she heard hours in the day? If anyone walks in the that Jesus was coming, went and met

day, he does not stumble, because he Him, but Mary was sitting in the house.

sees the light of this world.

2 1

1 You had been here, my brother would

0 But if one walks in the night, he Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if stumbles, because the light is not in not have died. him."

2 But even now I know that whatever

These things He said, and after that You ask of God, God will give You."

He said to them, "Our friend Lazarus

sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up." <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will

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<sup>2</sup>Then His disciples said, "Lord, if he rise again."

sleeps he will get well." <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Martha said to Him, "I know that he will  
rise again in the resurrection at the last  
day."

<sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the <sup>34</sup>And He said, "Where have you laid  
resurrection and the life. He who him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come  
believes in Me, though he may die, he and see." shall live.

<sup>2</sup> And whoever lives and believes in Me <sup>6</sup> <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.  
shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup>

Then the Jews said, "See how He  
loved him!"

<sup>27</sup>

She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe  
that You are the Christ, the Son of God, <sup>37</sup> And some of them said,  
"Could not this who is to come into the world." Man, who opened the  
eyes of the blind,

also have kept this man from dying?"

And when she had said these things,  
 she went her way and secretly called 3 8Then Jesus, again groaning in  
 Himself, Mary her sister, saying, "The Teacher came to the tomb. It  
 was a cave, and a  
 has come and is calling for you." stone lay against it.

2 3 ' As soon as she heard that, she arose  
 ' Jesus said, "Take away the stone."  
 quickly and came to Him. Martha, the sister of him who was dead,

30Now Jesus had not yet come into the said to Him, "Lord, by this  
 time there is a  
 stench, for he has been dead four days."  
 town, but was in the place where Martha  
 met Him. 4 0Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you

that if you would believe you would see  
 31 Then the Jews who were with her in the glory of God?" the house,  
 and comforting her, when  
 they saw that Mary rose up quickly and 4 1Then they took away the  
 stone from went out, followed her, saying, "She is the place where the  
 dead man was lying.

going to the tomb to weep there." And Jesus lifted up His eyes and  
 said,  
 "Father, I thank You that You have

32Then, when Mary came where Jesus heard Me.  
 was, and saw Him, she fell down at His  
 feet, saying to Him, "Lord, if You had 4 2And I know that You always

hear Me, been here, my brother would not have but because of the people who are

died." standing by I said this, that they may

believe that You sent Me."

33Therefore, when Jesus saw her

weeping, and the Jews who came with 4 3Now when He had said these things, her weeping, He groaned in the spirit He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus,

and was troubled. come forth!"

4 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus

54Therefore Jesus no longer walked said to them, "Loose him, and let him openly among the Jews, but went from

go." there into the country near the

wilderness, to a city called Ephraim, and

45 there remained with His disciples.

Then many of the Jews who had come

to Mary, and had seen the things Jesus

did, believed in Him. 5 And the Passover of the Jews was

near, and many went from the country

46 up to Jerusalem before the Passover, to

But some of them went away to the

Pharisees and told them the things purify themselves.

Jesus did. 6Then they sought Jesus, and spoke

47 among themselves as they stood in the

Then the chief priests and the

Pharisees gathered a council and said, temple, "What do you think--  
that He will

"What shall we do? For this Man works not come to the feast?" many  
signs.

5 7

Now both the chief priests and the

4 Pharisees had given a command, that if 8 we let Him alone like this,  
everyone

will believe in Him, and the Romans will anyone knew where He was,  
he should

come and take away both our place and report it, that they might  
seize Him. nation."

49And one of them, Caiaphas, being 1 2Then, six days before the

high priest that year, said to them, "You Passover, Jesus came to  
Bethany,

know nothing at all, where Lazarus was who had been dead,

whom He had raised from the dead.

50

nor do you consider that it is expedient

for us that one man should die for the 2 There they made Him a  
supper; and people, and not that the whole nation Martha served, but  
Lazarus was one of

should perish." those who sat at the table with Him.

51Now this he did not say on his own 3Then Mary took a pound of

very costly

authority; but being high priest that year oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of

he prophesied that Jesus would die for Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair.

the nation, And the house was filled with the

fragrance of the oil.

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and not for that nation only, but also

that He would gather together in one the 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, children of God who were scattered Simon's son, who would betray Him,

abroad. said,

53Then, from that day on, they plotted to put Him to death.

515 Why was this fragrant oil not sold for 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, three hundred denarii and given to the your King is coming, Sitting on a

poor?" donkey's colt."

61 6His disciples did not understand these This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and things at first; but when Jesus was

had the money box; and he used to take glorified, then they remembered that

what was put in it. these things were written about Him and

that they had done these things to Him.

7But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 1 7Therefore the people, who were with

Him when He called Lazarus out of his

8 tomb and raised him from the dead, For the poor you have with you  
always,

but Me you do not have always." bore witness.

1 ' For this reason the people also met

'Now a great many of the Jews knew

that He was there; and they came, not Him, because they heard that  
He had

for Jesus' sake only, but that they might done this sign. also see  
Lazarus, whom He had raised

from the dead. 1' The Pharisees therefore said among

themselves, "You see that you are

10But the chief priests plotted to put

accomplishing nothing. Look, the world

Lazarus to death also, has gone after Him!"

1 Now there were certain Greeks among because on account of him  
many of

1 2 0

the Jews went away and believed in those who came up to worship at  
the

Jesus. feast.

1 1Then they came to Philip, who was

2 2

The next day a great multitude that

had come to the feast, when they heard from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked

that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

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3 ook branches of palm trees and went 2 Philip came and told Andrew, and in

out to meet Him, and cried out: turn Andrew and Philip told Jesus.

"Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in 3But Jesus answered them, saying,

the name of the LORD!' The King of 2 Israel!" "The hour has come that the Son of Man

should be glorified.

14Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 2 4Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a

grain of wheat falls into the ground and

dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it

produces much grain.

2 3 5He who loves his life will lose it, and 5Then Jesus said to them, "A little while he who hates his life in this world will longer the light is with you. Walk while

keep it for eternal life. you have the light, lest darkness

overtake you; he who walks in darkness

26 anyone serves Me, let him follow does not know where he is going. Me; and where I am, there My servant

3 6

will be also. If anyone serves Me, him While you have the light,



believe in the

My Father will honor. light, that you may become sons of

light." These things Jesus spoke, and

27 Now My soul is troubled, and what departed, and was hidden from them.

shall I say? "Father, save Me from this

hour"? But for this purpose I came to this 37 But although He had done so many

hour. signs before them, they did not believe

in Him,

28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have 3' that the word of Isaiah the prophet

both glorified it and will glorify it again." might be fulfilled, which he spoke: "Lord,

who has believed our report? And to

29 Therefore the people who stood by whom has the arm of the LORD been

and heard it said that it had thundered. revealed?" Others said, "An angel has spoken to

Him." 3' Therefore they could not believe,

because Isaiah said again:

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Jesus answered and said, "This voice

did not come because of Me, but for 40 He has blinded their eyes and your sake. hardened their hearts, Lest they should

see with their eyes, Lest they should

31 understand with their hearts and turn, Now is the judgment of this world; now

the ruler of this world will be cast out. So that I should heal them."

32And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, <sup>4 1</sup>These things Isaiah said when he saw will draw all peoples to Myself." His glory and spoke of Him.

33This He said, signifying by what death <sup>4 2</sup>Nevertheless even among the rulers He would die. many believed in Him, but because of

the Pharisees they did not confess Him,

34 lest they should be put out of the

The people answered Him, "We have

synagogue;

heard from the law that the Christ

remains forever; and how can You say, <sup>4 3</sup>or they loved the praise of men more "The Son of Man must be lifted up"? Who is this Son of Man?" than the praise of God.

44 <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had

Then Jesus cried out and said, "He

who believes in Me, believes not in Me given all things into His hands, and that

but in Him who sent Me. He had come from God and was going

to God,

45

And he who sees Me sees Him who

sent Me. <sup>4</sup> rose from supper and laid aside His

garments, took a towel and girded

46 have come as a light into the world, Himself. that whoever believes in Me should not

abide in darkness. 5After that, He poured water into a basin

and began to wash the disciples' feet,

47And if anyone hears My words and and to wipe them with the towel with

does not believe, I do not judge him; for which He was girded. I did not come to judge the world but to

save the world. 6Then He came to Simon Peter. And

Peter said to Him, "Lord, are You

4 8He who rejects Me, and does not washing my feet?"

receive My words, has that which judges

him--the word that I have spoken will 7Jesus answered and said to him, "What judge him in the last day. I am doing you do not understand now,

but you will know after this."

49For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me 8Peter said to Him, "You shall never gave Me a command, what I should say wash my feet!" Jesus answered him, "If I

and what I should speak. do not wash you, you have no part with

Me."

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And I know that His command is

everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I 9Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, not my

speak, just as the Father has told Me, feet only, but also my hands and my

so I speak." head!"

Jesus said to him, "He who is bathed  
1 needs only to wash his feet, but is 3Now before the Feast of the  
completely clean; and you are clean, but  
Passover, when Jesus knew that His  
not all of you."

hour had come that He should depart  
from this world to the Father, having 1 loved His own who were in the  
world, For He knew who would betray Him;  
He loved them to the end. therefore He said, "You are not all  
clean."

2And supper being ended, the devil 2 having already put it into the  
heart of 1 So when He had washed their feet,

Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray taken His garments, and sat  
down again,

Him, He said to them, "Do you know what I 2 Then the disciples  
looked at one have done to you? another, perplexed about whom He  
spoke.

13

You call Me Teacher and Lord, and

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you say well, for so I am. Now there was leaning on Jesus'

bosom one of His disciples, whom

14 I then, your Lord and Teacher, have Jesus loved. washed your feet,  
you also ought to

wash one another's feet. Simon Peter therefore motioned to him

to ask who it was of whom He spoke.

15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. 2 5 Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast,

he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?"

16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he 2 6

Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I

who is sent greater than he who sent shall give a piece of bread when I have

him. dipped it." And having dipped the bread,

He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of

17 you know these things, blessed are Simon. you if you do them.

2 7

Now after the piece of bread, Satan

18a do not speak concerning all of you. I entered him. Then Jesus said to him,

know whom I have chosen; but that the "What you do, do quickly." Scripture may be fulfilled, "He who eats

bread with Me has lifted up his heel 2' But no one at the table knew for what against Me.' reason He said this to him.

1 2 9 Now I tell you before it comes, that

' For some thought, because Judas had

when it does come to pass, you may the money box, that Jesus had said to

believe that I am He. him, "Buy those things we need for the

feast," or that he should give something

20Most assuredly, I say to you, he who to the poor.

receives whomever I send receives Me; 30Having received the piece of bread, he

and he who receives Me receives Him

who sent Me." then went out immediately. And it was

night.

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When Jesus had said these things, He

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was troubled in spirit, and testified and So, when he had gone out, Jesus said,

said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one "Now the Son of Man is glorified, and

of you will betray Me." God is glorified in Him.

32 God is glorified in Him, God will also

Myself; that where I am, there you may

glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him be also. immediately.

4 And where I go you know, and the way

33

Little children, I shall be with you a you know."

little while longer. You will seek Me; and

as I said to the Jews, "Where I am going, 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not you cannot come,' so now I say to you. know where You are going, and how

34A new commandment I give to you, can we know the way?"

that you love one another; as I have <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the loved you, that you also love one truth, and the life. No one comes to the

another. Father except through Me.

35By this all will know that you are My <sup>7</sup> If you had known Me, you would have disciples, if you have love for one known My Father also; and from now on

another." you know Him and have seen Him."

36Simon Peter said to Him, "Lord, where

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the

are You going?" Jesus answered him, Father, and it is sufficient for us."

"Where I am going you cannot follow Me

now, but you shall follow Me afterward." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with

37 eter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not you so long, and yet you have not

known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me

follow You now? I will lay down my life has seen the Father; so how can you

for Your sake." say, "Show us the Father?"

3 <sup>1</sup> ' Jesus answered him, "Will you lay <sup>0</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the down your life for My sake? Most Father, and the Father in Me? The

assuredly, I say to you, the rooster shall words that I speak to you I do not speak

not crow till you have denied Me three on My own authority; but the Father who

times. dwells in Me does the works.

1 1 Believe Me that I am in the Father and

1 4 Let not your heart be troubled; the Father in Me, or else believe Me for

you believe in God, believe also in Me. the sake of the works themselves.

2 1 2 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who

In My Father's house are many

mansions; if it were not so, I would have believes in Me, the works that I do he

told you. I go to prepare a place for you. will do also; and greater works than

these he will do, because I go to My

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, Father. I will come again and receive you to 13 And whatever you ask in My name, come to him and make Our home with

that I will do, that the Father may be him. glorified in the Son.

2 4

1 keep My words; and the word which you

4 you ask anything in My name, I will He who does not love Me does not

do it. hear is not Mine but the Father's who



sent Me.

15a you love Me, keep My commandments. "These 254 things I have  
spoken to you

while being present with you.

16And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper,  
that He may 2 6But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom abide with you  
forever-- the Father will send in My name, He will

teach you all things, and bring to your

17The Spirit of truth, whom the world remembrance all things that I  
said to

cannot receive, because it neither sees you. Him nor knows Him; but  
you know Him,

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for He dwells with you and will be in you. Peace I leave with you, My  
peace I

give to you; not as the world gives do I

18a will not leave you orphans; I will give to you. Let not your heart  
be

come to you. troubled, neither let it be afraid.

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" A little while longer and the world will 2 8You have heard Me say to  
you, "I am

see Me no more, but you will see Me. going away and coming back to  
you.' If

Because I live, you will live also. you loved Me, you would rejoice

because I said, "I am going to the

2 Father,' for My Father is greater than I. 0At that day you will know  
that I am in

My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. 2 " And now I have told you before it 21 comes, that when it does come to pass,

He who has My commandments and

you may believe.

keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And

he who loves Me will be loved by My 30 will no longer talk much with you, for

Father, and I will love him and manifest

Myself to him." the ruler of this world is coming, and he

has nothing in Me.

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Judas (not Iscariot) said to Him, "Lord, 31But that the world may know that I love

how is it that You will manifest Yourself

to us, and not to the world?" the Father, and as the Father gave Me

commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go

23 from here.

Jesus answered and said to him, "If

anyone loves Me, he will keep My word;

and My Father will love him, and We will

1 14" These things I have spoken to you,

1 that My joy may remain in you, and that 5 I am the true vine, and My Father

is the vinedresser. your joy may be full.

2 This is My commandment, that you

Every branch in Me that does not bear

love one another as I have loved you.

fruit He takes away; and every branch

that bears fruit He prunes, that it may 1 3 Greater love has no one than this, bear more fruit.

than to lay down one's life for his friends.

3 You are already clean because of the 14 ou are My friends if you do whatever word which I have spoken to you.

I command you.

4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the 5 No longer do I call you servants, for a

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branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless

it abides in the vine, neither can you, servant does not know what his master

unless you abide in Me. is doing; but I have called you friends,

for all things that I heard from My Father

5 I have made known to you. I am the vine, you are the branches.

He who abides in Me, and I in him, 1 6 ou did not choose Me, but I chose bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. you and appointed you that you should

go and bear fruit, and that your fruit

6 should remain, that whatever you ask

If anyone does not abide in Me, he is

the Father in My name He may give you.

cast out as a branch and is withered;

and they gather them and throw them 1 7These things I command you,  
that you into the fire, and they are burned.

love one another.

7If you abide in Me, and My words abide 84a the world hates you, you  
know that

in you, you will ask what you desire, and 1 it shall be done for you. it  
hated Me before it hated you.

8 1' If you were of the world, the world By this My Father is glorified,  
that you bear much fruit; so you will be My would love its own. Yet  
because you are

disciples. not of the world, but I chose you out of

the world, therefore the world hates you.

loved you; abide in My love. "As the Father loved Me, I also have 2  
0Remember the word that I said to you,

"A servant is not greater than his

10 you keep My commandments, you master.' If they persecuted Me,  
they will

also persecute you. If they kept My word,

will abide in My love, just as I have kept

My Father's they will keep yours also. commandments and abide  
in His love.

24 1

But all these things they will do to you But these things I have told  
you, that

for My name's sake, because they do when the time comes, you may  
not know Him who sent Me. remember that I told you of them. "And

these things I did not say to you at the

22 I had not come and spoken to them, beginning, because I was with  
you. they would have no sin, but now they

have no excuse for their sin. 5 But now I go away to Him who sent

Me, and none of you asks Me, "Where

23 are You going?' He who hates Me hates My Father also.

6But because I have said these things to

24) I had not done among them the you, sorrow has filled your heart.  
works which no one else did, they would

have no sin; but now they have seen 7Nevertheless I tell you the truth.  
It is to and also hated both Me and My Father. your advantage that I  
go away; for if I do

not go away, the Helper will not come to

25But this happened that the word might you; but if I depart, I will  
send Him to

be fulfilled which is written in their law, you. "They hated Me without  
a cause.'

8And when He has come, He will convict

26 But when the Helper comes, whom I the world of sin, and of  
righteousness,

shall send to you from the Father, the and of judgment: Spirit of truth

who proceeds from the

Father, He will testify of Me. 'of sin, because they do not believe in

Me;

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And you also will bear witness, O f righteousness, because I go to  
My

because you have been with Me from 1 the beginning. Father and you  
see Me no more;

11 judgment, because the ruler of this

1 world is judged. 6 These things I have spoken to

you, that you should not be made to 2 still have many things to say to  
you,

stumble. 1

but you cannot bear them now.

2They will put you out of the 3However, when He, the Spirit of truth,

synagogues; yes, the time is coming 1 that whoever kills you will think  
that he has come, He will guide you into all

offers God service. truth; for He will not speak on His own

authority, but whatever He hears He will

3And these things they will do to you speak; and He will tell you  
things to come. because they have not known the

Father nor Me.

He will glorify Me, for He will take of rejoice, and your joy no one will take

what is Mine and declare it to you. from you.

1 2 5 All things that the Father has are Mine. 3 'And in that day you will ask Me Therefore I said that He will take of Mine nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you,

and declare it to you. whatever you ask the Father in My

name He will give you.

16 § 4

A little while, and you will not see Me;

2 4

and again a little while, and you will see Until now you have asked nothing in

Me, because I go to the Father." My name. Ask, and you will receive, that

your joy may be full.

17 Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He 254 These things I have spoken to you in says to us, "A little while, and you will figurative language; but the time is

not see Me; and again a little while, and coming when I will no longer speak to

you will see Me'; and, "because I go to you in figurative language, but I will tell

the Father?" you plainly about the Father.

1 2 ' They said therefore, "What is this that 6 n that day you will ask in My name, He says, "A little while'? We do not know and I do not say to you that I shall pray

what He is saying." the Father for you;

12 9 7 or the Father Himself loves you, Now Jesus knew that they desired to

ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you because you have loved Me, and have

inquiring among yourselves about what I believed that I came forth from God. said, "A little while, and you will not see

Me; and again a little while, and you will 2 8a came forth from the Father and have see Me'? come into the world. Again, I leave the

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OMost assuredly, I say to you that you world and go to the Father."

will weep and lament, but the world will 2 ' His disciples said to Him, "See, now rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but You are speaking plainly, and using no

your sorrow will be turned into joy. figure of speech!

21 30Now we are sure that You know all

A woman, when she is in labor, has

sorrow because her hour has come; but things, and have no need that anyone

as soon as she has given birth to the should question You. By this we believe

child, she no longer remembers the that You came forth from God." anguish, for joy that a human being has

been born into the world. 31

Jesus answered them, "Do you now



2 believe? 2Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will 32 ndeed the hour is coming, yes, has 8For I have given to them the words now come, that you will be scattered, which You have given Me; and they

each to his own, and will leave Me alone. have received them, and have known

And yet I am not alone, because the surely that I came forth from You; and

Father is with Me. they have believed that You sent Me.

33These things I have spoken to you, "I pray for them. I do not pray for the

that in Me you may have peace. In the world but for those whom You have

world you will have tribulation; but be of given Me, for they are Yours. good cheer, I have overcome the world."

1 0And all Mine are Yours, and Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them.

1 7Jesus spoke these words, lifted up

His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, 1 1Now I am no longer in the world, but the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, these are in the world, and I come to that Your Son also may glorify You, You. Holy Father, keep through Your

name those whom You have given Me,

2 that they may be one as We are.

as You have given Him authority over

all flesh, that He should give eternal life 12WhiE I was with them in the world, I to as many as You have given Him.

kept them in Your name. Those whom

3And this is eternal life, that they may You gave Me I have kept; and none of them is lost except the son of perdition, know You, the only true God, and Jesus that the Scripture might be fulfilled. Christ whom You have sent.

1 3

4 But now I come to You, and these

1 have glorified You on the earth. I have

finished the work which You have given things I speak in the world, that they

may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

Me to do.

14a have given them Your word; and the

5And now, O Father, glorify Me together

world has hated them because they are

with Yourself, with the glory which I had

not of the world, just as I am not of the

with You before the world was.

world.

6 I have manifested Your name to the 5a do not pray that You should take

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men whom You have given Me out of

the world. They were Yours, You gave them out of the world, but that You

them to Me, and they have kept Your should keep them from the evil one.

word. <sup>16</sup>They are not of the world, just as I am

<sup>7</sup> not of the world. Now they have known that all things

which You have given Me are from You. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word

is truth.

<sup>1'</sup> As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

<sup>1 8</sup> When Jesus had spoken these

<sup>1</sup> words, He went out with His disciples <sup>9</sup>And for their sakes I sanctify Myself,

over the Brook Kidron, where there was

that they also may be sanctified by the a garden, which He and His disciples

truth. entered.

<sup>2 2</sup> Oa do not pray for these alone, but also

And Judas, who betrayed Him, also

for those who will believe in Me through knew the place; for Jesus often met

their word; there with His disciples.

<sup>2 1</sup> hat they all may be one, as You, <sup>3</sup>Then Judas, having received a

Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they detachment of troops, and

officers from

also may be one in Us, that the world the chief priests and Pharisees,  
came

may believe that You sent Me. there with lanterns, torches, and  
weapons.

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And the glory which You gave Me I  
have given them, that they may be one 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all  
things that just as We are one: would come upon Him, went forward  
and said to them, "Whom are you  
23 in them, and You in Me; that they seeking?" may be made perfect in  
one, and that

the world may know that You have sent 5 They answered Him, "Jesus  
of Me, and have loved them as You have Nazareth." Jesus said to  
them, "I am

loved Me. He." And Judas, who betrayed Him, also  
stood with them.

24 'Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me  
where I 6 Now when He said to them, "I am He," am, that they may  
behold My glory they drew back and fell to the ground.

which You have given Me; for You loved

Me before the foundation of the world. 7 Then He asked them again,  
"Whom are 2 you seeking?" And they said, "Jesus of

5 0 righteous Father! The world has not Nazareth."

known You, but I have known You; and

these have known that You sent Me. 8 Jesus answered, "I have told you  
that I

<sup>2</sup> these go their way," <sup>6</sup>And I have declared to them You are He.  
Therefore, if you seek Me, let

name, and will declare it, that the love

with which You loved Me may be in 'that the saying might be fulfilled  
which them, and I in them." He spoke, "Of those whom You gave

Me I have lost none."

<sup>10</sup>Then Simon Peter, having a sword, And Peter stood with them and  
warmed

drew it and struck the high priest's himself. servant, and cut off his  
right ear. The

servant's name was Malchus. <sup>1'</sup> The high priest then asked Jesus

about His disciples and His doctrine.

<sup>11</sup>

So Jesus said to Peter, "Put your  
sword into the sheath. Shall I not drink <sup>20</sup>

Jesus answered him, "I spoke openly  
the cup which My Father has given to the world. I always taught in  
Me?" synagogues and in the temple, where

the Jews always meet, and in secret I

<sup>12</sup>Then the detachment of troops and the have said nothing.

captain and the officers of the Jews

arrested Jesus and bound Him. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Why do you ask Me? Ask those who

have heard Me what I said to them.

<sup>13</sup>And they led Him away to Annas first, Indeed they know what I  
said."

for he was the father-in-law of Caiaphas

who was high priest that year. <sup>22</sup>And when He had said these things,

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Now it was Caiaphas who advised the Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying,

Jews that it was expedient that one man "Do You answer the high priest like

should die for the people. that?"

1 2 5 3

And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and Jesus answered him, "If I have spoken

so did another disciple. Now that evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well,

disciple was known to the high priest, why do you strike Me?" and went with Jesus into the courtyard

of the high priest. 24 Then Annas sent Him bound to

Caiaphas the high priest.

16But Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple, who was known 2 5Now Simon Peter stood and warmed to the high priest, went out and spoke to himself. Therefore they said to him,

her who kept the door, and brought "You are not also one of His disciples,

Peter in. are you?" He denied it and said, "I am

not!"

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Then the servant girl who kept the

door said to Peter, "You are not also 26One of the servants of the high priest, one of this Man's disciples, are you?" He a relative of him whose ear Peter cut off,

said, "I am not." said, "Did I not see you in the garden

with Him?"

1 ' Now the servants and officers who had made a fire of coals stood there, for it 2 7

Peter then denied again; and was cold, and they warmed themselves. immediately a rooster crowed.

2 37

' Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You

the Praetorium, and it was early morning. a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say

But they themselves did not go into the rightly that I am a king. For this cause I

Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, was born, and for this cause I have

but that they might eat the Passover. come into the world, that I should bear

witness to the truth. Everyone who is of

2 the truth hears My voice." ' Pilate then went out to them and said,

"What accusation do you bring against 8Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And

this Man?" 3

when he had said this, he went out

30They answered and said to him, "If He again to the Jews, and said to them, "I

were not an evildoer, we would not have find no fault in Him at all. delivered Him up to you."

3" But you have a custom that I should

31 release someone to you at the Passover.

Then Pilate said to them, "You take

Him and judge Him according to your Do you therefore want me to release to

law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It you the King of the Jews?" is not lawful for us to put anyone to

death," 4 0

Then they all cried again, saying, "Not  
this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas

32 hat the saying of Jesus might be was a robber. fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by

what death He would die.

1 9So then Pilate took Jesus and

33Then Pilate entered the Praetorium scourged Him. again, called Jesus, and said to Him,

"Are You the King of the Jews?" 2

And the soldiers twisted a crown of

34 thorns and put it on His head, and they Jesus answered him, "Are you put on Him a purple robe.

speaking for yourself about this, or did

others tell you this concerning Me?" 3Then they said, "Hail, King of the

3 Jews!" And they struck Him with their 5Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your



hands.

own nation and the chief priests have  
delivered You to me. What have You <sup>4</sup>

Pilate then went out again, and said to  
done?"

them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to

<sup>36</sup> you, that you may know that I find no Jesus answered, "My  
kingdom is not fault in Him."

of this world. If My kingdom were of this  
world, My servants would fight, so that I <sup>5</sup>

Then Jesus came out, wearing the  
should not be delivered to the Jews; but crown of thorns and the  
purple robe.

now My kingdom is not from here."

And Pilate said to them, "Behold the  
Man!"

<sup>6</sup> <sup>14</sup>

Therefore, when the chief priests and Now it was the Preparation Day  
of the

officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, Passover, and about the sixth  
hour. And

"Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to he said to the Jews, "Behold  
your King!"

them, "You take Him and crucify Him,

for I find no fault in Him." <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> But they cried out, "Away with Him,

away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said

7The Jews answered him, "We have a to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The

law, and according to our law He ought chief priests answered, "We have no

to die, because He made Himself the king but Caesar!" Son of God."

1 6Then he delivered Him to them to be

"Therefore, when Pilate heard that crucified. Then they took Jesus and led

saying, he was the more afraid, Him away.

1 7

'and went again into the Praetorium, And He, bearing His cross, went out to

and said to Jesus, "Where are You a place called the Place of a Skull, from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha,

1 1 0Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not 8where they crucified Him, and two speaking to me? Do You not know that I others with Him, one on either side, and

have power to crucify You, and power to Jesus in the center. release You?"

1' Now Pilate wrote a title and put it on

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Jesus answered, "You could have no the cross. And the writing was:  
JESUS

power at all against Me unless it had OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE

been given you from above. Therefore JEWS. the one who delivered

Me to you has

the greater sin." 2 0Then many of the Jews read this title,

1 was near the city; and it was written in

2From then on Pilate sought to release for the place where Jesus was crucified

Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. you let this Man go, you are not

Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself 2 1Therefore the chief priests of the Jews a king speaks against Caesar." said to Pilate, "Do not write, "The King of

the Jews,' but, "He said, "I am the King

13When Pilate therefore heard that of the Jews. ' saying, he brought Jesus out and sat

down in the judgment seat in a place 22Pilate answered, "What I have written, that is called The Pavement, but in I have written." Hebrew, Gabbatha.

2 3Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and

made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was (for that Sabbath was a high day), the

without seam, woven from the top in one Jews asked Pilate that their legs might

piece. be broken, and that they might be taken

away.

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They said therefore among

3 2

themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast Then the soldiers came and

broke the

lots for it, whose it shall be," that the legs of the first and of the other who was

Scripture might be fulfilled which says: crucified with Him. "They divided My garments among them,

And for My clothing they cast lots." 33But when they came to Jesus and saw

Therefore the soldiers did these things. that He was already dead, they did not

break His legs.

25

Now there stood by the cross of Jesus

His mother, and His mother's sister, 34But one of the soldiers pierced His

Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary side with a spear, and immediately Magdalene. blood and water came out.

26 35And he who has seen has testified,

When Jesus therefore saw His mother,

and the disciple whom He loved and his testimony is true; and he knows

standing by, He said to His mother, that he is telling the truth, so that you

"Woman, behold your son!" may believe.

27Then He said to the disciple, "Behold 36 For these things were done that the

your mother!" And from that hour that Scripture should be fulfilled,

"Not one of

disciple took her to his own home. His bones shall be broken."

28After this, Jesus, knowing that all 37

And again another Scripture says,

things were now accomplished, that the "They shall look on Him  
whom they

Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I pierced." thirst!"

2 3' After this, Joseph of Arimathea, being 9Now a vessel full of sour  
wine was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly, for fear

sitting there; and they filled a sponge of the Jews, asked Pilate that he  
might

with sour wine, put it on hyssop, and put take away the body of Jesus;  
and Pilate

it to His mouth. gave him permission. So he came and

took the body of Jesus.

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So when Jesus had received the sour

wine, He said, "It is finished!" And 3' And Nicodemus, who at first  
came to

bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. Jesus by night, also came,  
bringing a

mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a

31Therefore, because it was the hundred pounds.

Preparation Day, that the bodies should

not remain on the cross on the Sabbath 4 7 0Then they took the body

of Jesus, and the handkerchief that had been

bound it in strips of linen with the spices, around His head, not lying with the linen

as the custom of the Jews is to bury. cloths, but folded together in a place by

itself.

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Now in the place where He was

crucified there was a garden, and in the sThen the other disciple, who came to garden a new tomb in which no one had the tomb first, went in also; and he saw

yet been laid. and believed.

42 So there they laid Jesus, because of 'For as yet they did not know the

the Jews' Preparation Day, for the tomb Scripture, that He must rise again from

was nearby. the dead.

1 0Then the disciples went away again to

2 their own homes. ONow the first day of the week

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, 1 But Mary stood outside by the tomb while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the weeping, and as she wept she stooped

tomb. down and looked into the tomb.

2 12 Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, And she saw two angels in

white

and to the other disciple, whom Jesus sitting, one at the head and the other at

loved, and said to them, "They have the feet, where the body of Jesus had

taken away the Lord out of the tomb, Iain. and we do not know where they have

1 3

laid Him." Then they said to her, "Woman, why

are you weeping?" She said to them,

3Peter therefore went out, and the other "Because they have taken away my

disciple, and were going to the tomb. Lord, and I do not know where they

have laid Him."

4So they both ran together, and the 4Now when she had said this, she

other disciple outran Peter and came to 1 the tomb first. turned around and saw Jesus standing

there, and did not know that it was

5 Jesus. And he, stooping down and looking in,

saw the linen cloths lying there; yet he 1 5Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are did not go in.

you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

6 She, supposing Him to be the gardener,

Then Simon Peter came, following him,

said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried

and went into the tomb; and he saw the

linen cloths lying there, Him away, tell me where You have laid

Him, and I will take Him away."

12 6 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned 5 The other disciples  
therefore said to and said to Him, "Rabboni!" (which is to him, "We  
have seen the Lord." So he

say, Teacher). said to them, "Unless I see in His hands

the print of the nails, and put my finger

17 into the print of the nails, and put my

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me,

for I have not yet ascended to My hand into His side, I will not  
believe."

Father; but go to My brethren and say to 6 And after eight days His  
disciples were

them, "I am ascending to My Father and 2 your Father, and to My God  
and your again inside, and Thomas with them.

God." Jesus came, the doors being shut, and

stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to

18 Mary Magdalene came and told the you!"

disciples that she had seen the Lord,

2 7

and that He had spoken these things to Then He said to Thomas,  
"Reach your

her. finger here, and look at My hands; and

reach your hand here, and put it into My

1 side. Do not be unbelieving, but ' Then, the same day at evening,  
being



the first day of the week, when the doors believing." were shut where the disciples were

assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus 2 ' And Thomas answered and said to came and stood in the midst, and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" them, "Peace be with you."

2 ' Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because

20When He had said this, He showed you have seen Me, you have believed.

them His hands and His side. Then the Blessed are those who have not seen

disciples were glad when they saw the and yet have believed." Lord.

2 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace in the presence of His disciples, which

1 30And truly Jesus did many other signs

to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also are not written in this book; send you."

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but these are written that you may

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And when He had said this, He believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son

breathed on them, and said to them, of God, and that believing you may have

"Receive the Holy Spirit. life in His name.

23 you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of 2 1 After these things Jesus showed

any, they are retained." Himself again to the disciples at the Sea

2 of Tiberias, and in this way He showed 4Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of

Himself:

the twelve, was not with them when

Jesus came.

2 11

Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Simon Peter went up and dragged the

Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons net to land, full of large fish, one

of Zebedee, and two others of His hundred and fifty-three; and although

disciples were together. there were so many, the net was not

broken.

3Simon Peter said to them, "I am going 2 1 fishing." They said to him, "We are going Jesus said to them, "Come and eat with you also." They went out and breakfast." Yet none of the disciples

immediately got into the boat, and that dared ask Him, "Who are You?"--

night they caught nothing. knowing that it was the Lord.

4 1 3 But when the morning had now come, Jesus then came and took the bread Jesus stood on the shore; yet the and gave it to them, and likewise the

disciples did not know that it was Jesus. fish.

Then Jesus said to them, "Children, This is now the third time Jesus have you any food?" They answered showed Himself to His disciples after He

Him, "No." was raised from the dead.

61 And He said to them, "Cast the net on 5So when they had eaten breakfast, the right side of the boat, and you will Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son

find some." So they cast, and now they of Jonah, do you love Me more than

were not able to draw it in because of these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You

the multitude of fish. know that I love You." He said to him,

"Feed My lambs."

7Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" Now 1 6He said to him again a second time, when Simon Peter heard that it was the "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?"

Lord, he put on his outer garment (for he He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know

had removed it), and plunged into the that I love You." He said to him, "Tend

sea. My sheep."

81 7 But the other disciples came in the little He said to him the third time, "Simon, boat (for they were not far from land, but son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter

about two hundred cubits), dragging the was grieved because He said to him the

net with fish. third time, "Do you love Me?" And he

said to Him, "Lord, You know all things;

"Then, as soon as they had come to You know that I love You." Jesus said to

land, they saw a fire of coals there, and him, "Feed My sheep. fish laid on it, and bread.

<sup>1</sup> ' Most assuredly, I say to you, when you

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the were younger, you girded yourself and

fish which you have just caught." walked where you wished; but when you

are old, you will stretch out your hands, <sup>2</sup> Jesus said to him, "If I will that he and another will gird you and carry you remain till I come, what is that to you?

where you do not wish." You follow Me."

<sup>1 2 3</sup> ' This

He spoke, signifying by what Then this saying went out among the death he would glorify God. And when brethren that this disciple would not die.

He had spoken this, He said to him, Yet Jesus did not say to him that he

"Follow Me." would not die, but, "If I will that he

remain till I come, what is that to you?"

<sup>20</sup> Then Peter, turning around, saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following, <sup>2 4</sup> This is the disciple who testifies of who also had leaned on His breast at these things, and wrote these things;

the supper, and said, "Lord, who is the and we know that his testimony is true.

one who betrays You?"

25And there are also many other things

21 eter, seeing him, said to Jesus, "But

that Jesus did, which if they were written

Lord, what about this man?" one by one, I suppose that even the

world itself could not contain the books

that would be written. Amen.

# The Christ according to Apostle Mark

<sup>10</sup>

And immediately, coming up from the  
water, He saw the heavens parting and

<sup>1</sup> the Spirit descending upon Him like a The beginning of the gospel of  
Jesus

dove.

Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Then a voice came from heaven, "You

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the Prophets: "Behold, are My beloved Son, in  
whom I am well

I send My messenger before Your face,

pleased."

Who will prepare Your way before You."

<sup>3</sup>"The voice of one crying in the the wilderness. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> mediately the  
Spirit drove Him into wilderness: "Prepare the way of the

LORD; Make His paths straight." <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>And He was there in the  
wilderness <sup>4</sup> forty days, tempted by Satan, and was

John came baptizing in the wilderness with the wild beasts; and the

angels

and preaching a baptism of repentance ministered to Him. for the remission of sins.

1 4

5 Now after John was put in prison,

Then all the land of Judea, and those

Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the  
from Jerusalem, went out to him and

gospel of the kingdom of God,  
were all baptized by him in the Jordan

River, confessing their sins. 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and

6 the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, Now John was clothed with  
camel's

and believe in the gospel."  
hair and with a leather belt around his

waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 1 6And as He walked by the  
Sea of 7 Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his

And he preached, saying, "There

brother casting a net into the sea; for  
comes One after me who is mightier

they were fishermen.  
than I, whose sandal strap I am not

worthy to stoop down and loose. 1 7Then Jesus said to them, "Follow

Me, 8 and I will make you become fishers of

1 indeed baptized you with water, but

men."

He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

1 ' They immediately left their nets and

'It came to pass in those days that

followed Him.

Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee,

and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 1 ' When He had gone a little farther from

there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who 2 '

Now as soon as they had come out of also were in the boat mending their nets. the synagogue, they entered the house

of Simon and Andrew, with James and

20And immediately He called them, and John.

they left their father Zebedee in the boat

with the hired servants, and went after 30 Simon's wife's mother lay sick with But

Him. a fever, and they told Him about her at

once.

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Then they went into Capernaum, and

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immediately on the Sabbath He entered So He came and took her by the hand



the synagogue and taught. and lifted her up, and immediately the

fever left her. And she served them.

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And they were astonished at His 2At evening, when the sun had set,  
they

teaching, for He taught them as one 3 having authority, and not as the  
scribes. brought to Him all who were sick and

those who were demon-possessed.

23Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And  
33And the whole city was gathered

he cried out, together at the door.

2 3 44

saying, "Let us alone! What have we to Then He healed many who  
were sick

do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did with various diseases, and cast  
out

You come to destroy us? I know who many demons; and He did not  
allow the

You are--the Holy One of God!" demons to speak, because they knew

Him.

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But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be

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quiet, and come out of him!" Now in the morning, having risen a

long while before daylight, He went out

26And when the unclean spirit had and departed to a solitary place;  
and

convulsed him and cried out with a loud there He prayed.

voice, he came out of him. 36And Simon and those who were with  
27 Him searched for Him.

Then they were all amazed, so that

they questioned among themselves, 7When they found Him, they said  
to

saying, "What is this? What new 3 doctrine is this? For with authority  
He Him, "Everyone is looking for You." commands even the unclean  
spirits, and

they obey Him." 38But He said to them, "Let us go into

2 also, because for this purpose I have

8And immediately His fame spread the next towns, that I may preach  
there

throughout all the region around Galilee. come forth."

39And He was preaching in their receive them, not even near the  
door.

synagogues throughout all Galilee, and And He preached the word to  
them. casting out demons.

4 Now a leper came to Him, imploring paralytic who was carried by  
four men.

0 3Then they came to Him, bringing a

Him, kneeling down to Him and saying

to Him, "If You are willing, You can 4 And when they could not come

near make me clean." Him because of the crowd, they

4 when they had broken through, they let

1Then Jesus, moved with compassion, uncovered the roof where He was. So

stretched out His hand and touched him, down the bed on which the paralytic was

and said to him, "I am willing; be lying. cleansed."

5When Jesus saw their faith, He said to

42

As soon as He had spoken, the paralytic, "Son, your sins are immediately the leprosy left him, and he forgiven you." was cleansed.

6 And some of the scribes were sitting

43And He strictly warned him and sent there and reasoning in their hearts,

him away at once,

7 Why does this Man speak

44 and said to him, "See that you say blasphemies like this? Who can forgive

nothing to anyone; but go your way, sins but God alone?" show yourself to the priest, and offer for

your cleansing those things which 'But immediately, when Jesus perceived

Moses commanded, as a testimony to in His spirit that they reasoned thus

them." within themselves, He said to them,

"Why do you reason about these things

45However, he went out and began to in your hearts? proclaim it

freely, and to spread the

matter, so that Jesus could no longer 'Which is easier, to say to the paralytic,

openly enter the city, but was outside in "Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say,

deserted places; and they came to Him "Arise, take up your bed and walk"? from every direction.

1 0But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-

2 And again He entered Capernaum -He said to the paralytic,

after some days, and it was heard that

He was in the house. 1 1 say to you, arise, take up your bed,

and go to your house."

2Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to 1 2 mediately he arose, took up the bed,

and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified 2 0But the days will come when the God, saying, "We never saw anything bridegroom will be taken away from

like this!" them, and then they will fast in those

days.

13

Then He went out again by the sea;

2 1

and all the multitude came to Him, and No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth

He taught them. on an old garment; or else the new

piece pulls away from the old, and the

14 tear is made worse.

As He passed by, He saw Levi the son

of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And 2And no one puts new wine into old

He said to him, "Follow Me." So he 2 arose and followed Him. wineskins; or else the new wine bursts

the wineskins, the wine is spilled, and

15Now it happened, as He was dining in the wineskins are ruined. But new wine

Levi's must be put into new wineskins." house, that many tax collectors and sinners also sat together with Jesus

2 3

and His disciples; for there were many, Now it happened that He went through

and they followed Him. the grainfields on the Sabbath; and as

they went His disciples began to pluck

16And when the scribes and Pharisees the heads of grain.

saw Him eating with the tax collectors 4And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look,

and sinners, they said to His disciples, 2 "How is it that He eats and drinks with why do they do what is not lawful on the

tax collectors and sinners?" Sabbath?"

1 2 7 5

When Jesus heard it, He said to them, But He said to them, "Have you never

"Those who are well have no need of a read what David did when he

was in

physician, but those who are sick. I did need and hungry, he and those with

not come to call the righteous, but him: sinners, to repentance."

2 6 how he went into the house of God in

1 ' The disciples of John and of the the days of Abiathar the high priest, and

Pharisees were fasting. Then they came ate the showbread, which is not lawful to

and said to Him, "Why do the disciples eat except for the priests, and also gave

of John and of the Pharisees fast, but some to those who were with him?" Your disciples do not fast?"

2 7

And He said to them, "The Sabbath

1' And Jesus said to them, "Can the was made for man, and not man for the

friends of the bridegroom fast while the Sabbath. bridegroom is with them? As long as

they have the bridegroom with them 2 8 Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord they cannot fast. of the Sabbath."

10 For He healed many, so that as many

3 And He entered the synagogue again, as had afflictions pressed about Him to

and a man was there who had a touch Him.

withered hand. 1

And the unclean spirits, whenever they

2 saw Him, fell down before Him and cried

So they watched Him closely, whether

He would heal him on the Sabbath, so out, saying, "You are the Son of God."

that they might accuse Him. <sup>1</sup> 2But He sternly warned them that they

3And He said to the man who had the should not make Him known.

withered hand, "Step forward." <sup>1</sup> 3And He went up on the mountain and <sup>4</sup> called to Him those He Himself wanted.

Then He said to them, "Is it lawful on

And they came to Him.

the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to

save life or to kill?" But they kept silent. <sup>1</sup> 4Then He appointed twelve, that they

<sup>5</sup> might be with Him and that He might And when He had looked around at

them with anger, being grieved by the send them out to preach,

hardness of their hearts, He said to the <sup>1</sup> 5and to have power to heal sicknesses man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and his hand was and to cast out demons: restored as whole as the other.

<sup>1</sup> 6

Simon, to whom He gave the name

<sup>6</sup> Peter; Then the Pharisees went out and immediately plotted with the Herodians

against Him, how they might destroy <sup>1</sup> 7

James the son of Zebedee and John

Him. the brother of James, to whom He gave

the name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of

7 Thunder"; But Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from

Galilee followed Him, and from Judea 18Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew,

Thomas, James the son of Alphaeus,

8 Thaddaeus, Simon the Cananite; and Jerusalem and Idumea and beyond the Jordan; and those from Tyre and

Sidon, a great multitude, when they 1 ' and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed heard how many things He was doing, Him. And they went into a house. came to Him.

2 0

Then the multitude came together

'So He told His disciples that a small again, so that they could not so much as

boat should be kept ready for Him eat bread. because of the multitude, lest they

should crush Him.

21 32And a multitude was sitting around

But when His own people heard about

this, they went out to lay hold of Him, for Him; and they said to Him, "Look, Your

they said, "He is out of His mind." mother and Your brothers are outside

seeking You."

22

And the scribes who came down from



Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebub," But He answered them, saying,  
"Who

and, "By the ruler of the demons He is My mother, or My brothers?"  
casts out demons."

And He looked around in a circle at

23

So He called them to Himself and said those who sat about Him,  
and said,

to them in parables: "How can Satan "Here are My mother and My  
brothers!

cast out Satan?

For whoever does the will of God is My

24 a kingdom is divided against itself,

brother and My sister and mother."

that kingdom cannot stand.

25 And if a house is divided against itself,

4 And again He began to teach by the

that house cannot stand.

sea. And a great multitude was gathered

2 to Him, so that He got into a boat and 6 And if Satan has risen up  
against

sat in it on the sea; and the whole

himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, multitude was on the land facing the sea.

but has an end.

2 No one can enter a strong man's parables, and said to them in His

7 2 Then He taught them many things by

house and plunder his goods, unless he teaching: first binds the strong man. And then he

will plunder his house. 3 "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to

SOW.

2 " Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be

forgiven the sons of men, and whatever 4 And it happened, as he sowed, that blasphemies they may utter; some seed fell by the wayside; and the

2 birds of the air came and devoured it.

' but he who blasphemes against the

Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is 5

Some fell on stony ground, where it did

subject to eternal condemnation"--

not have much earth; and immediately it

30 because they said, "He has an sprang up because it had no depth of

earth.

unclean spirit."

1 Then His brothers and His mother 6 But when the sun was up it was  
 scorched, and because it had no root it  
 came, and standing outside they sent to withered away. Him, calling  
 Him.

7 17

And some seed fell among thorns; and and they have no root in  
 themselves,

the thorns grew up and choked it, and it and so endure only for a  
 time. Afterward,

yielded no crop. when tribulation or persecution arises

for the word's sake, immediately they

8 stumble. But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that  
 sprang up, increased

1 8

and produced: some thirtyfold, some Now these are the ones sown  
 among

sixty, and some a hundred." thorns; they are the ones who hear the

word,

'And He said to them, "He who has ears

to hear, let him hear!" 1 ' and the cares of this world, the

deceitfulness of riches, and the desires

10 for other things entering in choke the

But when He was alone, those around

Him with the twelve asked Him about word, and it becomes  
 unfruitful.

the parable. 0But these are the ones sown on good

2

11 ground, those who hear the word,

And He said to them, "To you it has

been given to know the mystery of the accept it, and bear fruit: some  
thirtyfold,

kingdom of God; but to those who are some sixty, and some a  
hundred." outside, all things come in parables,

2 1

Also He said to them, "Is a lamp

12 brought to be put under a basket or

so that "Seeing they may see and not

perceive, And hearing they may hear under a bed? Is it not to be set  
on a

and not understand; Lest they should lampstand? turn, And their sins  
be forgiven them."

2 For there is nothing hidden which will

13 not be revealed, nor has anything been

And He said to them, "Do you not

understand this parable? How then will kept secret but that it should  
come to

you understand all the parables? light.

1

4The sower sows the word. 2 3 anyone has ears to hear, let him

hear."

15 And these are the ones by the wayside 2 where the word is sown.  
When they Then He said to them, "Take heed 4

hear, Satan comes immediately and what you hear. With the same  
measure

takes away the word that was sown in you use, it will be measured to  
you; and

their hearts. to you who hear, more will be given.

1

6These likewise are the ones sown on 2 5For whoever has, to him  
more will be

stony ground who, when they hear the given; but whoever does not  
have, even

word, immediately receive it with what he has will be taken away  
from

gladness; him."

26And He said, "The kingdom of God is 36Now when they had left the  
multitude,

as if a man should scatter seed on the they took Him along in the boat  
as He

ground, was. And other little boats were also

with Him.

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and should sleep by night and rise by

37

day, and the seed should sprout and And a great windstorm arose, and  
the

grow, he himself does not know how. waves beat into the boat, so that  
it was

already filling.

2 ' For the earth yields crops by itself: first the blade, then the head,  
after that the 3' But He was in the stern, asleep on a

full grain in the head. pillow. And they awoke Him and said to

Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we

2 are perishing?" ' But when the grain ripens, immediately

he puts in the sickle, because the 3' Then harvest has come." He arose  
and rebuked the wind,

and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!"

30Then He said, "To what shall we liken And the wind ceased and  
there was a

the kingdom of God? Or with what great calm.

parable shall we picture it? 0But He said to them, "Why are you so

4

3 1 is like a mustard seed which, when it fearful? How is it that you  
have no

is sown on the ground, is smaller than faith?" all the seeds on earth;

41

And they feared exceedingly, and said

32 to one another, "Who can this be, that but when it is sown, it grows  
up and

becomes greater than all herbs, and even the wind and the sea obey  
Him!"

shoots out large branches, so that the

birds of the air may nest under its

shade." <sup>5</sup>Then they came to the other side of

<sup>33</sup>And with many such parables He the sea, to the country of the Gadarenes.

spoke the word to them as they were <sup>2</sup>

And when He had come out of the boat,  
able to hear it.

immediately there met Him out of the

<sup>34</sup>But without a parable He did not speak to a man with an unclean spirit, to them. And when they were alone, He <sup>3</sup>

who had his dwelling among the tombs;  
explained all things to His disciples.

and no one could bind him, not even

<sup>35</sup> with chains, On the same day, when evening had come, He said to them, "Let us cross <sup>4</sup>

because he had often been bound with  
over to the other side."

shackles and chains. And the chains  
had been pulled apart by him, and the shackles broken in pieces;  
neither could And they went out to see what it was  
anyone tame him. that had happened.

<sup>5 1</sup> And always, night and day, he was in <sup>5</sup>Then they came to Jesus, and saw the the mountains and in the tombs, crying one who had

been demon-possessed

out and cutting himself with stones. and had the legion, sitting and clothed

and in his right mind. And they were

6 afraid. When he saw Jesus from afar, he ran

and worshiped Him. 6 And those who saw it told them how it

1

7 happened to him who had been demon- And he cried out with a loud voice and

said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus, possessed, and about the swine. Son of the Most High God? I implore

You by God that You do not torment 1 7 Then they began to plead with Him to me." depart from their region.

'For He said to him, "Come out of the 1 ' And when He got into the boat, he who man, unclean spirit!" had been demon-possessed begged

Him that he might be with Him.

"Then He asked him, "What is your

name?" And he answered, saying, "My 1 ' However, Jesus did not permit him, name is Legion; for we are many." but said to him, "Go home to your

friends, and tell them what great things

10 Also he begged Him earnestly that He the Lord has done for you, and how He

would not send them out of the country. has had compassion on you."



1 2 0 1 And he departed and began to Now a large herd of swine was feeding there near the mountains. proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had

done for him; and all marveled.

12 So all the demons begged Him, saying, 2 "Send us to the swine, that we may 1 Now when Jesus had crossed over

enter them." again by boat to the other side, a great

multitude gathered to Him; and He was

1 by the sea. 3 And at once Jesus gave them

permission. Then the unclean spirits 2 And behold, one of the rulers of the went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd synagogue came, Jairus by name. And

ran violently down the steep place into when he saw Him, he fell at His feet the sea, and drowned in the sea.

2 3

and begged Him earnestly, saying,

14 "My little daughter lies at the point of

so those who fed the swine fled, and

they told it in the city and in the country. death. Come and lay Your hands on her,

that she may be healed, and she will 34 And He said to her, "Daughter, your

live." faith has made you well. Go in peace,

and be healed of your affliction."

24

So Jesus went with him, and a great

multitude followed Him and thronged While He was still speaking,  
some

Him. came from the ruler of the synagogue's

house who said, "Your daughter is dead.

25 Why trouble the Teacher any further?"

Now a certain woman had a flow of

blood for twelve years, 36As soon as Jesus heard the word that

26and had suffered many things from was spoken, He said to the ruler  
of the

many physicians. She had spent all that synagogue, "Do not be afraid;  
only

she had and was no better, but rather believe."

grew worse. 37And He permitted no one to follow Him

27 except Peter, James, and John the

When she heard about Jesus, she

came behind Him in the crowd and brother of James.

touched His garment. 8Then He came to the house of the

28For she said, "If only I may touch His ruler of the synagogue, and  
saw a

clothes, I shall be made well." tumult and those who wept and wailed

loudly.

2' Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body When He came in, He said to them, 39

that she was healed of the affliction. "Why make this commotion and weep?

The child is not dead, but sleeping."

30And Jesus, immediately knowing in 40And they ridiculed Him. But when He Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, had put them all outside, He took the

"Who touched My clothes?" father and the mother of the child, and

those who were with Him, and entered

31But His disciples said to Him, "You see where the child was lying.

the multitude thronging You, and You 41Then He took the child by the hand, say, "Who touched Me?"

and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is

32 translated, "Little girl, I say to you,

And He looked around to see her who

arise."

had done this thing.

33 4 2 mediately the girl arose and walked,

But the woman, fearing and trembling,

for she was twelve years of age. And

knowing what had happened to her,

they were overcome with great

came and fell down before Him and told

amazement.

Him the whole truth.

43But He commanded them strictly that no bread, no copper in their  
money

no one should know it, and said that belts--something should be given  
her to eat.

9but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

6Then He went out from there and

came to His own country, and His Also He said to them, "In whatever 1  
0

disciples followed Him. place you enter a house, stay there till

you depart from that place.

2And when the Sabbath had come, He 1 began to teach in the  
synagogue. And 1 And whoever will not receive you nor

many hearing Him were astonished, hear you, when you depart from  
there,

saying, "Where did this Man get these shake off the dust under your  
feet as a

things? And what wisdom is this which testimony against them.  
Assuredly, I say

is given to Him, that such mighty works to you, it will be more  
tolerable for

are performed by His hands! Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of

judgment than for that city!"

Els this not the carpenter, the Son of 12 Mary, and brother of James,

Joses, So they went out and preached that

Judas, and Simon? And are not His people should repent. sisters here with us?" So they were

offended at Him. <sup>13</sup>And they cast out many demons, and

anointed with oil many who were sick,

<sup>4</sup> and healed them. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own

country, among his own relatives, and in <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Now King Herod heard of Him, for His his own house." name had become well known. And he

said, "John the Baptist is risen from the

<sup>5</sup> dead, and therefore these powers are at Now He could do no mighty work there,

except that He laid His hands on a few work in him." sick people and healed them.

<sup>15</sup>

o thers said, "It is Elijah." And others

<sup>6</sup> said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the And He marveled because of their

unbelief. Then He went about the prophets." villages in a circuit, teaching.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>But when Herod heard, he said, "This

<sup>7</sup> is John, whom I beheaded; he has been And He called the twelve to Himself,

and began to send them out two by two, raised from the dead!" and gave them power over unclean

spirits. <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>For Herod himself had sent and laid

hold of John, and bound him in prison

8 for the sake of Herodias, his brother He commanded them to take nothing

for the journey except a staff--no bag, Philip's wife; for he had married her. 12 7 mediately ' Because John had said to Herod, "It is the king sent an not lawful for you to have your brother's executioner and commanded his head

wife." to be brought. And he went and

beheaded him in prison,

1 ' Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could 2 8brought his head on a platter, and not; gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to

her mother.

20 or Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he 2 ' When his disciples heard of it, they protected him. And when he heard him, came and took away his corpse and laid

he did many things, and heard him it in a tomb. gladly.

30Then the apostles gathered to Jesus

21Then an opportune day came when and told Him all things, both what they

Herod on his birthday gave a feast for had done and what they had taught. his nobles, the high officers, and the

chief men of Galilee. 31And He said to them, "Come aside by

yourselves to a deserted place and rest

22 And when Herodias' daughter herself a while." For there were many coming

came in and danced, and pleased and going, and they did not even have

Herod and those who sat with him, the time to eat. king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever

you want, and I will give it to you." 32 So they departed to a deserted place

He also swore to her, "Whatever you

ask me, I will give you, up to half my 33 But the multitudes saw them departing, kingdom." and many knew Him and ran there on

foot from all the cities. They arrived

24 So she went out and said to her before them and came together to Him.

mother, "What shall I ask?" And she

said, "The head of John the Baptist!" 34 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a

great multitude and was moved with

25 mediately she came in with haste to compassion for them, because they

the king and asked, saying, "I want you were like sheep not having a shepherd.

to give me at once the head of John the So He began to teach them many things.

Baptist on a platter."

35 When the day was now far spent, His

26 And the king was exceedingly sorry; disciples came to Him and said, "This is

yet, because of the oaths and because a deserted place, and already the hour

of those who sat with him, he did not is late. want to refuse her.

36 Send them away, that they may go 46 And when He had sent them away, He into the surrounding country and villages departed to the mountain to pray. and buy themselves bread; for they

have nothing to eat." 7 4 Now when evening came, the boat

37 He answered and said to them, But was in the middle of the sea;  
and He was alone on the land.

"You give them something to eat." And

they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy 4 8Then He saw them straining  
at rowing, two hundred denarii worth of bread and for the wind was  
against them. Now

give them something to eat?" about the fourth watch of the night He

38But He said to them, "How many came to them, walking on the sea,  
and

would have passed them by.

loaves do you have? Go and see." And

when they found out they said, "Five, 4 ' And when they saw Him  
walking on and two fish." the sea, they supposed it was a ghost,

and cried out;

3 ' Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on  
the green 50 or they all saw Him and were troubled. grass. But  
immediately He talked with them

4 is I; do not be afraid." 0So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and  
said to them, "Be of good cheer! It

and in fifties.

51

Then He went up into the boat to them,

4 1

And when He had taken the five and the wind ceased. And they  
were



loaves and the two fish, He looked up to greatly amazed in themselves beyond

heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, measure, and marveled. and gave them to His disciples to set

before them; and the two fish He divided <sup>52</sup>For they had not understood about the among them all. loaves, because their heart was hardened.

42

So they all ate and were filled.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they

<sup>43</sup>And they took up twelve baskets full of came to the land of Gennesaret and

fragments and of the fish. anchored there.

44 <sup>54</sup>

Now those who had eaten the loaves And when they came out of the boat,

were about five thousand men. immediately the people recognized Him,

<sup>4 5</sup> <sup>5</sup> immediately He made His disciples get <sup>5</sup> an through that whole surrounding into the boat and go before Him to the region, and began to carry about on

other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent beds those who were sick to wherever

the multitude away. they heard He was.

<sup>5 8</sup> <sup>6</sup>Wherever He entered, into villages, For laying aside the commandment of

cities, or the country, they laid the sick in God, you hold the tradition

of men --the

the marketplaces, and begged Him that washing of pitchers and cups,  
and many

they might just touch the hem of His other such things you do."  
garment. And as many as touched Him

were made well. 'He said to them, "All too well you reject

the commandment of God, that you may

keep your tradition.

7Then the Pharisees and some of the

1 0For Moses said, "Honor your father

scribes came together to Him, having

come from Jerusalem. and your mother'; and, "He who curses

father or mother, let him be put to

2 death.' Now when they saw some of His

disciples eat bread with defiled, that is, 1 But you say, "If a man says to  
his with unwashed hands, they found fault.

father or mother, "Whatever profit you

3For the Pharisees and all the Jews do might have received from me is  
Corban"--' (that is, a gift to God), not eat unless they wash their hands  
in

a special way, holding the tradition of

the elders. then you no longer let him do anything 12

for his father or his mother,

4When they come from the marketplace, 3 aking the word of God of

no effect

they do not eat unless they wash. And <sup>1</sup> there are many other things which they through your tradition which you have

have received and hold, like the handed down. And many such things washing of cups, pitchers, copper you do." vessels, and couches.

<sup>1</sup> 4

When He had called all the multitude

<sup>5</sup> to Himself, He said to them, "Hear Me, Then the Pharisees and scribes asked

Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk everyone, and understand: according to the tradition of the elders,

but eat bread with unwashed hands?" <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> There is nothing that enters a man

from outside which can defile him; but

<sup>6</sup> He answered and said to them, "Well the things which come out of him, those

did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, are the things that defile a man. as it is written: "This people honors Me

with their lips, But their heart is far from <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> anyone has ears to hear, let him Me. hear!"

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching <sup>7</sup> When He had entered a house away as doctrines the commandments of from the crowd, His disciples asked Him

men.' concerning the parable.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> ' So He said to them, "Are you thus <sup>8</sup> And she answered and said to Him, without understanding also? Do you not "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs under

perceive that whatever enters a man the table eat from the children's

from outside cannot defile him, crumbs."

12 ' because it does not enter his heart but ' Then He said to her, "For this saying his stomach, and is eliminated, thus go your way; the demon has gone out of

purifying all foods?" your daughter."

20And He said, "What comes out of a 30And when she had come to her house,

man, that defiles a man. she found the demon gone out, and her

daughter lying on the bed.

21

For from within, out of the heart of men, 31Again, departing from the region of

proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Tyre and Sidon, He came through the

midst of the region of Decapolis to the

22 Sea of Galilee.

hefts, covetousness, wickedness,

deceit, lewdness, an evil eye,

32

blasphemy, pride, foolishness. Then they brought to Him one who

was deaf and had an impediment in his

23All these evil things come from within speech, and they begged Him to put His

and defile a man." hand on him.

2 33 4 And He took him aside from the From there He arose and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And He multitude, and put His fingers in his ears,

entered a house and wanted no one to and He spat and touched his tongue.

know it, but He could not be hidden.

34

Then, looking up to heaven, He sighed,

25For a woman whose young daughter and said to him, "Ephphatha,"  
that is,

had an unclean spirit heard about Him, "Be opened."

and she came and fell at His feet. 5 mediately his ears were opened,

3

26 and the impediment of his tongue was

The woman was a Greek, a Syro-  
Phoenician by birth, and she kept asking loosed, and he spoke plainly.

Him to cast the demon out of her 6Then He commanded them that they

daughter. 3

should tell no one; but the more He

27But Jesus said to her, "Let the children commanded them, the more  
widely they

be filled first, for it is not good to take the proclaimed it. children's  
bread and throw it to the little

dogs." 37And they were astonished beyond

measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He makes both the deaf

to 10 mediately got into the boat with His hear and the mute to speak."  
disciples, and came to the region of  
Dalmanutha.

8In those days, the multitude being 1 Then the Pharisees came out and  
began to dispute with Him, seeking from  
very great and having nothing to eat,

Him a sign from heaven, testing Him.

Jesus called His disciples to Him and

said to them, 1 2But He sighed deeply in His spirit, and

2 said, "Why does this generation seek a I have compassion on the  
multitude,

because they have now continued with sign? Assuredly, I say to you,  
no sign

shall be given to this generation."

Me three days and have nothing to eat.

3 1 3And He left them, and getting into the

And if I send them away hungry to their

own houses, they will faint on the way; boat again, departed to the  
other side.

for some of them have come from afar." 1 4Now the disciples had  
forgotten to take

4 bread, and they did not have more than Then His disciples  
answered Him,

one loaf with them in the boat.

"How can one satisfy these people with

bread here in the wilderness?" <sup>15</sup>Then He charged them, saying, "Take

<sup>5</sup> heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the leaven of Herod. He asked them, "How many loaves do

Pharisees and the leaven of Herod."

you have?" And they said, "Seven."

<sup>16</sup>And they reasoned among themselves,

<sup>6</sup>So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the saying, "It is because we have no

seven loaves and gave thanks, broke bread."

them and gave them to His disciples to <sup>17</sup>But Jesus, being aware of it, said to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. then, "Why do you reason because you

have no bread? Do you not yet perceive

<sup>7</sup> nor understand? Is your heart still

They also had a few small fish; and

having blessed them, He said to set before them

them also before them. <sup>18</sup>Having eyes, do you not see? And

<sup>8</sup> having ears, do you not hear? And do So they ate and were filled, and they

took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.

<sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the

'Now those who had eaten were about five thousand, how many baskets full of

four thousand. And He sent them away, fragments did you take up?"  
They said

to Him, "Twelve."

23 0a Also, when I broke the seven for the 0Then He strictly warned them that they four thousand, how many large baskets should tell no one about Him. full of fragments did you take up?" And

they said, "Seven." 31And He began to teach them that the

Son of Man must suffer many things,

21

So He said to them, "How is it you do and be rejected by the elders and chief

not understand?" priests and scribes, and be killed, and

after three days rise again.

22

Then He came to Bethsaida; and they 32He spoke this word openly.  
Then Peter

brought a blind man to Him, and begged

Him to touch him. took Him aside and began to rebuke

Him.

23

So He took the blind man by the hand 33But when He had turned around and

and led him out of the town. And when

He had spit on his eyes and put His looked at His disciples, He rebuked

hands on him, He asked him if he saw Peter, saying, "Get behind Me,



Satan!

anything. For you are not mindful of the things of

God, but the things of men."

24

And he looked up and said, "I see men

34

like trees, walking." When He had called the people to

Himself, with His disciples also, He said

25 Then He put His hands on his eyes to them, "Whoever desires to  
come after

again and made him look up. And he Me, let him deny himself, and  
take up

was restored and saw everyone clearly. his cross, and follow Me.

2 35 6 For whoever desires to save his life Then He sent him away to  
his house, saying, "Neither go into the town, nor tell will lose it, but  
whoever loses his life for

anyone in the town." My sake and the gospel's will save it.

27 36 For what will it profit a man if he gains

Now Jesus and His disciples went out

to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and the whole world, and loses his  
own

on the road He asked His disciples, soul?

am?" what will a man give in exchange 37 Or saying to them, "Who do  
men say that I

So they answered, "John the Baptist;  
but some say, Elijah; and others, one of 3' For whoever is ashamed of  
Me and  
the prophets." My words in this adulterous and sinful  
generation, of him the Son of Man also

2 will be ashamed when He comes in the ' He said to them, "But who  
do you say

that I am?" Peter answered and said to glory of His Father with the  
holy angels."

Him, "You are the Christ."

10So they kept this word to themselves,

9 questioning what the rising from the And He said to them,  
"Assuredly, I

dead meant.

say to you that there are some standing

here who will not taste death till they see 1 the kingdom of God  
present with And they asked Him, saying, "Why do

power." the scribes say that Elijah must come

first?"

2Now after six days Jesus took Peter, 2 James, and John, and led them  
up on a 1 Then He answered and told them,

high mountain apart by themselves; and "Indeed, Elijah is coming first  
and

He was transfigured before them. restores all things. And how is it  
written

3His must suffer many things and be treated clothes became shining,  
with contempt? exceedingly white, like snow, such as no

launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>1</sup> 3But I say to you that Elijah has  
also

<sup>4</sup> come, and they did to him whatever they And Elijah appeared to  
them with

wished, as it is written of him."

Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>5</sup> And when He came to the disciples,

Then Peter answered and said to Jesus,

He saw a great multitude around them,

"Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; and

let us make three tabernacles: one for and scribes disputing with them.

You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"- <sup>1</sup> 5 mediately, when they saw  
Him, all

the people were greatly amazed, and

<sup>6</sup> running to Him, greeted Him.

because he did not know what to say,

for they were greatly afraid. <sup>1</sup> 6And He asked the scribes, "What are

<sup>7</sup> you discussing with them?" And a cloud came and overshadowed

them; and a voice came out of the cloud, <sup>1</sup> 7 Then one of the crowd answered and saying, "This is My beloved Son. Hear Him!" said, "Teacher, I brought You my son,

who has a mute spirit.

<sup>8</sup> Suddenly, when they had looked <sup>8</sup> And wherever it seizes him, it throws

around, they saw no one anymore, but <sup>1</sup> only Jesus with themselves. him down; he foams at the mouth,

gnashes his teeth, and becomes rigid.

'Now as they came down from the So I spoke to Your disciples, that they

mountain, He commanded them that should cast it out, but they could not."

they should tell no one the things they <sup>1</sup> ' He answered him and said, "O had seen, till the Son of Man had risen from the dead. faithless generation, how long shall I be

with you? How long shall I bear with <sup>2</sup> ' So He said to them, "This kind can you? Bring him to Me." come out by nothing but prayer and

fasting."

<sup>20</sup> Then they brought him to Him. And

<sup>30</sup>

when he saw Him, immediately the spirit Then they departed from there and

convulsed him, and he fell on the passed through Galilee, and He did not

ground and wallowed, foaming at the want anyone to know it. mouth.

For He taught His disciples and said to

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So He asked his father, "How long has them, "The Son of Man is being

this been happening to him?" And he betrayed into the hands of men, and

said, "From childhood. they will kill Him. And after He is killed,

He will rise the third day."

22And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. 32But they did not understand this saying,

But if You can do anything, have and were afraid to ask Him. compassion on us and help us."

33Then He came to Capernaum. And

23Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, when He was in the house He asked

all things are possible to him who them, "What was it you disputed among

believes." yourselves on the road?"

24 mediately the father of the child 34

But they kept silent, for on the road

cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I they had disputed among themselves

believe; help my unbelief!" who would be the greatest.

25 35

When Jesus saw that the people came And He sat down, called the

twelve,

running together, He rebuked the and said to them, "If anyone desires to

unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and be first, he shall be last of all and

dumb spirit, I command you, come out servant of all." of him and enter him no more!"

36Then He took a little child and set him

26Then the spirit cried out, convulsed in the midst of them. And when He had

him greatly, and came out of him. And taken him in His arms, He said to them,

he became as one dead, so that many

said, "He is dead." 3 7a Whoever receives one of these little

children in My name receives Me; and

27

But Jesus took him by the hand and whoever receives Me, receives not Me

lifted him up, and he arose. but Him who sent Me."

2 ' And when He had come into the house, 38Now John answered Him, saying,

His disciples asked Him privately, "Why "Teacher, we saw someone who does

could we not cast it out?" not follow us casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he than having two eyes, to be cast into

does not follow us." hell fire--

39 But Jesus said, "Do not forbid him, for 48 where "Their worm does not die And no one who works a miracle in My name the fire is not quenched.' can soon afterward speak evil of Me.

4 "" For everyone will be seasoned with

40

For he who is not against us is on our fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned

side. with salt.

4 5 10 Salt is good, but if the salt loses its For whoever gives you a cup of water

to drink in My name, because you flavor, how will you season it? Have salt

belong to Christ, assuredly, I say to you, in yourselves, and have peace with one

he will by no means lose his reward. another."

42 But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it 1 O Then He arose from there and would be better for him if a millstone

came to the region of Judea by the other

were hung around his neck, and he side of the Jordan. And multitudes were thrown into the sea. gathered to Him again, and as He was

4 accustomed, He taught them again. 3 your hand causes you to sin, cut it

off. It is better for you to enter into life 2 The Pharisees came and asked Him, maimed, rather than having two hands, "Is it lawful for a man to

divorce his

to go to hell, into the fire that shall never wife?" testing Him. be quenched--

4 3And He answered and said to them, 4 where "Their worm does not die And "What did Moses command you?" the fire is not quenched.'

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5And if your foot causes you to sin, cut 4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to

write a certificate of divorce, and to

it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, dismiss her." rather than having two feet, to be cast

into hell, into the fire that shall never be 5

And Jesus answered and said to them,

quenched--

"Because of the hardness of your heart

4 he wrote you this precept. 6where "Their worm does not die And the fire is not quenched.' 6

But from the beginning of the creation,

4 God "made them male and female.' 7And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter

the kingdom of God with one eye, rather 7 For this reason a man shall leave his and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what

father and mother and be joined to his shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"



wife,

18

So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call

sand the two shall become one flesh'; so Me good? No one is good but One, that

then they are no longer two, but one is, God. flesh.

1 ' You know the commandments: "Do

'Therefore what God has joined not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' together, let not man separate." "Do not steal,' "Do not bear false

witness,' "Do not defraud,' "Honor your

10 n the house His disciples also asked father and your mother."

Him again about the same matter. 0And he answered and said to Him,

2

11 "Teacher, all these things I have kept

So He said to them, "Whoever

divorces his wife and marries another from my youth." commits adultery against her.

21

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him,

12And if a woman divorces her husband and said to him, "One thing you lack: Go

and marries another, she commits your way, sell whatever you have and

adultery." give to the poor, and you will have

treasure in heaven; and come, take up

13 the cross, and follow Me."

Then they brought little children to Him,

that He might touch them; but the 2 But he was sad at this word, and went disciples rebuked those who brought them. away sorrowful, for he had great

possessions.

14 But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly 2 displeased and said to them, "Let the 3Then Jesus looked around and said to

little children come to Me, and do not His disciples, "How hard it is for those

forbid them; for of such is the kingdom who have riches to enter the kingdom of

of God. God!"

1 And the disciples were astonished at

5Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does 24

not receive the kingdom of God as a His words. But Jesus answered again

little child will by no means enter it." and said to them, "Children, how hard it

is for those who trust in riches to enter

1 the kingdom of God! 6And He took them up in His arms, laid

His hands on them, and blessed them. 2 5It is easier for a camel to go through

1 the eye of a needle than for a rich man 7Now as He was going out on the road,

to enter the kingdom of God."

one came running, knelt before Him, <sup>26</sup>And they were greatly astonished, <sup>34</sup>and they will mock Him, and scourge

saying among themselves, "Who then Him, and spit on Him, and kill Him. And

can be saved?" the third day He will rise again."

<sup>23</sup> 75

But Jesus looked at them and said, Then James and John, the sons of

"With men it is impossible, but not with Zebedee, came to Him, saying, God; for with God all things are "Teacher, we want You to do for us

possible." whatever we ask."

<sup>28</sup>Then Peter began to say to Him, "See, <sup>36</sup>And He said to them, "What do you

we have left all and followed You." want Me to do for you?"

<sup>23</sup> 7 '

So Jesus answered and said, They said to Him, "Grant us that we

"Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one may sit, one on Your right hand and the

who has left house or brothers or sisters other on Your left, in Your glory." or father or mother or wife or children or

lands, for My sake and the gospel's, <sup>3'</sup> But Jesus said to them, "You do not

30who shall not receive a hundredfold know what you ask. Are you able to

drink the cup that I drink, and be

now in this time--houses and brothers baptized with the baptism that I am

and sisters and mothers and children baptized with?" and lands, with persecutions--and in the

age to come, eternal life. 3' They said to Him, "We are able." So

Jesus said to them, "You will indeed

31

But many who are first will be last, and drink the cup that I drink, and with the

the last first." baptism I am baptized with you will be

baptized;

32

Now they were on the road, going up

4 0

to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going but to sit on My right hand and on My

before them; and they were amazed. left is not Mine to give, but it is for those

And as they followed they were afraid. for whom it is prepared." Then He took the twelve aside again

and began to tell them the things that 4 1And when the ten heard it, they began would happen to Him: to be greatly displeased with James and

John.

33 Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem,

and the Son of Man will be betrayed to 4 2But Jesus called them to Himself and the chief priests and to the scribes; and said to them, "You know that those who

they will condemn Him to death and are considered rulers over the Gentiles

deliver Him to the Gentiles; lord it over them, and their great ones

exercise authority over them.

43Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great 1 1 Now when they drew near among you shall be your servant.

Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany,

4 at the Mount of Olives, He sent two of 4 And whoever of you desires to be first His disciples;

shall be slave of all.

2 and He said to them, "Go into the

45 For even the Son of Man did not come village opposite you; and as soon as

to be served, but to serve, and to give you have entered it you will find a colt

His life a ransom for many." tied, on which no one has sat. Loose it

and bring it.

46Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a 3And if anyone says to you, "Why are

great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the you doing this?' say, "The Lord has

son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. need of it,' and immediately he will send

it here."

And when he heard that it was Jesus

of Nazareth, he began to cry out and 4 So they went their way, and found the say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy colt tied by the door outside on the

on me!" street, and they loosed it.

4 5 ' Then many warned him to be quiet; But some of those who stood there said but he cried out all the more, "Son of to them, "What are you doing, loosing

David, have mercy on me!" the colt?"

4 6 ' So Jesus stood still and commanded And they spoke to them just as Jesus him to be called. Then they called the had commanded. So they let them go.

blind man, saying to him, "Be of good

cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 7

Then they brought the colt to Jesus and

5 threw their clothes on it, and He sat on it. 0And throwing aside his garment, he

rose and came to Jesus. 8And many spread their clothes on the

5 road, and others cut down leafy 1 So Jesus answered and said to him, branches from the trees and spread

"What do you want Me to do for you?" them on the road. The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni,

that I may receive my sight." 'Then those who went before and those

5 who followed cried out, saying: 2Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way;

"Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in your faith has made you well." And the name of the LORD!" immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

11 0Blessed is the kingdom of our father ' When evening had come, He went out

David That comes in the name of the of the city. Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

2 0Now in the morning, as they passed by,  
11

And Jesus went into Jerusalem and they saw the fig tree dried up from the  
into the temple. So when He had looked roots. around at all things, as the hour was

already late, He went out to Bethany 2 1And Peter, remembering, said to Him, with the twelve. "Rabbi, look! The fig tree which You

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2Now the next day, when they had cursed has withered away."

come out from Bethany, He was hungry. 2 So Jesus answered and said to them,

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3And seeing from afar a fig tree having "Have faith in God.

leaves, He went to see if perhaps He 2 3For assuredly, I say to you, whoever would find something on it. When He says to this mountain, "Be removed and

came to it, He found nothing but leaves, be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt for it was not the season for figs. in his heart, but believes

that those

things he says will be done, he will have

14 n response Jesus said to it, "Let no

whatever he says.

one eat fruit from you ever again." And

His disciples heard it. 2 4Therefore I say to you, whatever

things you ask when you pray, believe

15

So they came to Jerusalem. Then that you receive them, and you will have

Jesus went into the temple and began to them. drive out those who bought and sold in

the temple, and overturned the tables of 2 5 'And whenever you stand praying, if the money changers and the seats of you have anything against anyone,

those who sold doves. forgive him, that your Father in heaven

may also forgive you your trespasses.

16And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.

2 6But if you do not forgive, neither will

your Father in heaven forgive your

17

Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it trespasses."

not written, "My house shall be called a

house of prayer for all nations'? But you 27Then they came again to Jerusalem. have made it a "den of thieves." And as He was walking in the temple,

the chief priests, the scribes, and the

1 elders came to Him. ' And the scribes and chief priests heard it and



sought how they might

destroy Him; for they feared Him, <sup>2</sup> 8And they said to Him, "By what because all the people were astonished authority are You doing these things?

at His teaching.

And who gave You this authority to do him in the head, and sent him away

these things?" shamefully treated.

<sup>2 5</sup> 9But Jesus answered and said to them, And again he sent another,  
and him

"I also will ask you one question; then they killed; and many others,  
beating

answer Me, and I will tell you by what some and killing some.  
authority I do these things:

<sup>6</sup> Therefore still having one son, his

<sup>30</sup>

The baptism of John--was it from beloved, he also sent him to them  
last,

heaven or from men? Answer Me." saying, "They will respect my son.'

31And they reasoned among themselves, <sup>7</sup>But those vinedressers said  
among saying, "If we say, "From heaven,' He themselves, "This is the  
heir. Come, let

will say, "Why then did you not believe us kill him, and the  
inheritance will be

him?' ours.'

32 <sup>8</sup> But if we say, "From men"

--they So they took him and killed him and  
feared the people, for all counted John cast him out of the vineyard.  
to have been a prophet indeed.

"Therefore what will the owner of the

33So they answered and said to Jesus, vineyard do? He will come and  
destroy

"We do not know." And Jesus answered the vinedressers, and give the  
vineyard

and said to them, "Neither will I tell you to others. by what authority I  
do these things."

1 0Have you not even read this Scripture: "The stone which the  
builders rejected

1 Has become the chief cornerstone. 2Then He began to speak to  
them

in parables: "A man planted a vineyard

and set a hedge around it, dug a place This was the LORD's doing, And  
it is 11

for the wine vat and built a tower. And marvelous in our eyes?" he  
leased it to vinedressers and went

into a far country. 12

And they sought to lay hands on Him,

but feared the multitude, for they knew

2 He had spoken the parable against Now at vintage-time he sent a  
servant

to the vinedressers, that he might them. So they left Him and went  
away.

receive some of the fruit of the vineyard

from the vinedressers. Then they sent to Him some of the

3 And they took him and beat him and Him in His words. sent him away empty-handed.

1 4 When they had come, they said to Him,

4 "Teacher, we know that You are true, Again he sent them another servant,

and at him they threw stones, wounded and care about no one; for You do not

2 4

regard the person of men, but teach the Jesus answered and said to them,

way of God in truth. Is it lawful to pay "Are you not therefore mistaken,

taxes to Caesar, or not? because you do not know the Scriptures

nor the power of God?

15

Shall we pay, or shall we not pay?" But

2 5

He, knowing their hypocrisy, said to For when they rise from the dead, they

them, "Why do you test Me? Bring Me a neither marry nor are given in marriage,

denarius that I may see it." but are like angels in heaven.

1 2 6 6 But concerning the dead, that they rise, So they brought it. And He said to

them, "Whose image and inscription is have you not read in the book of Moses,

this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." in the burning bush passage, how God

spoke to him, saying, "I am the God of

17And Jesus answered and said to them, Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the

"Render to Caesar the things that are God of Jacob?"

Caesar's, and to God the things that are

2 7

God's." And they marveled at Him. He is not the God of the dead, but the

God of the living. You are therefore

1 greatly mistaken." ' Then some Sadducees, who say there

is no resurrection, came to Him; and 8Then one of the scribes came, and

they asked Him, saying: 2

having heard them reasoning together,

1 9 "Teacher, Moses wrote to us that if a perceiving that He had answered them

man's brother dies, and leaves his wife well, asked Him, "Which is the first

behind, and leaves no children, his commandment of all?" brother should take his wife and raise up

offspring for his brother. 2 ' Jesus answered him, "The first of all

the commandments is: "Hear, O Israel,

20Now there were seven brothers. The the LORD our God, the LORD is one.

first took a wife; and dying, he left no

offspring. 30And you shall love the LORD your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

21And the second took her, and he died; with all your mind, and  
with all your

nor did he leave any offspring. And the strength.' This is the first  
commandment.

third likewise.

31And the second, like it, is this: "You

2 shall love your neighbor as yourself.'

So the seven had her and left no

offspring. Last of all the woman died There is no other commandment  
greater

also. than these."

2 32 3Therefore, in the resurrection, when So the scribe said to Him,  
"Well said,

they rise, whose wife will she be? For all Teacher. You have spoken  
the truth, for

seven had her as wife."

4 1

there is one God, and there is no other Now Jesus sat opposite the  
treasury

but He. and saw how the people put money into

the treasury. And many who were rich

33And to love Him with all the heart, with put in much. all the  
understanding, with all the soul,

4 2

and with all the strength, and to love Then one poor widow came and threw

one's neighbor as oneself, is more than in two mites, which make a quadrans.

all the whole burnt offerings and

sacrifices." <sup>4</sup> 3 So He called His disciples to Himself

34 Now when Jesus saw that he and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to

you that this poor widow has put in more

answered wisely, He said to him, "You than all those who have given to the

are not far from the kingdom of God." treasury; But after that no one dared question

Him. <sup>4</sup> 4 or they all put in out of their

abundance, but she out of her poverty

35

Then Jesus answered and said, while put in all that she had, her whole

He taught in the temple, "How is it that livelihood." the scribes say that the Christ is the Son

of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy <sup>1</sup> O Then as He went out of the temple,

one of His disciples said to Him,

Spirit: "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit

"Teacher, see what manner of stones

at My right hand, Till I make Your

and what buildings are here!"

enemies Your footstool."

3

7Therefore David himself calls Him <sup>2</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him,

"Lord"; "Do you see these great buildings? Not

how is He then his Son?" And the

one stone shall be left upon another,

common people heard Him gladly.

that shall not be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>8Then He said to them in His teaching, <sup>3</sup>Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives

"Beware of the scribes, who desire to go

opposite the temple, Peter, James, John,

around in long robes, love greetings in

and Andrew asked Him privately,

the marketplaces,

<sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> Tell us, when will these things be? And '

the best seats in the synagogues, and

what will be the sign when all these

the best places at feasts,

things will be fulfilled?"

40who devour widows' houses, and for a

5And Jesus, answering them, began to  
pretense make long prayers. These will

say: "Take heed that no one deceives  
receive greater condemnation."

you.

6For many will come in My name, saying, the reader understand),  
"then let those

"I am He,' and will deceive many. who are in Judea flee to the  
mountains.

7 1 But when you hear of wars and rumors 5Let him who is on the  
housetop not go of wars, do not be troubled; for such down into the  
house, nor enter to take

things must happen, but the end is not anything out of his house. yet.

1 6

And let him who is in the field not go

8For nation will rise against nation, and back to get his clothes.  
kingdom against kingdom. And there will

be earthquakes in various places, and 17But woe to those who are  
pregnant there will be famines and troubles. and to those who are  
nursing babies in

These are the beginnings of sorrows. those days!

"But watch out for yourselves, for they 1 8And pray that your flight  
may not be in



will deliver you up to councils, and you winter. will be beaten in the synagogues. You

will be brought before rulers and kings <sup>1</sup>

' For in those days there will be

for My sake, for a testimony to them.

tribulation, such as has not been since

<sup>1</sup> the beginning of the creation which God <sup>0</sup>And the gospel must first be preached

created until this time, nor ever shall be.

to all the nations.

<sup>1</sup> And unless the Lord had shortened <sup>1</sup> <sup>20</sup>

But when they arrest you and deliver those days, no flesh would be saved;

you up, do not worry beforehand, or but for the elect's sake, whom He chose,

premeditate what you will speak. But He shortened the days. whatever is given you in that hour,

speak that; for it is not you who speak, <sup>2</sup> <sup>14</sup>'Then if anyone says to you, "Look, but the Holy Spirit. here is the Christ!" or, "Look, He is

<sup>1</sup> there!' do not believe it. <sup>2</sup>Now brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; and <sup>2</sup>

For false christs and false prophets will

children will rise up against parents and rise and show signs and wonders to

cause them to be put to death. deceive, if possible, even the elect.

13And you will be hated by all for My 2 3

But take heed; see, I have told you all

name's sake. But he who endures to the things beforehand. end shall  
be saved.

2 4 'But in those days, after that tribulation,

14 So when you see the "abomination of

the sun will be darkened, and the moon  
desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the

will not give its light;

prophet, standing where it ought not" (let 2 5 he stars of heaven will  
fall, and the

the crowing of the rooster, or in the  
powers in the heavens will be shaken. morning--

26Then they will see the Son of Man 36 est, coming suddenly, he find  
you

coming in the clouds with great power sleeping. and glory.

37

And what I say to you, I say to all:

27

And then He will send His angels, and Watch!"  
gather together His elect from the four  
winds, from the farthest part of earth to  
the farthest part of heaven. 1 4After two days it was the Passover

2 and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. 8 Now learn this parable from the fig

And the chief priests and the scribes  
tree: When its branch has already  
sought how they might take Him by  
become tender, and puts forth leaves,  
trickery and put Him to death.  
you know that summer is near.

2 But they said, "Not during the feast, lest  
2' So you also, when you see these  
there be an uproar of the people."  
things happening, know that it is near--

at the doors! 3And being in Bethany at the house of

30Assuredly, I say to you, this generation Simon the leper, as He sat at the table,

a woman came having an alabaster  
will by no means pass away till all these flask of very costly oil of  
spikenard.  
things take place.

Then she broke the flask and poured it

31 on His head. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will

by no means pass away. 4

But there were some who were

3 indignant among themselves, and said, 2 But of that day and hour no one

"Why was this fragrant oil wasted?

knows, not even the angels in heaven,

nor the Son, but only the Father. 5

For it might have been sold for more

33 than three hundred denarii and given to Take heed, watch and pray; for you do the poor." And they criticized her sharply.

not know when the time is.

34 is like a man going to a far country, you trouble her? She has done a good 6 But Jesus said, "Let her alone. Why do

who left his house and gave authority to work for Me. his servants, and to each his work, and

commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 7

For you have the poor with you always,

35 Watch therefore, for you do not know and whenever you wish you may do

them good; but Me you do not have

when the master of the house is always. coming--in the evening, at midnight, at 8 1 She has done what she could. She has 7 n the evening He came with the come beforehand to anoint My body for twelve. burial.

<sup>18</sup>Now as they sat and ate, Jesus said,

'Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this "Assuredly, I say to you, one of you who

gospel is preached in the whole world, eats with Me will betray Me." what this woman has done will also be

told as a memorial to her." <sup>1</sup> ' And they began to be sorrowful, and to

<sup>1</sup> another said, "Is it I?" <sup>0</sup>Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, say to Him one by one, "Is it I?" And

went to the chief priests to betray Him to

them. <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>He answered and said to them, "It is

one of the twelve, who dips with Me in

<sup>11</sup>And when they heard it, they were the dish.

glad, and promised to give him money.

So he sought how he might conveniently <sup>21</sup>The Son of Man indeed goes just as it betray Him. is written of Him, but woe to that man by

whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It

<sup>12</sup>

Now on the first day of Unleavened would have been good for that man if he

Bread, when they killed the Passover had never been born." lamb, His disciples said to Him, "Where

do You want us to go and prepare, that <sup>2</sup> And as they were eating, Jesus took You may eat the Passover?" bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it

to them and said, "Take, eat; this is My

<sup>13</sup> And He sent out two of His disciples body." and said to them, "Go into the city, and

a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of 2 3Then He took the cup,  
and when He water; follow him. had given thanks He gave it to them,

and they all drank from it.

14Wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, "The Teacher  
says, 2 4And He said to them, "This is My blood "Where is the guest  
room in which I may of the new covenant, which is shed for

eat the Passover with My disciples?" many.

15Then he will show you a large upper 5Assuredly, I say to you, I will  
no longer

2

room, furnished and prepared; there drink of the fruit of the vine until  
that day

make ready for us." when I drink it new in the kingdom of

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6So His disciples went out, and came God."

into the city, and found it just as He had 2 6And when they had sung a  
hymn, they said to them; and they prepared the went out to the  
Mount of Olives. Passover.

2 3 77

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you Then He came and found them  
will be made to stumble because of Me sleeping, and said to Peter,  
"Simon, are

this night, for it is written: "I will strike the you sleeping? Could you  
not watch one

Shepherd, And the sheep will be hour? scattered.'

38

Watch and pray, lest you enter into

2" But after I have been raised, I will go temptation. The spirit indeed

is willing,

before you to Galilee." but the flesh is weak."

2' Peter said to Him, "Even if all are 3' Again He went away and prayed, and

made to stumble, yet I will not be." spoke the same words.

30 4 0

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to And when He returned, He found them

you that today, even this night, before asleep again, for their eyes were heavy;

the rooster crows twice, you will deny and they did not know what to answer

Me three times." Him.

31But he spoke more vehemently, "If I 41Then He came the third time and said have to die with You, I will not deny to them, "Are you still sleeping and

You!" And they all said likewise. resting? It is enough! The hour has

come; behold, the Son of Man is being

32 betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Then they came to a place which was

named Gethsemane; and He said to His

disciples, "Sit here while I pray." 42

Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer

is at hand."

And He took Peter, James, and John

4 3

with Him, and He began to be troubled And immediately, while He was still

and deeply distressed. speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, with

a great multitude with swords and clubs,

34 came from the chief priests and the Then He said to them, "My soul is

exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. scribes and the elders. Stay here and watch."

44Now His betrayer had given them a

35He went a little farther, and fell on the signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is

ground, and prayed that if it were the One; seize Him and lead Him away

possible, the hour might pass from Him. safely."

36And He said, "Abba, Father, all things 45As soon as he had come, immediately are possible for You. Take this cup he went up to Him and said to Him,

away from Me; nevertheless, not what I "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him. will, but what You will."

46Then they laid their hands on Him and took Him.

4 5 78 We heard Him say, "I will destroy this And one of those who stood by drew his sword and struck the servant of the temple made with hands, and within

high priest, and cut off his ear. three days I will build another made



without hands."

4' Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Have you come out, as against a 5 ' But not even then did their testimony robber, with swords and clubs to take agree. Me?

6 0

And the high priest stood up in the

4' I was daily with you in the temple midst and asked Jesus, saying, "Do You

teaching, and you did not seize Me. But answer nothing? What is it these men

the Scriptures must be fulfilled." testify against You?"

5 6 0Then they all forsook Him and fled.1But He kept silent and answered

nothing. Again the high priest asked Him,

51 saying to Him, "Are You the Christ, the

Now a certain young man followed

Him, having a linen cloth thrown around Son of the Blessed?"

his naked body. And the young men laid 62Jesus said, "I am. And you will see the

hold of him,

Son of Man sitting at the right hand of

52 the Power, and coming with the clouds

and he left the linen cloth and fled from

them naked. of heaven."

5 6 3Then the high priest tore his clothes 3And they led Jesus away to the high priest; and with him were assembled all and said, "What further need do we

the chief priests, the elders, and the have of witnesses? scribes.

6 4 ou have heard the blasphemy! What  
54 do you think?" And they all condemned

But Peter followed Him at a distance,  
right into the courtyard of the high priest. Him to be deserving of death. And he sat with the servants and

warmed himself at the fire. 6 5Then some began to spit on Him, and  
to blindfold Him, and to beat Him, and to

55Now the chief priests and all the say to Him, "Prophecy!" And the officers  
council sought testimony against Jesus struck Him with the palms of their hands.

to put Him to death, but found none. 6Now as Peter was below in the

6

56For many bore false witness against courtyard, one of the servant girls of the  
Him, but their testimonies did not agree. high priest came.

5 67And when she saw Peter warming 7Then some rose up and bore false

witness against Him, saying, himself, she looked at him and said,

"You also were with Jesus of Nazareth."

6 5 ' But he denied it, saying, "I neither But Jesus still answered

nothing, so know nor understand what you are that Pilate marveled. saying." And he went out on the porch,

and a rooster crowed. 6Now at the feast he was accustomed to

releasing one prisoner to them,

6' And the servant girl saw him again, whomever they requested. and began to say to those who stood by,

"This is one of them." 7And there was one named Barabbas,

7 they had committed murder in the

0But he denied it again. And a little later who was chained with his fellow rebels;

those who stood by said to Peter again, rebellion. "Surely you are one of them; for you are

a Galilean, and your speech shows it." 8Then the multitude, crying aloud, began

to ask him to do just as he had always

71

Then he began to curse and swear, "I done for them.

do not know this Man of whom you

speak!" 'But Pilate answered them, saying, "Do

you want me to release to you the King

72

A second time the rooster crowed. of the Jews?"

Then Peter called to mind the word that

Jesus had said to him, "Before the 10For he knew that the chief priests had rooster crows twice, you will deny Me handed Him over because of envy. three times." And when he thought

about it, he wept. 1

But the chief priests stirred up the crowd, so that he should rather release Barabbas to them.

1 Immediately, in the morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the

Pilate answered and said to them elders and scribes and the whole again, "What then do you want me to do council; and they bound Jesus, led Him with Him whom you call the King of the away, and delivered Him to Pilate. Jews?"

2 1 3 Then Pilate asked Him, "Are You the So they cried out again, "Crucify Him!" King of the Jews?" He answered and said to him, "It is as you say." 1 4 Then Pilate said to them, "Why, what

3 And the chief priests accused Him of evil has He done?" But they cried out all

the more, "Crucify Him!" many things, but He answered nothing.

15

So Pilate, wanting to gratify the crowd, 4 Then Pilate asked Him again, saying, released Barabbas to them; and he

"Do You answer nothing? See how delivered Jesus, after he had scourged

many things they testify against You!" Him, to be crucified.

1 2 6 Then the soldiers led Him away into 6 And the inscription of His  
accusation the hall called Praetorium, and they was written above:  
THE KING OF THE

called together the whole garrison. JEWS.

1 2 7

And they clothed Him with purple; and with Him they also crucified  
two

they twisted a crown of thorns, put it on robbers, one on His right and  
the other

His head, on His left.

1 2 8

' and began to salute Him, "Hail, King of So the Scripture was fulfilled  
which

the Jews!" says, "And He was numbered with the

transgressors."

1 ' Then they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat on Him;  
and bowing the 2 ' And those who passed by blasphemed knee, they  
worshiped Him. Him, wagging their heads and saying,

"Aha! You who destroy the temple and

20 And when they had mocked Him, they build it in three days,  
took the purple off Him, put His own

30

clothes on Him, and led Him out to save Yourself, and come down  
from crucify Him. the cross!"

2 3 11 Likewise the chief priests also, Then they compelled a certain

man,

Simon a Cyrenian, the father of mocking among themselves with the  
Alexander and Rufus, as he was coming scribes, said, "He saved  
others; Himself

out of the country and passing by, to He cannot save. bear His cross.

32

Let the Christ, the King of Israel,

22 And they brought Him to the place descend now from the cross,  
that we

Golgotha, which is translated, Place of a may see and believe." Even  
those who

Skull. were crucified with Him reviled Him.

23 Then they gave Him wine mingled with 33 Now when the sixth hour  
had come,

myrrh to drink, but He did not take it. there was darkness over the  
whole land

until the ninth hour.

24 And when they crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting  
lots for 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out

them to determine what every man with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi,  
Eloi,

should take. lama sabachthani?" which is translated,

"My God, My God, why have You

25 Now it was the third hour, and they forsaken Me?"

crucified Him.

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Some of those who stood by, when  
they heard that, said, "Look, He is  
calling for Elijah!"

<sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup>Then someone ran and filled a sponge <sup>5</sup>So when he found out  
from the full of sour wine, put it on a reed, and centurion, he granted  
the body to

offered it to Him to drink, saying, "Let Joseph. Him alone; let us see if  
Elijah will come

to take Him down." <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup>Then he bought fine linen, took Him

down, and wrapped Him in the linen.

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And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, And he laid Him in a tomb  
which had

and breathed His last. been hewn out of the rock, and rolled a

stone against the door of the tomb.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. <sup>4</sup>  
<sup>7</sup>And Mary Magdalene and Mary the

mother of Joses observed where He

<sup>3</sup> <sup>9</sup>was laid. So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that  
He cried out like

this and breathed His last, he said,

"Truly this Man was the Son of God!" <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>Now when the Sabbath  
was past,

<sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup> Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of <sup>0</sup>There were also women  
looking on

James, and Salome bought spices, that

from afar, among whom were Mary they might come and anoint Him.

Magdalene, Mary the mother of James

the Less and of Joses, and Salome, <sup>2</sup>

Very early in the morning, on the first

<sup>4</sup> day of the week, they came to the tomb <sup>1</sup> who also followed Him and ministered when the sun had risen.

to Him when He was in Galilee, and

many other women who came up with <sup>3</sup>And they said among themselves,

Him to Jerusalem. "Who will roll away the stone from the

<sup>4</sup> door of the tomb for us?"

<sup>2</sup>

Now when evening had come,

because it was the Preparation Day, <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that that is, the day before the Sabbath, the stone had been rolled away--for it

<sup>4</sup> was very large.

<sup>3</sup>

Joseph of Arimathea, a prominent

council member, who was himself <sup>5</sup> And entering the tomb, they saw a waiting for the kingdom of God, coming young man clothed in a long white robe

and taking courage, went in to Pilate sitting on the right side; and they were

and asked for the body of Jesus. alarmed.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>4</sup> Pilate marveled that He was already <sup>6</sup> But he said to them, "Do not be dead; and summoning the centurion, he alarmed. You seek Jesus of



Nazareth,

asked him if He had been dead for who was crucified. He is risen! He is not

some time. here. See the place where they laid Him.

7But go, tell His disciples--and Peter-- their unbelief and hardness of heart,

that He is going before you into Galilee; because they did not believe those who

there you will see Him, as He said to had seen Him after He had risen. you."

1 5

And He said to them, "Go into all the

8So they went out quickly and fled from world and preach the gospel to every

the tomb, for they trembled and were creature. amazed. And they said nothing to

anyone, for they were afraid. 1 6He who believes and is baptized will

be saved; but he who does not believe

'Now when He rose early on the first will be condemned. day of the week, He appeared first to

Mary Magdalene, out of whom He had 1 7And these signs will follow those who cast seven demons. believe: In My name they will cast out

demons; they will speak with new

10

She went and told those who had tongues;

been with Him, as they mourned and

wept. 1 ' they will take up serpents; and if they

drink anything deadly, it will by no

11

And when they heard that He was means hurt them; they will lay hands on

alive and had been seen by her, they the sick, and they will recover." did not believe.

1' So then, after the Lord had spoken to

12

After that, He appeared in another them, He was received up into heaven,

form to two of them as they walked and and sat down at the right hand of God.

went into the country.

2 0

And they went out and preached

13 And they went and told it to the rest, everywhere, the Lord working with them

but they did not believe them either. and confirming the word through the

accompanying signs. Amen.

14 Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked

# The Christ according to Apostle Matthew

<sup>1</sup>1

Josiah begot Jeconiah and his

brothers about the time they were

<sup>1</sup> carried away to Babylon. The book of the genealogy of Jesus

Christ, the Son of David, the Son of <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>And after they were brought to  
Abraham:

Babylon, Jeconiah begot Shealtiel, and

<sup>2</sup> Shealtiel begot Zerubbabel.

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot

Jacob, and Jacob begot Judah and his <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Zerubbabel begot Abiud,  
Abiud begot brothers.

Eliakim, and Eliakim begot Azor.

<sup>3</sup>Judah begot Perez and Zerah by <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>Azor begot Zadok, Zadok begot  
Achim, Tamar, Perez begot Hezron, and Achim begot Eliud.  
Hezron begot Ram.

<sup>1</sup> 5

<sup>4</sup> Eliud begot Eleazar, Eleazar begot Ram begot Amminadab,  
Amminadab

begot Nahshon, and Nahshon begot Matthan, and Matthan begot Jacob.

Salmon. <sup>1</sup> 6And Jacob begot Joseph the husband <sup>5</sup> of Mary, of whom was born Jesus who

begot Obed by Ruth, Obed begot Jesse, is called Christ. Salmon begot Boaz by Rahab, Boaz

<sup>1</sup> 7

<sup>6</sup> So all the generations from Abraham and Jesse begot David the king. David

the king begot Solomon by her who had to David are fourteen generations, from

been the wife of Uriah. David until the captivity in Babylon are

fourteen generations, and from the

<sup>7</sup> captivity in Babylon until the Christ are

Solomon begot Rehoboam, Rehoboam fourteen generations.

begot Abijah, and Abijah begot Asa.

<sup>1</sup> 8

<sup>8</sup> Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as

Asa begot Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat

follows: After His mother Mary was

begot Joram, and Joram begot Uzziah. betrothed to Joseph, before they came

together, she was found with child of the

'Uzziah begot Jotham, Jotham begot Holy Spirit. Ahaz, and Ahaz begot Hezekiah.

<sup>1</sup> just man, and not wanting to make her a

0Hezekiah begot Manasseh, Manasseh 1 ' Then Joseph her husband,  
being a

begot Amon, and Amon begot Josiah. public example, was minded to  
put her

away secretly.

20But while he thought about these 3When Herod the king heard this,  
he

things, behold, an angel of the Lord was troubled, and all Jerusalem  
with

appeared to him in a dream, saying, him. "Joseph, son of David, do  
not be afraid

to take to you Mary your wife, for that 4And when he had gathered all  
the chief which is conceived in her is of the Holy priests and scribes of  
the people

Spirit. together, he inquired of them where the

Christ was to be born.

21And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS,  
for He will 5So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of save His people from  
their sins." Judea, for thus it is written by the

prophet:

22

So all this was done that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord 6 But you, Bethlehem, in the  
land of through the prophet, saying: Judah, Are not the least among  
the

rulers of Judah; For out of you shall

23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, come a Ruler Who will  
shepherd My

and bear a Son, and they shall call His people Israel." name  
Immanuel," which is translated,

"God with us." 7Then Herod, when he had secretly

2 them what time the star appeared.

4Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord

commanded him and took to him his wife, said, "Go and search carefully for the

young Child, and when you have found

25 and did not know her till she had Him, bring back word to me, that

I may

brought forth her firstborn Son. And he come and worship Him also."  
called His name JESUS.

'When they heard the king, they

departed; and behold, the star which

2Now after Jesus was born in they had seen in the East went before

them, till it came and stood over where

Bethlehem of Judea in the days of

the young Child was.

Herod the king, behold, wise men from

the East came to Jerusalem, 1 0When they saw the star, they rejoiced 2  
with exceedingly great joy.

saying, "Where is He who has been

born King of the Jews? For we have 11And when they had come into  
the seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." house,  
they saw the young Child with

Mary His mother, and fell down and

worshiped Him. And when they had

opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold,  
frankincense, and <sup>1</sup> Now when Herod was dead, behold, myrrh. an  
angel of the Lord appeared in a

dream to Joseph in Egypt,

12

Then, being divinely warned in a <sup>0</sup>saying, "Arise, take the young  
Child

dream that they should not return to <sup>2</sup> Herod, they departed for their  
own and His mother, and go to the land of

country another way. Israel, for those who sought the young

Child's life are dead."

13

Now when they had departed, behold, <sup>1</sup>Then he arose, took the  
young Child

an angel of the Lord appeared to <sup>2</sup> Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise,  
take and His mother, and came into the land

the young Child and His mother, flee to of Israel. Egypt, and stay there  
until I bring you

word; for Herod will seek the young <sup>2</sup> But when he heard that  
Archelaus was Child to destroy Him." reigning over Judea instead of  
his father

Herod, he was afraid to go there. And

<sup>14</sup> When he arose, he took the young being warned by God in a  
dream, he

Child and His mother by night and turned aside into the region of  
Galilee.

departed for Egypt,

2 3And he came and dwelt in a city called

15and was there until the death of Herod, Nazareth, that it might be fulfilled which

that it might be fulfilled which was was spoken by the prophets, "He shall

spoken by the Lord through the prophet, be called a Nazarene." saying, "Out of Egypt I called My Son."

16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was 3 In those days John the Baptist came

deceived by the wise men, was preaching in the wilderness of Judea, exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children 2

and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of who were in Bethlehem and in all its

heaven is at hand!"

districts, from two years old and under,

according to the time which he had 3For this is he who was spoken of by the

determined from the wise men.

prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of

17 one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare

Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

the way of the LORD; Make His paths

Jeremiah the prophet, saying: straight."



1" A voice was heard in Ramah,

4Now John himself was clothed in

Lamentation, weeping, and great camel's hair, with a leather belt  
around mourning, Rachel weeping for her

his waist; and his food was locusts and  
children, Refusing to be comforted,  
wild honey.

Because they are no more."

5 14

Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the And John tried to prevent Him,  
saying,

region around the Jordan went out to "I need to be baptized by You,  
and are

him You coming to me?"

6 1 5

and were baptized by him in the Jordan, But Jesus answered and said  
to him,

confessing their sins. "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is

fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

7 Then he allowed Him. But when he saw many of the

Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his 6When He had been baptized,  
Jesus

baptism, he said to them, "Brood of 1 vipers! Who warned you to flee  
from the came up immediately from the water;

wrath to come? and behold, the heavens were opened

to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of descending like a dove and alighting  
repentance, upon Him.

'and do not think to say to yourselves, And suddenly a voice came  
from <sup>17</sup>

"We have Abraham as our father.' For I heaven, saying, "This is My  
beloved Son,

say to you that God is able to raise up in whom I am well pleased."  
children to Abraham from these stones.

<sup>10</sup>And even now the ax is laid to the root <sup>4</sup>Then Jesus was led up by  
the Spirit

of the trees. Therefore every tree which into the wilderness to be  
tempted by the

does not bear good fruit is cut down and devil. thrown into the fire.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> indeed baptize you with water unto <sup>2</sup> And when He had fasted forty  
days and

forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

repentance, but He who is coming after

me is mightier than I, whose sandals I <sup>3</sup>Now when the tempter came  
to Him, he

am not worthy to carry. He will baptize

said, "If You are the Son of God,

you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

command that these stones become

<sup>1</sup> bread." <sup>2</sup>His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His <sup>4</sup>

But He answered and said, "It is written, threshing floor, and gather His wheat

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but into the barn; but He will burn up the

by every word that proceeds from the chaff with unquenchable fire." mouth of God."

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to John

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took Him up into the holy at the Jordan to be baptized by him.

city, set Him on the pinnacle of the

temple, <sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> and said to Him, "If You are the Son of <sup>6</sup>The people who sat in darkness have God, throw Yourself down. For it is seen a great light, And upon those who

written: "He shall give His angels charge sat in the region and shadow of death

over you,' and, "In their hands they shall Light has dawned." bear you up, Lest you dash your foot

against a stone." <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach

and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "It is written again, heaven is at hand."

"You shall not tempt the LORD your

God." 1 8 And Jesus, walking by the Sea of

Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a

exceedingly high mountain, and showed net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

Him all the kingdoms of the world and

their glory. 1 ' Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and

I will make you fishers of men."

' And he said to Him, "All these things I

will give You if You will fall down and 20 They immediately left their nets and worship me." followed Him.

1 2 1 0 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with

Going on from there, He saw two other

you, Satan! For it is written, "You shall brothers, James the son of Zebedee,

worship the LORD your God, and Him and John his brother, in the boat with

only you shall serve." Zebedee their father, mending their nets.

He called them,

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Then the devil left Him, and behold,

angels came and ministered to Him. 2 and immediately they left the boat and

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2 Now when Jesus heard that John had their father, and followed Him.

been put in prison, He departed to 2 3And Jesus went about all Galilee, Galilee. teaching in their synagogues, preaching

1 all kinds of sickness and all kinds of

3And leaving Nazareth, He came and the gospel of the kingdom, and healing

dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, disease among the people. in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali,

24

Then His fame went throughout all

14 hat it might be fulfilled which was

Syria; and they brought to Him all sick

spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: people who were afflicted with various

diseases and torments, and those who

15§ were demon-possessed, epileptics, and "Th

e land of Zebulun and the land of

Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond paralytics; and He healed them. the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

2 1 5Great multitudes followed Him--from 2Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for Galilee, and from Decapolis, Jerusalem, great is your reward in heaven, for so

Judea, and beyond the Jordan. they persecuted the prophets who were

before you.

1 3 You are the salt of the earth; but if the

5And seeing the multitudes, He went

salt loses its flavor, how shall it be  
up on a mountain, and when He was  
seasoned? It is then good for nothing  
seated His disciples came to Him.  
but to be thrown out and trampled  
2 underfoot by men.

Then He opened His mouth and taught  
them, saying: 14 'You are the light of the world. A city

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For that is set on a hill cannot be  
hidden.

theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 1 5 Nor do they light a lamp and put it  
4 under a basket, but on a lampstand, and

Blessed are those who mourn, For they it gives light to all who are in  
the house.

shall be comforted.

16 Let your light so shine before men,

5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall that they may see your good  
works and

inherit the earth. glorify your Father in heaven.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and 7 Do not think that I came to  
destroy the

thirst for righteousness, For they shall Law or the Prophets. I did not  
come to

be filled.

destroy but to fulfill.

7Blessed are the merciful, For they shall 8

1 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven  
obtain mercy. and earth pass away, one jot or one

tittle will by no means pass from the law

'Blessed are the pure in heart, For they till all is fulfilled. shall see  
God.

1 ' Whoever therefore breaks one of the

'Blessed are the peacemakers, For they least of these commandments,  
and

shall be called sons of God. teaches men so, shall be called least in

the kingdom of heaven; but whoever

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted does and teaches them, he  
shall be

for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the called great in the kingdom of  
heaven.

kingdom of heaven.

2 0For I say to you, that unless your

1 1a Blessed are you when they revile and righteousness exceeds the  
persecute you, and say all kinds of evil righteousness of the scribes  
and

against you falsely for My sake. Pharisees, you will by no means enter

the kingdom of heaven.

21 'You have heard that it was said to

members perish, than for your whole

those of old, "You shall not murder, and body to be cast into hell.  
whoever murders will be in danger of

the judgment.' 30And if your right hand causes you to

sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is

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But I say to you that whoever is angry more profitable for you that  
one of your

with his brother without a cause shall be members perish, than for  
your whole

in danger of the judgment. And whoever body to be cast into hell. says  
to his brother, "Raca!" shall be in

danger of the council. But whoever says, 3 1 'Furthermore it has been  
said, "You fool!" shall be in danger of hell fire. "Whoever divorces his  
wife, let him give

her a certificate of divorce.'

23Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember  
that your 32But I say to you that whoever divorces

brother has something against you, his wife for any reason except  
sexual

immorality causes her to commit

24 eave your gift there before the altar,

adultery; and whoever marries a woman

and go your way. First be reconciled to who is divorced commits  
adultery. your brother, and then come and offer

your gift. 33 'Again you have heard that it was said

to those of old, "You shall not swear

25Agree with your adversary quickly, falsely, but shall perform your  
oaths to

while you are on the way with him, lest the Lord.' your adversary



deliver you to the judge,

the judge hand you over to the officer, 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: and you be thrown into prison. neither by heaven, for it is God's throne;

26Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no 35

nor by the earth, for it is His footstool;

means get out of there till you have paid nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the

the last penny. great King.

27 You have heard that it was said to 36Nor shall you swear by your head,

those of old, "You shall not commit because you cannot make one hair adultery.' white or black.

28But I say to you that whoever looks at But let your "Yes' be "Yes,' and your

37

a woman to lust for her has already "No,' "No.' For whatever is more than

committed adultery with her in his heart. these is from the evil one.

2 3 9 your right eye causes you to sin, 8 You have heard that it was said, "An pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.'

more profitable for you that one of your 39But I tell you not to resist an evil

person. But whoever slaps you on your 6 Take heed that you do not do your right cheek, turn the other to him also.

charitable deeds before men, to be seen

4 by them. Otherwise you have no reward 0 anyone wants to sue you and take

from your Father in heaven.

away your tunic, let him have your cloak

also. 2

Therefore, when you do a charitable

4 deed, do not sound a trumpet before 1 And whoever compels you to go one you as the hypocrites do in the

mile, go with him two. synagogues and in the streets, that they

may have glory from men. Assuredly, I

42Give to him who asks you, and from say to you, they have their reward. him who wants to borrow from you do

not turn away. 3But when you do a charitable deed, do

not let your left hand know what your

4 3 You have heard that it was said, "You right hand is doing, shall love your neighbor and hate your

enemy.' 4 that your charitable deed may be in

4 secret will Himself reward you openly.

4But I say to you, love your enemies, secret; and your Father who sees in

bless those who curse you, do good to

those who hate you, and pray for those 5 And when you pray, you shall not be who spitefully use you and persecute like the hypocrites. For they love to pray

you, standing in the synagogues and on the

corners of the streets, that they may be

45 that you may be sons of your Father in seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you,

heaven; for He makes His sun rise on they have their reward. the evil and on the good, and sends rain

on the just and on the unjust. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your

room, and when you have shut your

46 For if you love those who love you, door, pray to your Father who is in the

what reward have you? Do not even the secret place; and your Father who sees

tax collectors do the same? in secret will reward you openly.

47 7 And if you greet your brethren only, And when you pray, do not use vain what do you do more than others? Do repetitions as the heathen do. For they

not even the tax collectors do so? think that they will be heard for their

many words.

48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For

your Father knows the things you have

need of before you ask Him.

'In this manner, therefore, pray: Our 2 0 but lay up for yourselves treasures in Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your heaven, where neither moth nor rust

name. destroys and where thieves do not

break in and steal.

10

Your kingdom come. Your will be done

2 1

On earth as it is in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your  
heart will be also.

11

Give us this day our daily bread.

24The lamp of the body is the eye. If

12 therefore your eye is good, your whole

And forgive us our debts, As we

forgive our debtors. body will be full of light.

1 2 3But if your eye is bad, your whole body 3And do not lead us into  
temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is will be full  
of darkness. If therefore the

the kingdom and the power and the light that is in you is darkness,  
how

glory forever. Amen. great is that darkness!

1 2 4 4 No one can serve two masters; for 'For if you forgive men their  
trespasses, your heavenly Father will either he will hate the one and  
love the

also forgive you. other, or else he will be loyal to the one

and despise the other. You cannot serve

15But if you do not forgive men their God and mammon.

trespasses, neither will your Father <sup>254</sup>Therefore I say to you, do not worry forgive your trespasses.

about your life, what you will eat or what

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, when you fast, do not be you will drink; nor about your body, what

you will put on. Is not life more than food

like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their and the body more than clothing?

faces that they may appear to men to be <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>Look at the birds of the air, for they fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. neither sow nor reap nor gather into

barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds

<sup>17</sup> them. Are you not of more value than But you, when you fast, anoint your

they?

head and wash your face,

<sup>27</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Which of you by worrying can add one

' so that you do not appear to men to be

cubit to his stature?

fasting, but to your Father who is in the

secret place; and your Father who sees <sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup> So why do you worry about clothing? in secret will reward you openly.

Consider the lilies of the field, how they

<sup>1</sup> grow: they neither toil nor spin; '"

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures  
on earth, where moth and rust destroy  
and where thieves break in and steal;

25 and yet I say to you that even Hypocrite! First remove the plank  
from

Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed your own eye, and then you  
will see

like one of these. clearly to remove the speck from your  
brother's eye.

30

Now if God so clothes the grass of the  
field, which today is, and tomorrow is 6 Do not give what is holy to  
the dogs; thrown into the oven, will He not much nor cast your pearls  
before swine, lest

more clothe you, O you of little faith? they trample them under their  
feet, and

turn and tear you in pieces.

31 § Therefore do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What  
shall we drink?" 7 Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, or "What shall  
we wear?" and you will find; knock, and it will be

opened to you.

32 For after all these things the Gentiles

seek. For your heavenly Father knows 'For everyone who asks  
receives, and

that you need all these things. he who seeks finds, and to him who

knocks it will be opened.

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and

His righteousness, and all these things 9 Or what man is there among

you who, shall be added to you. if his son asks for bread, will give him  
a

stone?

34Therefore do not worry about

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tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about Or if he asks for a fish, will  
he give him

its own things. Sufficient for the day is a serpent? its own trouble.

1 1 you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,  
how

7 much more will your Father who is in Judge not, that you be not  
judged.

heaven give good things to those who

2 ask Him!

For with what judgment you judge, you

will be judged; and with the measure 1 2Therefore, whatever you want  
men to you use, it will be measured back to you. do to you, do also to  
them, for this is the

3And why do you look at the speck in Law and the Prophets.

your brother's eye, but do not consider 1 3 Enter by the narrow gate;  
for wide is the plank in your own eye? the gate and broad is the way  
that leads 4 to destruction, and there are many who

Or how can you say to your brother,

go in by it.

"Let me remove the speck from your

eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye.<sup>14</sup> Because narrow is the gate and eye? difficult is the way which leads to life,

and there are few who find it.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>5</sup> Beware of false prophets, who come <sup>6</sup> 'But everyone who hears these

to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly sayings of Mine, and does not do them,

they are ravenous wolves. will be like a foolish man who built his

house on the sand:

<sup>16</sup>

you will know them by their fruits. Do

<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>

men gather grapes from thornbushes or and the rain descended, the floods

figs from thistles? came, and the winds blew and beat on

that house; and it fell. And great was its

<sup>17</sup> fall."

Even so, every good tree bears good

fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. <sup>8</sup>And so it was, when Jesus had ended

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<sup>18</sup>A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor these sayings, that the people were

can a bad tree bear good fruit. astonished at His teaching,



1 Every tree that does not bear good ' 2' for He taught them as one having

fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. authority, and not as the scribes.

20Therefore by their fruits you will know them. 8 When He had come down from the

mountain, great multitudes followed Him.

2 1 Not everyone who says to Me, "Lord,

Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, 2 And behold, a leper came and but he who does the will of My Father in worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are

heaven. willing, You can make me clean."

22Many will say to Me in that day, "Lord, 3Then Jesus put out His hand and

Lord, have we not prophesied in Your touched him, saying, "I am willing; be

name, cast out demons in Your name, cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was

and done many wonders in Your name?' cleansed.

2 4 3And then I will declare to them, "I

And Jesus said to him, "See that you

never knew you; depart from Me, you tell no one; but go your way, show

who practice lawlessness!' yourself to the priest, and offer the gift

that Moses commanded, as a testimony

24§"Therefore to them." whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will

likened him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him,

pleading with Him,

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and the rain descended, the floods

came, and the winds blew and beat on the house; but it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at that house; and it did not fall, for it was home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented."

founded on the rock.

7And Jesus said to him, "I will come and possess you. And He cast out the spirits

heal him." with a word, and healed all who were

sick,

8 The centurion answered and said,

1 7

"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word and my servant will be healed. For I know that it might be fulfilled which was

come under my roof. But only speak a word and my servant will be healed. spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:

word, and my servant will be healed. "He Himself took our infirmities And bore

our sicknesses."

"For I also am a man under authority, 8And when Jesus saw great multitudes

having soldiers under me. And I say to <sup>1</sup> this one, "Go," and he goes; and to about Him, He gave a command to

another, "Come," and he comes; and to depart to the other side. my servant, "Do this," and he does it."

<sup>1</sup> ' Then a certain scribe came and said to

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard it, He marveled, Him, "Teacher, I will follow You and said to those who followed, wherever You go."

"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not

found such great faith, not even in <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have Israel! holes and birds of the air have nests,

but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay

<sup>11</sup> And I say to you that many will come His head." from east and west, and sit down with

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then another of His disciples said to kingdom of heaven. Him, "Lord, let me first go and bury my

father."

<sup>12</sup>

But the sons of the kingdom will be

cast out into outer darkness. There will <sup>2</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Follow Me, and be weeping and gnashing of teeth." let the dead bury their own dead."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go <sup>3</sup> Now when He got into a boat, His your way; and as you have believed, so disciples followed Him. let it be done for you." And his servant

was healed that same hour. <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> And suddenly a great tempest arose

<sup>1</sup> on the sea, so that the boat was <sup>4</sup> Now when Jesus had come into covered with the waves. But He was Peter's house, He saw his wife's

mother asleep.

lying sick with a fever.

2 5Then His disciples came to Him and

15So He touched her hand, and the fever

awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We

left her. And she arose and served them. are perishing!"

1 2 6When evening had come, they brought 6But He said to them,  
"Why are you to Him many who were demon- fearful, O you of little  
faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the

sea, and there was a great calm. 9So He got into a boat, crossed over,

2 and came to His own city. 7 So the men marveled, saying, "Who

can this be, that even the winds and the 2Then behold, they brought to  
Him a sea obey Him?" paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus

2 saw their faith, He said to the paralytic,

' When He had come to the other side, "Son, be of good cheer; your  
sins are

to the country of the Gergesenes, there forgiven you." met Him two  
demon-possessed men,

coming out of the tombs, exceedingly 3And at once some of the  
scribes said

fierce, so that no one could pass that

within themselves, "This Man

way.

blasphemes!"

2' And suddenly they cried out, saying,

4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said,

"What have we to do with You, Jesus, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?

You Son of God? Have You come here

to torment us before the time?" 5For which is easier, to say, "Your sins

30Now a good way off from them there are forgiven you,' or to say, "Arise and

walk'?

was a herd of many swine feeding.

31 6 But that you may know that the Son of

So the demons begged Him, saying,

Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-

"If You cast us out, permit us to go away

-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise,

into the herd of swine."

take up your bed, and go to your

32 house." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the 7

And he arose and departed to his

herd of swine. And suddenly the whole

house.

herd of swine ran violently down the

steep place into the sea, and perished in it. Now when the multitudes saw it, they glorified God, who had

marveled and glorified God, who had

33 Then those who kept them fled; and given such power to men.

everything, 'As Jesus passed on from there, He including they went away into the city and told

what had

happened to the demon-possessed men. saw a man named Matthew sitting at the

tax office. And He said to him, "Follow

34 And behold, the whole city came out to Me." So he arose and followed Him.

meet Jesus. And when they saw Him, <sup>1</sup> 0 Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the they begged Him to depart from their

region. table in the house, that behold, many

tax collectors and sinners came and sat

down with Him and His disciples.

<sup>1</sup> 1 1

And when the Pharisees saw it, they ' So Jesus arose and followed him, and

said to His disciples, "Why does your so did His disciples. Teacher eat with tax collectors and

sinners?" <sup>2</sup> 0 And suddenly, a woman who had a

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When Jesus heard that, He said to behind and touched the hem of His

them, "Those who are well have no garment. need of a physician, but those who are

sick. 2 1For she said to herself, "If only I may

1 well." 3But go and learn what this means: "I touch His garment, I shall be made

desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I did

not come to call the righteous, but 2 But Jesus turned around, and when sinners, to repentance." He saw her He said, "Be of good cheer,

daughter; your faith has made you well."

14

Then the disciples of John came to And the woman was made well from

Him, saying, "Why do we and the that hour. Pharisees fast often, but Your disciples

do not fast?" 2 3When Jesus came into the ruler's

1 noisy crowd wailing, 5And Jesus said to them, "Can the house, and saw the flute players and the

friends of the bridegroom mourn as long

as the bridegroom is with them? But the 2 4He said to them, "Make room, for the days will come when the bridegroom will girl is not dead, but sleeping." And they

be taken away from them, and then they ridiculed Him. will fast.

1 But when the crowd was put outside, 6No one puts a piece of  
unshrunk cloth

He went in and took her by the hand,  
on an old garment; for the patch pulls and the girl arose. away from  
the garment, and the tear is

made worse. 2 6And the report of this went out into all

1 that land. 7 Nor do they put new wine into old

wineskins, or else the wineskins break, 2 7When Jesus departed from  
there, two the wine is spilled, and the wineskins

blind men followed Him, crying out and  
are ruined. But they put new wine into

saying, "Son of David, have mercy on  
new wineskins, and both are preserved."

us!"

18While He spoke these things to them, 8And when He had come into  
the house,

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behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him,

the blind men came to Him. And Jesus  
saying, "My daughter has just died, but

said to them, "Do you believe that I am  
come and lay Your hand on her and she

able to do this?" They said to Him, "Yes,



will live."

Lord."

29Then He touched their eyes, saying, "According to your faith let it be to you." 1 OAnd when He had called His

30And their eyes were opened. And twelve disciples to Him, He gave them

power over unclean spirits, to cast them

Jesus sternly warned them, saying, out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and

"See that no one knows it." all kinds of disease.

31 2 But when they had departed, they Now the names of the twelve apostles spread the news about Him in all that are these: first, Simon, who is called

country. Peter, and Andrew his brother; James

the son of Zebedee, and John his

32As they went out, behold, they brought brother; to Him a man, mute and demon-

possessed. 3Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and

33And when the demon was cast out, the Matthew the tax collector; James the

son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose

mute spoke. And the multitudes surname was Thaddaeus; marveled, saying, "It was never seen

like this in Israel!" 4 Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot,

who also betrayed Him.

34But the Pharisees said, "He casts out

demons by the ruler of the demons." 5These twelve Jesus sent out and

commanded them, saying: "Do not go

35Then Jesus went about all the cities into the way of the Gentiles,  
and do not

and villages, teaching in their enter a city of the Samaritans.  
synagogues, preaching the gospel of

the 6 kingdom, and healing every But go rather to the lost sheep of the  
sickness and every disease among the house of Israel. people.

36But when He saw the multitudes, He 7And as you go, preach,  
saying, "The

kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

was moved with compassion for them,

because they were weary and scattered, 8

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise

like sheep having no shepherd.

the dead, cast out demons. Freely you

3 have received, freely give.

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Then He said to His disciples, "The

harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers 'Provide neither gold nor  
silver nor

are few. copper in your money belts,

38Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest 0nor bag for your journey,  
nor two

to send out laborers into His harvest." tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs;  
for a

worker is worthy of his food.

11 Now whatever city or town you enter,

children will rise up against parents and

inquire who in it is worthy, and stay cause them to be put to death.  
there till you go out.

2 And you will be hated by all for My

12 And when you go into a household, name's sake. But he who  
endures to the

greet it. end will be saved.

1 2 3 the household is worthy, let your 3

When they persecute you in this city,

peace come upon it. But if it is not flee to another. For assuredly, I say  
to

worthy, let your peace return to you. you, you will not have gone  
through the

cities of Israel before the Son of Man

14 And whoever will not receive you nor comes.

hear your words, when you depart from

that house or city, shake off the dust ' 244A disciple is not above his  
teacher,

from your feet. nor a servant above his master.

1 2 5 Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more 5

It is enough for a disciple that he be

tolerable for the land of Sodom and like his teacher, and a servant like his

Gomorraah in the day of judgment than master. If they have called the master of

for that city! the house Beelzebub, how much more

will they call those of his household!

<sup>16</sup> Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup> Therefore do not fear them. For there as serpents and harmless as doves. is nothing covered that will not be

revealed, and hidden that will not be

<sup>17</sup> known.

But beware of men, for they will deliver

you up to councils and scourge you in

their synagogues. <sup>274</sup> Whatever I tell you in the dark, speak

in the light; and what you hear in the ear,

<sup>1</sup> preach on the housetops. ' You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to

them and to the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup> ' And do not fear those who kill the body

but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear

<sup>1</sup> Him who is able to destroy both soul ' But when they deliver you up, do not

worry about how or what you should and body in hell. speak. For it will be given to you in that

hour what you should speak; <sup>2</sup> ' Are not two sparrows sold for a copper

coin? And not one of them falls to the

<sup>20F</sup> ground apart from your Father's will.

or it is not you who speak, but the

Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

30But the very hairs of your head are all

21 Now brother will deliver up brother to numbered. death, and a  
father his child; and 31Do not fear therefore; you are of more  
righteous man shall receive a righteous

value than many sparrows. man's reward.

3 4 2 §Therefore whoever confesses Me And whoever gives one of  
these little

before men, him I will also confess ones only a cup of cold water in  
the

before My Father who is in heaven. name of a disciple, assuredly, I say  
to

you, he shall by no means lose his

33 reward." But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny  
before My Father

who is in heaven.

1 1 Now it came to pass, when Jesus

34 Do not think that I came to bring

finished commanding His twelve

peace on earth. I did not come to bring disciples, that He departed  
from there to

peace but a sword. teach and to preach in their cities.

35For I have come to "set a man against 2 And when John had heard  
in prison his father, a daughter against her about the works of Christ,  
he sent two of

mother, and a daughter-in-law against his disciples her mother-in-law';

36 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming h

and "a man's enemies will be those of One, or do we look for another?"

his own household.'

37He who loves father or mother more <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Go

and tell John the things which you hear

than Me is not worthy of Me. And he and see: who loves son or daughter more than

Me is not worthy of Me. <sup>5</sup>The blind see and the lame walk; the

3' And he who does not take his cross lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear;

the dead are raised up and the poor

and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. have the gospel preached to them.

39He who finds his life will lose it, and he OAnd blessed is he who is not offended

who loses his life for My sake will find it. because of Me."

<sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup> O He who receives you receives Me,

As they departed, Jesus began to say

and he who receives Me receives Him to the multitudes concerning John:

who sent Me. "What did you go out into the wilderness

to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

41

He who receives a prophet in the

name of a prophet shall receive a sBut what did you go out to see? A man prophet's reward. And he who receives clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those

a righteous man in the name of a who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

'But what did you go out to see? A and a winebibber, a friend of tax prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is

than a prophet. justified by her children."

1 2 0

For this is he of whom it is written: Then He began to rebuke the cities in

"Behold, I send My messenger before which most of His mighty works had

Your face, Who will prepare Your way been done, because they did not repent:

before You.'

2 1 Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you,

1 1 'Assuredly, I say to you, among those Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which

born of women there has not risen one were done in you had been done in Tyre

greater than John the Baptist; but he and Sidon, they would have

repented

who is least in the kingdom of heaven is long ago in sackcloth and ashes. greater than he.

22

But I say to you, it will be more

12

And from the days of John the Baptist tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day

until now the kingdom of heaven suffers of judgment than for you. violence, and the violent take it by force.

2 3And you, Capernaum, who are exalted

13For all the prophets and the law to heaven, will be brought down to prophesied until John. Hades; for if the mighty works which

were done in you had been done in

14 Sodom, it would have remained until this

And if you are willing to receive it, he is

Elijah who is to come. day.

1 2 4 5But I say to you that it shall be more He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

tolerable for the land of Sodom in the

16 But to what shall I liken this day of judgment than for you."

generation? It is like children sitting in 2 5At that time Jesus answered and said, the marketplaces and calling to their companions, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven

and earth, that You have hidden these



17 things from the wise and prudent and

and saying: "We played the flute for

have revealed them to babes.

you, And you did not dance; We

mourned to you, And you did not 26Even so, Father, for so it seemed  
good lament.'

in Your sight.

18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a  
All things have been delivered to Me 2 7

demon.' by My Father, and no one knows the

Son except the Father. Nor does

1 anyone know the Father except the Son, ' The Son of Man came  
eating and

drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and the one to whom the Son  
wills to 7But if you had known what this means, reveal Him. "I desire  
mercy and not sacrifice,' you

would not have condemned the guiltless.

2 ' Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give  
you rest. 8 For the Son of Man is Lord even of the

Sabbath."

2' Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and  
lowly in 'Now when He had departed from there, heart, and you will  
find rest for your He went into their synagogue. souls.

10And behold, there was a man who had

30For My yoke is easy and My burden is a withered hand. And they  
asked Him,

light." saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the

Sabbath?"--that they might accuse Him.

1 1 Then He said to them, "What man is 2At that time Jesus went through

the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His there among you who has one sheep,

disciples were hungry, and began to and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath,

pluck heads of grain and to eat. will not lay hold of it and lift it out?

12

2 Of how much more value then is a And when the Pharisees saw it, they

said to Him, "Look, Your disciples are man than a sheep? Therefore it is lawful

doing what is not lawful to do on the to do good on the Sabbath."

Sabbath!" 1 3Then He said to the man, "Stretch out

3But He said to them, "Have you not your hand." And he stretched it out, and

read what David did when he was it was restored as whole as the other.

hungry, he and those who were with

him: Then the Pharisees went out and 14

plotted against Him, how they might

4 destroy Him. how he entered the house of God and ate the showbread which was not lawful

for him to eat, nor for those who were But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew 1 5

with him, but only for the priests? from there. And great multitudes  
followed Him, and He healed them all.

5Or have you not read in the law that on 6 et He warned them not to  
make Him

the Sabbath the priests in the temple 1 profane known, the Sabbath,  
and are blameless?

1 7

that it might be fulfilled which was

6Yet I say to you that in this place there spoken by Isaiah the prophet,  
saying:

is One greater than the temple.

1 2 " Behold! My Servant whom I have 8But if I cast out demons by the  
Spirit of chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is God, surely the  
kingdom of God has

well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon come upon you. Him, And He  
will declare justice to the

Gentiles. 2 ' Or how can one enter a strong man's

house and plunder his goods, unless he

1 ' He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will first binds the strong man?  
And then he

anyone hear His voice in the streets. will plunder his house.

20A bruised reed He will not break, And 30He who is not with Me is  
against Me,

smoking flax He will not quench, Till He and he who does not gather  
with Me

sends forth justice to victory; scatters abroad.

23 1And in His name Gentiles will trust." Therefore 14

I say to you, every sin and

blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the

22 blasphemy against the Spirit will not be

Then one was brought to Him who

was demon-possessed, blind and mute; forgiven men. and He healed him, so that the blind and

mute man both spoke and saw. 32Anyone who speaks a word against

the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him;

23And all the multitudes were amazed but whoever speaks against the Holy

and said, "Could this be the Son of Spirit, it will not be forgiven him, either in

David?" this age or in the age to come.

2 334§ 4 Either make the tree good and its fruit Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out good, or else make the tree bad and its

demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

of the demons."

34Brood of vipers! How can you, being

25But Jesus knew their thoughts, and evil, speak good things? For out of the

said to them: "Every kingdom divided abundance of the heart the mouth

against itself is brought to desolation, speaks. and every city or house

divided against

itself will not stand. 35A good man out of the good treasure

of his heart brings forth good things, and

26 Satan casts out Satan, he is divided an evil man out of the evil treasure

against himself. How then will his brings forth evil things.

kingdom stand? 36But I say to you that for every idle

27And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, word men may speak, they  
will give

by whom do your sons cast them out? account of it in the day of judgment. Therefore they shall be your judges.

37For by your words you will be justified, himself, and they enter and dwell there;

and by your words you will be and the last state of that man is worse condemned." than the first. So shall it also be with this

wicked generation."

3' Then some of the scribes and 6 4 Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, While He was still talking to the we want to see a sign from You." multitudes, behold, His mother and

brothers stood outside, seeking to speak

3 with Him. ' But He answered and said to them,

"An evil and adulterous generation 7Then one said to Him, "Look, Your

seeks after a sign, and no sign will be 4 given to it except the sign of the prophet mother and Your brothers are standing

Jonah. outside, seeking to speak with You."

4 4 OFor as Jonah was three days and

' But He answered and said to the one

three nights in the belly of the great fish, who told Him, "Who is My mother and

so will the Son of Man be three days who are My brothers?" and three nights in the heart of the earth.

4 ' And He stretched out His hand toward

41

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the His disciples and said, "Here are My

judgment with this generation and mother and My brothers! condemn it, because they repented at

the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a 5OFor whoever does the will of My Father greater than Jonah is here. in heaven is My brother and sister and

mother."

4 2

The queen of the South will rise up in

the judgment with this generation and

condemn it, for she came from the ends 1 3On the same day Jesus went out of the earth to hear the wisdom of

Solomon; and indeed a greater than of the house and sat by the sea.

Solomon is here. 2 And great multitudes were gathered

43a When an unclean spirit goes out of a together to Him, so that He got into a

man, he goes through dry places, boat and sat; and the whole  
multitude

stood on the shore.

seeking rest, and finds none.

44 3Then He spoke many things to them in

Then he says, "I will return to my  
house from which I came.' And when he parables, saying: "Behold, a  
sower went  
comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put out to sow.

in order. 4 And as he sowed, some seed fell by

45Then he goes and takes with him the wayside; and the birds came  
and

devoured them.

seven other spirits more wicked than 5 1 Some fell on stony places,  
where they 5For the hearts of this people have did not have much  
earth; and they grown dull. Their ears are hard of

immediately sprang up because they hearing, And their eyes they have  
had no depth of earth. closed, Lest they should see with their

eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they

6 should understand with their hearts and But when the sun was up  
they were

scorched, and because they had no root turn, So that I should heal  
them.'

they withered away. 6But blessed are your eyes for they see,

7 and your ears for they hear; And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them.

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or assuredly, I say to you that many

'But others fell on good ground and prophets and righteous men desired to

yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, see what you see, and did not see it,

some sixty, some thirty. and to hear what you hear, and did not

hear it.

'He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" 184"Therefore hear the parable of the

10And the disciples came and said to sower:

Him, "Why do You speak to them in 1' When anyone hears the word of the parables?"

kingdom, and does not understand it,

11 then the wicked one comes and

He answered and said to them,

"Because it has been given to you to snatch away what was sown in his

heart. This is he who received seed by

know the mysteries of the kingdom of

the wayside.

heaven, but to them it has not been



given. <sup>2</sup> 0But he who received the seed on stony <sup>12</sup> places, this is he who hears the word

For whoever has, to him more will be  
and immediately receives it with joy;  
given, and he will have abundance; but

whoever does not have, even what he <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>y et he has no root in himself,  
but has will be taken away from him.

endures only for a while. For when  
<sup>1</sup> tribulation or persecution arises because <sup>3</sup>Therefore I speak to  
them in parables,

of the word, immediately he stumbles.  
because seeing they do not see, and

hearing they do not hear, nor do they <sup>2</sup> Now he who received seed  
among the understand.

thorns is he who hears the word, and  
<sup>14</sup>And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is the cares of this world and the  
deceitfulness of riches choke the word,  
fulfilled, which says: "Hearing you will

and he becomes unfruitful.  
hear and shall not understand, And  
seeing you will see and not perceive;

<sup>23</sup>But he who received seed on the good <sup>32</sup>which indeed is the least of  
all the

ground is he who hears the word and seeds; but when it is grown it is

greater

understands it, who indeed bears fruit than the herbs and becomes a tree, so

and produces: some a hundredfold, that the birds of the air come and nest in

some sixty, some thirty." its branches."

<sup>24</sup>Another parable He put forth to them, <sup>33</sup>Another parable He spoke to them:

saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven,

man who sowed good seed in his field; which a woman took and hid in three

measures of meal till it was all

<sup>25</sup> leavened."

but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and

<sup>34</sup>

went his way. All these things Jesus spoke to the

multitude in parables; and without a

<sup>26</sup>But when the grain had sprouted and parable He did not speak to them,

produced a crop, then the tares also

<sup>35</sup>

appeared. that it might be fulfilled which was

spoken by the prophet, saying: "I will

<sup>27</sup> open My mouth in parables; I will utter

So the servants of the owner came

and said to him, "Sir, did you not sow things kept secret from the foundation of

good seed in your field? How then does the world." it have tares?"

3 6Then Jesus sent the multitude away

2 and went into the house. And His ' He said to them, "An enemy has done

this.' The disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain servants said to him, "Do you

want us then to go and gather them to us the parable of the tares of the up?"

field."

2 ' But he said, "No, lest while you gather 37He answered and said to them: "He

up the tares you also uproot the wheat

with them. who sows the good seed is the Son of

Man.

30Let both grow together until the 38The field is the world, the good seeds harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together are the sons of the kingdom, but the

the tares and bind them in bundles to tares are the sons of the wicked one.

burn them, but gather the wheat into my

barn. ' 3' The enemy who sowed them is the

devil, the harvest is the end of the age,

31Another parable He put forth to them, and the reapers are the

angels. saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a

mustard seed, which a man took and 4 0Therefore as the tares are gathered sowed in his field, and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age.

4 5 11

The Son of Man will send out His Jesus said to them, "Have you angels, and they will gather out of His understood all these things?" They said

kingdom all things that offend, and those to Him, "Yes, Lord." who practice lawlessness,

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Then He said to them, "Therefore

4 2

and will cast them into the furnace of every scribe instructed concerning the

fire. There will be wailing and gnashing kingdom of heaven is like a householder

of teeth. who brings out of his treasure things

new and old."

43Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. 53Now it came to pass, when Jesus had He who has ears to hear, let him hear! finished these parables, that He

departed from there.

44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like

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treasure hidden in a field, which a man When He had come to His own

found and hid; and for joy over it he country, He taught them in their

goes and sells all that he has and buys synagogue, so that they were that field. astonished and said, "Where did this

Man get this wisdom and these mighty

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a works? merchant seeking beautiful pearls,

55 s this not the carpenter's son? Is not

46 His mother called Mary? And His

who, when he had found one pearl of

great price, went and sold all that he brothers James, Joses, Simon, and

had and bought it. Judas?

4 56And His sisters, are they not all with 7 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and us? Where then did this Man get all

gathered some of every kind, these things?"

4 57 8which, when it was full, they drew to So they were offended at Him. But

shore; and they sat down and gathered Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not

the good into vessels, but threw the bad without honor except in his own country

away. and in his own house."

4 5 ' So it will be at the end of the age. The ' Now He did not do many mighty works angels will come forth, separate the there because of their unbelief. wicked from among the just,

50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. 1 4At that time Herod the tetrarch

There will be wailing and gnashing of heard the report about Jesus teeth."

2 1 and said to his servants, "This is John 3When Jesus heard it, He departed the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, from there by boat to a deserted place

and therefore these powers are at work by Himself. But when the multitudes

in him." heard it, they followed Him on foot from

the cities.

3

For Herod had laid hold of John and

1 4

bound him, and put him in prison for the And when Jesus went out He saw a

sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's great multitude; and He was moved with

wife. compassion for them, and healed their

sick.

4Because John had said to him, "It is not 5When it was evening, His disciples

lawful for you to have her." 1

came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted

5 place, and the hour is already late. Send And although he wanted to put him to

death, he feared the multitude, because the multitudes away, that they may go

they counted him as a prophet. into the villages and buy themselves  
food."

6But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias  
But Jesus said to them, "They do not 16

danced before them and pleased Herod. need to go away. You give  
them

something to eat."

7Therefore he promised with an oath to 7And they said to Him, "We  
have here

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give her whatever she might ask.

only five loaves and two fish."

mother, said, "Give me John the So she, having been prompted by her  
1 8He said, "Bring them here to Me." Baptist's head here on a platter."

1 ' Then He commanded the multitudes to

'And the king was sorry; nevertheless, sit down on the grass. And He  
took the

because of the oaths and because of five loaves and the two fish, and  
looking

those who sat with him, he commanded up to heaven, He blessed and  
broke

it to be given to her. and gave the loaves to the disciples;

and the disciples gave to the multitudes.

10 So he sent and had John beheaded in 2 prison. So they all ate and  
were filled, and 0

they took up twelve baskets full of the

11 fragments that remained.

And his head was brought on a platter

and given to the girl, and she brought it 2 1Now those who had eaten  
were about to her mother.

five thousand men, besides women and

12Then his disciples came and took children.

away the body and buried it, and went

and told Jesus.

22 mediately Jesus made His disciples 32And when they got into the  
boat, the

get into the boat and go before Him to wind ceased. the other side,  
while He sent the

multitudes away. 33Then those who were in the boat came

and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You

23

And when He had sent the multitudes are the Son of God."

away, He went up on the mountain by

Himself to pray. Now when evening 3 4When they had crossed over,  
they came, He was alone there. came to the land of Gennesaret.

24But the boat was now in the middle of 5And when the men of that  
place

the sea, tossed by the waves, for the recognized Him, they sent out  
into all



wind was contrary. that surrounding region, brought to Him

2

5Now in the fourth watch of the night all who were sick,

Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 36 and begged Him that they might only

2 many as touched it were made perfectly

6And when the disciples saw Him touch the hem of His garment. And as

walking on the sea, they were troubled, well. saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out

for fear.

2 1 5Then the scribes and Pharisees 7 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, who were from Jerusalem came to saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not Jesus, saying, be afraid."

2 Why do Your disciples transgress the

2 ' And Peter answered Him and said,

tradition of the elders? For they do not

"Lord, if it is You, command me to come wash their hands when they eat bread."

to You on the water."

had come down out of the boat, he ' So He said, "Come." And when Peter do you also transgress the 2 3He answered and said to them, "Why

commandment of God because of your

walked on the water to go to Jesus.

tradition?

30 But when he saw that the wind was 4 For God commanded, saying, "Honor boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning your father and your mother"; and, "He to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save who curses father or mother, let him be me!" put to death.'

31 And immediately Jesus stretched out 5 But you say, "Whoever says to his His hand and caught him, and said to father or mother, "Whatever profit you him, "0 you of little faith, why did you might have received from me is a gift to doubt?" God"--6 17

then he need not honor his father or Do you not yet understand that mother.' Thus you have made the whatever enters the mouth goes into the

commandment of God of no effect by stomach and is eliminated? your tradition.

1 8

But those things which proceed out of

7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy the mouth come from the heart, and

about you, saying: they defile a man.

8 1 These people draw near to Me with ' For out of the heart proceed evil their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, thoughts, murders, adulteries, But their heart is far from Me. fornications, thefts, false witness,

blasphemies.

'And in vain they worship Me, Teaching 0 These are the things which

defile a

as doctrines the commandments of 2 men.' man, but to eat with  
unwashed hands

does not defile a man."

10When He had called the multitude to

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Himself, He said to them, "Hear and Then Jesus went out from there  
and

understand: departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

1 2 12

Not what goes into the mouth defiles a And behold, a woman of  
Canaan

man; but what comes out of the mouth, came from that region and  
cried out to

this defiles a man." Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O

Lord, Son of David! My daughter is

12 severely demon-possessed."

Then His disciples came and said to

Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees

2 3

were offended when they heard this But He answered her not a word.  
And

saying?" His disciples came and urged Him,

saying, "Send her away, for she cries

13But He answered and said, "Every out after us."

plant which My heavenly Father has not 4But He answered and said,  
"I was not

planted will be uprooted. 2

sent except to the lost sheep of the

14Let them alone. They are blind leaders house of Israel."

of the blind. And if the blind leads the 5Then she came and worshiped  
Him,

blind, both will fall into a ditch." 2

saying, "Lord, help me!"

15Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." 2

6But He answered and said, "It is not

good to take the children's bread and

16 throw it to the little dogs."

So Jesus said, "Are you also still  
without understanding?

27 35So He commanded the multitude to sit

And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the  
little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from down on the ground. their  
masters' table."

36And He took the seven loaves and the

2 ' Then Jesus answered and said to her, fish and gave thanks, broke  
them and

"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be gave them to His disciples;  
and the

to you as you desire." And her daughter disciples gave to the  
multitude. was healed from that very hour.

So they all ate and were filled, and

2 ' Jesus departed from there, skirted the they took up seven large baskets full of

Sea of Galilee, and went up on the the fragments that were left. mountain and sat down there.

3' Now those who ate were four

30Then great multitudes came to Him, thousand men, besides women and

having with them the lame, blind, mute, children. maimed, and many others; and they laid

them down at Jesus' feet, and He 3' And He sent away the multitude, got

healed them. into the boat, and came to the region of

Magdala.

31So the multitude marveled when they

saw the mute speaking, the maimed

made whole, the lame walking, and the 1 6Then the Pharisees and blind seeing; and they glorified the God

Sadducees came, and testing Him of Israel.

asked that He would show them a sign

32 from heaven. Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion 2 on the multitude, because they have He answered and said to them, "When

it is evening you say, "It will be fair now continued with Me three days and

have nothing to eat. And I do not want to weather, for the sky is red';

send them away hungry, lest they faint hand in the morning, "It will be foul

on the way."

weather today, for the sky is red and

33 Then His disciples said to Him, "Where threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you could we get enough bread in the cannot discern the signs of the times. wilderness to fill such a great

multitude?" 4 A wicked and adulterous generation

34 seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be Jesus said to them, "How many loaves given to it except the sign of the prophet do you have?" And they said, "Seven, Jonah." And He left them and departed. and a few little fish."

5 14

Now when His disciples had come to So they said, "Some say John the the other side, they had forgotten to take Baptist, some Elijah, and others

bread. Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

6 1 5

Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed He said to them, "But who do you say

and beware of the leaven of the that I am?" Pharisees and the Sadducees."

Simon Peter answered and said, "You

7And they reasoned among themselves, are the Christ, the Son of the living

saying, "It is because we have taken no God." bread."

1 7

Jesus answered and said to him,

'But Jesus, being aware of it, said to "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for

them, "O you of little faith, why do you flesh and blood has not revealed this to

reason among yourselves because you you, but My Father who is in heaven.

have brought no bread?

1 ' And I also say to you that you are

'Do you not yet understand, or Peter, and on this rock I will build My remember the five loaves of the five church, and the gates of Hades shall not

thousand and how many baskets you prevail against it. took up?

1 ' And I will give you the keys of the

10

Nor the seven loaves of the four kingdom of heaven, and whatever you

thousand and how many large baskets bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

you took up? and whatever you loose on earth will be

loosed in heaven."

11

How is it you do not understand that I

did not speak to you concerning bread?- Then He commanded His disciples

-but to beware of the leaven of the that they should tell no one that He was

Pharisees and Sadducees." Jesus the Christ.

12 Then they understood that He did not 1 From that time Jesus began to show to tell them to beware of the leaven of His disciples that He must go to

bread, but of the doctrine of the Jerusalem, and suffer many things from

Pharisees and Sadducees. the elders and chief priests and scribes,

and be killed, and be raised the third

13 When Jesus came into the region of day.

Caesarea Philippi, He asked His

disciples, saying, "Who do men say that 2 Then Peter took Him aside and began I, the Son of Man, am?" to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from

You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

24 3 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get Then Peter answered and said to Jesus,

behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You

Me, for you are not mindful of the things wish, let us make here three of God, but the things of men." tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses,

and one for Elijah."



Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If  
anyone desires to come after Me, let <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking,  
behold, a him deny himself, and take up his cross, bright cloud  
overshadowed them; and  
and follow Me. suddenly a voice came out of the cloud,  
saying, "This is My beloved Son, in  
<sup>25</sup>For whoever desires to save his life whom I am well pleased. Hear  
Him!"

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for OAnd when the disciples  
heard it, they

My sake will find it.

fell on their faces and were greatly  
<sup>26</sup>For what profit is it to a man if he gains afraid.

the whole world, and loses his own

soul? Or what will a man give in <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them  
and exchange for his soul? said, "Arise, and do not be afraid."

<sup>2 8</sup> 7When they had lifted up their eyes, they For the Son of Man will  
come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and saw no one but  
Jesus only. then He will reward each according to

his works. <sup>9</sup>Now as they came down from the

mountain, Jesus commanded them,  
<sup>2</sup> saying, "Tell the vision to no one until ' AssuredIy, I say to you, there  
are

some standing here who shall not taste the Son of Man is risen from  
the dead."

death till they see the Son of Man

coming in His kingdom." 1 0

And His disciples asked Him, saying,  
"Why then do the scribes say that Elijah  
must come first?"

1 7 Now after six days Jesus took

Peter, James, and John his brother, led 1 Jesus answered and said to  
them,

them up on a high mountain by "Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will  
themselves; restore all things.

1 2

2 But I say to you that Elijah has come and He was transfigured before  
them.

His face shone like the sun, and His already, and they did not know  
him but

clothes became as white as the light. did to him whatever they  
wished.

Likewise the Son of Man is also about to

O And behold, Moses and Elijah suffer at their hands."

appeared to them, talking with Him. 13 Then the disciples understood  
that He

spoke to them of John the Baptist.

1 2 4

And when they had come to the When they had come to  
Capernaum,

multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling those who received the

temple tax came

down to Him and saying, to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher

not pay the temple tax?"

1 5 'Lord,

have mercy on my son, for he is

2 5

an epileptic and suffers severely; for he He said, "Yes." And when he had

often falls into the fire and often into the come into the house, Jesus anticipated

water. him, saying, "What do you think, Simon?

From whom do the kings of the earth

16 take customs or taxes, from their sons

So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him." or from strangers?"

1 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Then Jesus answered and said, "O

7 2 6

faithless and perverse generation, how Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are

long shall I be with you? How long shall free. I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."

2 7

Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go

18And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the

came out of him; and the child was fish that comes up first. And when you

cured from that very hour. have opened its mouth, you will find a

piece of money; take that and give it to

1 them for Me and you." 9Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not

cast it out?"

1 8At that time the disciples came to

20 Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in

So Jesus said to them, "Because of

your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, the kingdom of heaven?" if you have faith as a mustard seed, you

will say to this mountain, "Move from 2 Then Jesus called a little child to Him, here to there,' and it will move; and set him in the midst of them, nothing will be impossible for you.

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2 unless you are converted and become

1However, this kind does not go out and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, except by prayer and fasting." as little children, you will by no means

enter the kingdom of heaven.

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Now while they were staying in Galilee,

Jesus said to them, "The Son of Man is 4Therefore whoever humbles himself as about to be betrayed into the hands of this little child is the greatest in the

men, kingdom of heaven.

23 and they will kill Him, and the third day 5Whoever receives one little child like He will be raised up." And they were this in My name receives Me. exceedingly sorrowful.

614 Whoever causes one of these little Even so it is not the will of your Father ones who believe in Me to sin, it would who is in heaven that one of these little

be better for him if a millstone were ones should perish. hung around his neck, and he were

drowned in the depth of the sea. 1 5 Moreover if your brother sins against

you, go and tell him his fault between

7Woe to the world because of offenses! you and him alone. If he hears you, you

For offenses must come, but woe to that have gained your brother. man by whom the offense comes!

1 6But if he will not hear, take with you

8 If your hand or foot causes you to sin, one or two more, that "by the mouth of

cut it off and cast it from you. It is better two or three witnesses every word may

for you to enter into life lame or maimed, be established.' rather than having two hands or two feet,

to be cast into the everlasting fire. 1 7And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to

the church. But if he refuses even to

'And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck hear the church, let him be to you like a

it out and cast it from you. It is better for heathen and a tax collector. you to enter into life with one eye, rather

than having two eyes, to be cast into 18 'Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you hell fire. bind on earth will be bound in heaven,

and whatever you loose on earth will be

<sup>10</sup> Take heed that you do not despise loosed in heaven. one of these little ones, for I say to you

that in heaven their angels always see <sup>1</sup> " Again I say to you that if two of you the face of My Father who is in heaven. agree on earth concerning anything that

<sup>1</sup> Father in heaven. <sup>1</sup> For the Son of Man has come to save they ask, it will be done for them by My

that which was lost.

<sup>2</sup> For where two or three are gathered

<sup>12a</sup> What do you think? If a man has a together in My name, I am there in the

hundred sheep, and one of them goes midst of them." astray, does he not leave the ninety-

nine and go to the mountains to seek <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came to Him and said, the one that is straying? "Lord, how often shall my brother sin

against me, and I forgive him? Up to

<sup>13</sup>

And if he should find it, assuredly, I seven times?"

say to you, he rejoices more over that

sheep than over the ninety-nine that did <sup>2</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, not go astray. up to seven times, but up to seventy

times seven.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore the kingdom of heaven is forgave you all that debt because you

like a certain king who wanted to settle begged me. accounts with his servants.

2 And when he had begun to settle compassion on your fellow servant,  
just

4 33Should you not also have had

accounts, one was brought to him who as I had pity on you?' owed  
him ten thousand talents.

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And his master was angry, and

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But as he was not able to pay, his delivered him to the torturers  
until he

master commanded that he be sold, should pay all that was due to  
him. with his wife and children and all that he

had, and that payment be made. 35 So My heavenly Father also will do  
to

2 not forgive his brother his trespasses."

6The servant therefore fell down before you if each of you, from his  
heart, does

him, saying, "Master, have patience with

me, and I will pay you all.'

2 1 9Now it came to pass, when Jesus 7 Then the master of that  
servant was had finished these sayings, that He moved with  
compassion, released him, departed from Galilee and came to the and  
forgave him the debt. region of Judea beyond the Jordan.

2" But that servant went out and found And great multitudes followed  
Him, and

one of his fellow servants who owed him

He healed them there.

a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on

him and took him by the throat, saying, <sup>3</sup>The Pharisees also came to Him,

"Pay me what you owe!"

testing Him, and saying to Him, "Is it

<sup>2</sup> lawful for a man to divorce his wife for ' So

his fellow servant fell down at his

just any reason?"

feet and begged him, saying, "Have

patience with me, and I will pay you all.' <sup>4</sup>

And He answered and said to them,

<sup>30</sup>And he would not, but went and threw "Have you not read that He who made

them at the beginning "made them male

him into prison till he should pay the and female,' debt.

<sup>31</sup> and said, "For this reason a man shall

So when his fellow servants saw what

leave his father and mother and be

had been done, they were very grieved,



joined to his wife, and the two shall

and came and told their master all that become one flesh"? had been done.

3 So then, they are no longer two but one

2 6

Then his master, after he had called

flesh. Therefore what God has joined

him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I

together, let not man separate."

7 1 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses 6 Now behold, one came and said to command to give a certificate of divorce, Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing

and to put her away?" shall I do that I may have eternal life?"

8 1 7

He said to them, "Moses, because of So He said to him, "Why do you call

the hardness of your hearts, permitted Me good? No one is good but One, that

you to divorce your wives, but from the is, God. But if you want to enter into life,

beginning it was not so. keep the commandments."

'And I say to you, whoever divorces his 1 8 He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus wife, except for sexual immorality, and said, You shall not murder,' "You shall

marries another, commits adultery; and not commit adultery,' "You

shall not

whoever marries her who is divorced steal,' "You shall not bear false witness,'

commits adultery."

1 "' Honor your father and your mother,'

10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is

and, "You shall love your neighbor as the case of the man with his wife, it is yourself." better not to marry."

2 0 The young man said to Him, "All these

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But He said to them, "All cannot things I have kept from my youth. What

accept this saying, but only those to do I still lack?" whom it has been given:

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Jesus said to him, "If you want to be

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For there are eunuchs who were born perfect, go, sell what you have and give

thus from their mother's womb, and to the poor, and you will have treasure

there are eunuchs who were made in heaven; and come, follow Me." eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs

who have made themselves eunuchs for 2 But when the young man heard that the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who saying, he went away sorrowful, for he

is able to accept it, let him accept it." had great possessions.

13Then little children were brought to 3Then Jesus said to His disciples,

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Him that He might put His hands on "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for

them and pray, but the disciples a rich man to enter the kingdom of rebuked them. heaven.

14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children 24

And again I say to you, it is easier for a

come to Me, and do not forbid them; for camel to go through the eye of a needle

of such is the kingdom of heaven." than for a rich man to enter the kingdom

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5And He laid His hands on them and of God."

departed from there.

2 4 5When His disciples heard it, they were and said to them, "You also go into the

greatly astonished, saying, "Who then vineyard, and whatever is right I will give

can be saved?" you.' So they went.

2 5 6

But Jesus looked at them and said to Again he went out about the sixth and

them, "With men this is impossible, but the ninth hour, and did likewise. with God all things are possible."

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Then Peter answered and said to Him, out and found others  
standing idle, and

"See, we have left all and followed You. said to them, "Why have you  
been

Therefore what shall we have?" standing here idle all day?"

27 8

So Jesus said to them, "Assuredly I They said to him, "Because no  
one

say to you, that in the regeneration, hired us.' He said to them, "You  
also go

when the Son of Man sits on the throne into the vineyard, and  
whatever is right

of His glory, you who have followed Me you will receive.' will also sit  
on twelve thrones, judging

the twelve tribes of Israel. "So when evening had come, the

owner of the vineyard said to his

29And everyone who has left houses or steward, "Call the laborers and  
give

brothers or sisters or father or mother or them their wages, beginning  
with the

wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall  
receive a hundredfold, and

inherit eternal life. 'And when those came who were hired

about the eleventh hour, they each

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But many who are first will be last, and received a denarius.  
the last first.

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But when the first came, they  
supposed that they would receive more;

2 and they likewise received each a 0 For the kingdom of heaven is  
like

a landowner who went out early in the denarius.

morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. 1 1And when they had  
received it, they 2 complained against the landowner,

Now when he had agreed with the

laborers for a denarius a day, he sent 1 2saying, "These last men have  
worked them into his vineyard.

only one hour, and you made them

OAnd he went out about the third hour equal to us who have borne  
the burden

and the heat of the day.'

and saw others standing idle in the

marketplace, 13But he answered one of them and said,

"Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did  
you not agree with me for a denarius?

1 2 4 3So He said to them, "You will indeed Take what is yours and go  
your way. I

wish to give to this last man the same as drink My cup, and be

baptized with the

to you. baptism that I am baptized with; but to

sit on My right hand and on My left is not

1 5 s it not lawful for me to do what I wish Mine to give, but it is for  
those for whom

with my own things? Or is your eye evil it is prepared by My Father."  
because I am good?"

2 4And when the ten heard it, they were

16 greatly displeased with the two brothers.

So the last will be first, and the first

last. For many are called, but few 5But Jesus called them to Himself  
and

chosen." 2

said, "You know that the rulers of the

17 Gentiles lord it over them, and those

Now Jesus, going up to Jerusalem,

took the twelve disciples aside on the who are great exercise authority  
over

road and said to them, them.

1 2 6 et it shall not be so among you; but 8 Behold, we are going up to  
Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to whoever desires to  
become great

the chief priests and to the scribes; and among you, let him be your  
servant. they will condemn Him to death,

2 7

And whoever desires to be first among

19 you, let him be your slave--

and deliver Him to the Gentiles to  
mock and to scourge and to crucify. And

2 8j

the third day He will rise again." ust as the Son of Man did not come  
to

be served, but to serve, and to give His  
20 life a ransom for many."

Then the mother of Zebedee's sons  
came to Him with her sons, kneeling  
down and asking something from Him. 2 ' Now as they went out of  
Jericho, a  
great multitude followed Him.

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And He said to her, "What do you 30And behold, two blind men  
sitting by  
wish?" She said to Him, "Grant that  
these two sons of mine may sit, one on the road, when they heard that  
Jesus  
Your right hand and the other on the left, was passing by, cried out,  
saying, "Have  
in Your kingdom." mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David!"

2 3 2 1Then the multitude warned them that But Jesus answered and  
said, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to they should be  
quiet; but they cried out

drink the cup that I am about to drink, all the more, saying, "Have  
mercy on us,

and be baptized with the baptism that I O Lord, Son of David!" am  
baptized with?" They said to Him,

"We are able." 32

So Jesus stood still and called them,  
and said, "What do you want Me to do  
for you?"

33 They said to Him, "Lord, that our eyes branches from the trees and  
spread

may be opened." them on the road.

34 9

So Jesus had compassion and Then the multitudes who went before  
touched their eyes. And immediately and those who followed cried  
out,  
their eyes received sight, and they saying: "Hosanna to the Son of  
David!

followed Him. "Blessed is He who comes in the name

of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!"

10 And when He had come into

21 Now when they drew near

Jerusalem, all the city was moved,  
Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at

saying, "Who is this?"

the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent



two disciples, <sup>1</sup> So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, <sup>2</sup> the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

saying to them, "Go into the village

opposite you, and immediately you will <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Then Jesus went into the temple of find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. God and drove out all those who bought

and sold in the temple, and overturned

OAnd if anyone says anything to you, the tables of the money changers and

the seats of those who sold doves.

you shall say, "The Lord has need of

them,' and immediately he will send <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>And He said to them, "It is written, "My them." prayer,' house shall be called a house of <sup>4</sup> but you have made it a "den of thieves."

All this was done that it might be

fulfilled which was spoken by the <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>Then the blind and the lame came to prophet, saying:

Him in the temple, and He healed them.

<sup>5</sup> Tell the daughter of Zion, "Behold, <sup>5</sup>But when the chief priests and scribes

your King is coming to you, Lowly, and <sup>1</sup> sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a saw the wonderful things that He did,

donkey." and the children crying out in the temple

and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of

6 David!" they were indignant

So the disciples went and did as Jesus

commanded them. 1 6and said to Him, "Do You hear what 7 these are saying?" And Jesus said to

They brought the donkey and the colt,

them, "Yes. Have you never read, "Out

laid their clothes on them, and set Him

on them. of the mouth of babes and nursing

infants You have perfected praise'?"

'And a very great multitude spread their 17 clothes on the road; others cut down Then He left them and went out of the

city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

1 2 ' Now in the morning, as He returned to 6But if we say, "From men,' we fear the the city, He was hungry. multitude, for all count John as a

prophet."

19And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but 2 7

So they answered Jesus and said,

leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow "We do not know." And He said to them,

on you ever again." Immediately the fig "Neither will I tell you by what authority I

tree withered away. do these things.

2 2 0And when the disciples saw it, they 8 But what do you think? A man had marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree two sons, and he

came to the first and

wither away so soon?" said, "Son, go, work today in my  
vineyard.'

21

So Jesus answered and said to them,

"Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith 2' He answered and said, "I  
will not,' but and do not doubt, you will not only do afterward he  
regretted it and went. what was done to the fig tree, but also if

you say to this mountain, "Be removed 3 0Then he came to the second  
and said and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. likewise. And he  
answered and said, "I

go, sir,' but he did not go.

22

And whatever things you ask in prayer,

believing, you will receive." 31Which of the two did the will of his

father?" They said to Him, "The first."

23

Now when He came into the temple, Jesus said to them, "Assuredly,  
I say to

the chief priests and the elders of the you that tax collectors and  
harlots enter

people confronted Him as He was the kingdom of God before you.  
teaching, and said, "By what authority

are You doing these things? And who 32 For John came to you in the  
way of gave You this authority?" righteousness, and you did not  
believe

2 believed him; and when you saw it, you

4But Jesus answered and said to them, him; but tax collectors and harlots

"I also will ask you one thing, which if did not afterward relent and believe him.

you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by

what authority I do these things: 33 Hear another parable: There was a

2 vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug

5The baptism of John--where was it certain landowner who planted a from? From heaven or from men?" And a winepress in it and built a tower. And

they reasoned among themselves, he leased it to vinedressers and went

saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He into a far country. will say to us, "Why then did you not

believe him?' 34Now when vintage-time drew near, he

sent his servants to the vinedressers,

that they might receive its fruit.

35And the vinedressers took his servants, 45Now when the chief priests and beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Pharisees heard His parables, they

perceived that He was speaking of them.

36Again he sent other servants, more 6 4 than the first, and they did likewise to But when they sought to lay hands on them. Him, they feared the multitudes,

because they took Him for a prophet.

Then last of all he sent his son to them,  
saying, "They will respect my son.'

22And Jesus answered and spoke to

3' But when the vinedressers saw the them again by parables and said:  
son, they said among themselves, "This

is the heir. Come, let us kill him and 2 The kingdom of heaven is like a  
seize his inheritance.' certain king who arranged a marriage

39 for his son, So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and  
killed him. h

and sent out his servants to call those

4 who were invited to the wedding; and 0§ 'Therefore , when the  
owner of the they were not willing to come.

vineyard comes, what will he do to those

vinedressers?" 4

Again, he sent out other servants,

4 saying, "Tell those who are invited, "See, 1 They said to Him, "He  
will destroy I have prepared my dinner; my oxen and

those wicked men miserably, and lease fatted cattle are killed, and all  
things are

his vineyard to other vinedressers who ready. Come to the  
wedding." will render to him the fruits in their

seasons." 5

But they made light of it and went their

4 ways, one to his own farm, another to 2 Jesus said to them, "Have you never his business.

read in the Scriptures: "The stone which

chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's treated them spitefully, and killed them. doing, And it is marvelous in our the builders rejected Has become the OAnd the rest seized his servants,

eyes'?

4 'Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of 3§ 7But when the king heard about it, he

was furious. And he sent out his armies,

God will be taken from you and given to

destroyed those murderers, and burned

a nation bearing the fruits of it.

up their city.

44And whoever falls on this stone will be

8 Then he said to his servants, "The

broken; but on whomever it falls, it will

wedding is ready, but those who were

grind him to powder."

invited were not worthy.

"Therefore go into the highways, and as 1' Show Me the tax money." So they many as you find, invite to the wedding.' brought Him a denarius.

1 2 0 0 And He said to them, "Whose image

So those servants went out into the highways and gathered together all and inscription is this?" whom they found, both bad and good.

And the wedding hall was filled with 2 1

They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He guests. said to them, "Render therefore to

Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and 11 But when the king came in to see the to God the things that are God's." guests, he saw a man there who did not

have on a wedding garment. 2 2 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went

12 So he said to him, "Friend, how did their way. you come in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. 23 The same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to

13 Then the king said to the servants, Him and asked Him, "Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there 2 4

saying: "Teacher, Moses said that if a will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' man dies, having no children, his

brother shall marry his wife and raise up 14

'For many are called, but few are offspring for his brother. chosen."

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Then the Pharisees went and plotted brothers. The first died after he had

how they might entangle Him in His talk. married, and having no offspring, left his

wife to his brother.

16And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, 2 6Likewise the second also, and the third, we know that You are true, and teach even to the seventh. the way of God in truth; nor do You care

about anyone, for You do not regard the 2 7

Last of all the woman died also.

person of men.

2 8Therefore, in the resurrection, whose

17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? wife of the seven will she be? For they

Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or all had her." not?"

2 ' Jesus answered and said to them,

18But Jesus perceived their wickedness,

"You are mistaken, not knowing the

and said, "Why do you test Me, you Scriptures nor the power of God. hypocrites?

30For in the resurrection they neither 4 2saying, "What do you think about the marry nor are given in marriage, but are Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to

like angels of God in heaven. Him, "The Son of David."



But concerning the resurrection of the He said to them, "How then does

dead, have you not read what was David in the Spirit call Him "Lord," spoken to you by God, saying, saying:

3 444 2 am the God of Abraham, the God of "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My

Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? God is right hand, Till I make Your enemies

not the God of the dead, but of the Your footstool"? living."

4 5 David then calls Him "Lord,' how is

33And when the multitudes heard this, He his Son?" they were astonished at His teaching.

4 6And no one was able to answer Him a

34But when the Pharisees heard that He word, nor from that day on did anyone

had silenced the Sadducees, they dare question Him anymore. gathered together.

35Then one of them, a lawyer, asked

2 3Then Jesus spoke to the

Him a question, testing Him, and saying, multitudes and to His disciples,

36 "Teacher, which is the great

2 saying: "The scribes and the Pharisees

commandment in the law?" sit in Moses' seat.

37 Jesus said to him, You shall love the 3 Therefore whatever they tell you to

LORD your God with all your heart, with observe, that observe and do, but do not

all your soul, and with all your mind.'

do according to their works; for they say,

3' This is the first and great and do not do. commandment. 4

For they bind heavy burdens, hard to

39 And the second is like it: "You shall bear, and lay them on men's shoulders;

but they themselves will not move them

love your neighbor as yourself.' with one of their fingers.

4 5 0 On these two commandments hang all But all their works they do to be seen the Law and the Prophets." by men. They make their phylacteries

broad and enlarge the borders of their

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While the Pharisees were gathered garments.

together, Jesus asked them, 6 1 They love the best places at feasts, the 6 Woe to you, blind guides, who say, best seats in the synagogues, "Whoever swears by the temple, it is

nothing; but whoever swears by the gold

7 of the temple, he is obliged to perform greetings in the marketplaces, and to

be called by men, "Rabbi, Rabbi." it.'

8 1 7 Fools and blind! For which is greater, But you, do not be called "Rabbi"; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and the gold or the temple that sanctifies the

you are all brethren. gold?

1 8 And, "Whoever swears by the altar, it

'Do not call anyone on earth your father;

for One is your Father, He who is in is nothing; but whoever swears by the

heaven. gift that is on it, he is obliged to perform

10 And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. 1 ' Fools and blind! For which is greater,

the gift or the altar that sanctifies the

11 But he who is greatest among you

gift?

shall be your servant. 2 0 Therefore he who swears by the altar,

1 swears by it and by all things on it. 2 And whoever exalts himself will be

humbled, and he who humbles himself 2 1 He who swears by the temple, swears will be exalted.

by it and by Him who dwells in it.

13 But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut up 2

And he who swears by heaven,

the kingdom of heaven against men; for swears by the throne of God  
and by Him

you neither go in yourselves, nor do you who sits on it.

allow those who are entering to go in. 3 Woe to you, scribes and  
Pharisees,

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14 hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

hypocrites! For you devour widows' anise and cummin, and have  
neglected

houses, and for a pretense make long the weightier matters of the law:  
justice

prayers. Therefore you will receive and mercy and faith. These you  
ought to

greater condemnation. have done, without leaving the others

undone.

1 5 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land  
and sea Blind guides, who strain out a gnat and 24

to win one proselyte, and when he is swallow a camel!

won, you make him twice as much a son 5 Woe to you, scribes and  
Pharisees,

of hell as yourselves. 2

hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside  
they are synagogues and persecute from city to

full of extortion and self-indulgence. city,

26Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside 35that on you may come all the righteous

of the cup and dish, that the outside of blood shed on the earth, from the blood

them may be clean also. of righteous Abel to the blood of

Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you

27 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, murdered between the temple and the

hypocrites! For you are like altar.

whitewashed tombs which indeed 36Assuredly, appear beautiful outwardly, but inside I say to you, all these

are full of dead men's bones and all things will come upon this generation.

uncleanness.

3 7 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who

28Even so you also outwardly appear kills the prophets and stones those who

righteous to men, but inside you are full are sent to her! How often I wanted to

of hypocrisy and lawlessness. gather your children together, as a hen

gathers her chicks under her wings, but

29 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you were not willing!

hypocrites! Because you build the tombs 38See! of the prophets and adorn the Your house is left to you monuments of the righteous, desolate;

30 3' for I say to you, you shall see Me no

and say, "If we had lived in the days of

our fathers, we would not have been more till you say, "Blessed is He who

partakers with them in the blood of the comes in the name of the LORD!"' prophets.'

31§ '

Therefore you are witnesses against 24Then Jesus went out and yourselves that you are sons of those departed from the temple, and His

who murdered the prophets. disciples came up to show Him the

3 buildings of the temple. 2Fill up, then, the measure of your

fathers' guilt. 2 And Jesus said to them, "Do you not

33Serpents, brood of vipers! How can see all these things? Assuredly, I say to

you, not one stone shall be left here

you escape the condemnation of hell? upon another, that shall not be thrown

down."

34Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them 3Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives,

you will kill and crucify, and some of the disciples came to Him privately,

them you will scourge in your saying, "Tell us, when will these things

be? And what will be the sign of Your 1 54"Therefore when you see the coming, and of the end of the age?" "abomination of desolation,' spoken of

by Daniel the prophet, standing in the

4 holy place" (whoever reads, let him And Jesus answered and said to them:

"Take heed that no one deceives you. understand),

5 1 64 then let those who are in Judea flee to

For many will come in My name, saying,

"I am the Christ,' and will deceive many. the mountains.

6 1 7Let him who is on the housetop not go

And you will hear of wars and rumors of

wars. See that you are not troubled; for down to take anything out of his house.

all these things must come to pass, but

the end is not yet. 1 ' And let him who is in the field not go

back to get his clothes.

7For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will 1' But woe to those who are pregnant be famines, pestilences, and and to those who are nursing babies in earthquakes in various places. those days!

8 2 All these are the beginning of sorrows. 0And pray that your flight may not be in

winter or on the Sabbath.

"Then they will deliver you up to

tribulation and kill you, and you will be For then there will be great tribulation, <sup>21</sup>

hated by all nations for My name's sake. such as has not been since the

beginning of the world until this time, no,

<sup>10</sup>And then many will be offended, will nor ever shall be.

betray one another, and will hate one

another. <sup>2</sup> And unless those days were shortened,

no flesh would be saved; but for the

<sup>11</sup> elect's sake those days will be

Then many false prophets will rise up  
and deceive many. shortened.

<sup>1</sup> 'Then if anyone says to you, "Look, <sup>2</sup> <sup>234</sup>

And because lawlessness will abound,  
the love of many will grow cold. here is the Christ!' or "There!' do not  
believe it.

<sup>13</sup>But he who endures to the end shall be saved. For false christs and false prophets will <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

rise and show great signs and wonders

<sup>14</sup> to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be

preached in all the world as a witness to <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>See, I have told you beforehand. all the nations, and then the end will come.



26§ "Therefore if they say to you, "Look, 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but

He is in the desert!" do not go out; or My words will by no means pass away.

"Look, He is in the inner rooms!" do not

believe it. 36 'But of that day and hour no one

knows, not even the angels of heaven,

27

For as the lightning comes from the but My Father only.

east and flashes to the west, so also will

the coming of the Son of Man be. 37 But as the days of Noah were, so also

2

8 For wherever the carcass is, there the will the coming of the Son of Man be.

eagles will be gathered together. 38 For as in the days before the flood,

they were eating and drinking, marrying

2 ' Immediately after the tribulation of and giving in marriage, until the day that

those days the sun will be darkened, Noah entered the ark, and the moon will not give its light; the

stars will fall from heaven, and the 3' and did not know until the flood came

powers of the heavens will be shaken. and took them all away, so also will the

3

0 Then the sign of the Son of Man will coming of the Son of Man be.

appear in heaven, and then all the tribes 4 0 Then two men will be in the field: one of the earth will mourn, and they will see will be taken

and the other left. the Son of Man coming on the clouds of

heaven with power and great glory. 41

Two women will be grinding at the mill:

31 one will be taken and the other left. And He will send His angels  
with a

great sound of a trumpet, and they will 4 2Watch therefore, for you do  
not know gather together His elect from the four what hour your Lord  
is coming. winds, from one end of heaven to the

other. 4 3But know this, that if the master of the

3 house had known what hour the thief 2 Now learn this parable from  
the fig

would come, he would have watched

tree: When its branch has already

and not allowed his house to be broken

become tender and puts forth leaves,

into.

you know that summer is near.

4 4Therefore you also be ready, for the

33So you also, when you see all these Son of Man is coming at an  
hour you do

things, know that it is near--at the doors! not expect.

34Assuredly, I say to you, this generation 454 Who then is a faithful  
and wise will by no means pass away till all these servant, whom his  
master made ruler things take place. over his household, to give them

food in

due season?

4 7 6Blessed is that servant whom his Then all those virgins arose and  
master, when he comes, will find so trimmed their lamps. doing.

4 us some of your oil, for our lamps are

7Assuredly, I say to you that he will 8And the foolish said to the wise,  
"Give

make him ruler over all his goods. going out.'

4' But if that evil servant says in his heart, 'But the wise answered,  
saying, "No,

"My master is delaying his coming,' lest there should not be enough  
for us

and you; but go rather to those who sell,

49and begins to beat his fellow servants, and buy for yourselves.'

and to eat and drink with the drunkards,

1 0And while they went to buy, the

50 he master of that servant will come on bridegroom came, and those  
who were

a day when he is not looking for him and ready went in with him to  
the wedding;

at an hour that he is not aware of, and the door was shut.

5 1 § 1'Afterward the other virgins came also, and will cut him in two  
and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites. There saying, "Lord,  
Lord, open to us!" shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

But he answered and said, "Assuredly,

I say to you, I do not know you.'

shall be likened to ten virgins who took 25 Then the kingdom  
of heaven 1 3 Watch therefore, for you know neither their lamps  
and went out to meet the the day nor the hour in which the Son of  
bridegroom. Man is coming.

14 'For the kingdom of heaven is like a

2Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. man traveling to a  
far country, who

called his own servants and delivered

3Those who were foolish took their his goods to them.

lamps and took no oil with them, 1 5And to one he gave five talents, to  
4 another two, and to another one, to

but the wise took oil in their vessels

each according to his own ability; and

with their lamps.

immediately he went on a journey.

5But while the bridegroom was delayed, 6Then he who had received  
the five

they all slumbered and slept.

talents went and traded with them, and

6 made another five talents.

And at midnight a cry was heard:

"Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go 17

And likewise he who had received two  
out to meet him!"

gained two more also.

1' But he who had received one went that I reap where I have not  
sown, and

and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's gather where I have not  
scattered seed.

money.

2 7

So you ought to have deposited my

1' After a long time the lord of those money with the bankers, and at  
my

servants came and settled accounts coming I would have received  
back my

with them. own with interest.

2 2 8 0 So he who had received five talents So take the talent from  
him, and give it came and brought five other talents, to him who has  
ten talents. saying, "Lord, you delivered to me five

talents; look, I have gained five more 2 "' For to everyone who has,  
more will be talents besides them.' given, and he will have abundance;  
but

from him who does not have, even what

21

His lord said to him, "Well done, good he has will be taken away.

and faithful servant; you were faithful

over a few things, I will make you ruler 30 And cast the unprofitable servant into

over many things. Enter into the joy of the outer darkness. There will be

your lord.' weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

22 He also who had received two talents 3 14 When the Son of Man comes in His came and said, "Lord, you delivered to glory, and all the holy angels with Him,

me two talents; look, I have gained two then He will sit on the throne of His glory.

more talents besides them.'

2 All the nations will be gathered before 3 3 2

His lord said to him, "Well done, good Him, and He will separate them one

and faithful servant; you have been from another, as a shepherd divides his

faithful over a few things, I will make you sheep from the goats. ruler over many things. Enter into the joy

of your lord.' 33 And He will set the sheep on His right

2 hand, but the goats on the left. 48 "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, "Lord, I knew you 34

Then the King will say to those on His

to be a hard man, reaping where you

right hand, "Come, you blessed of My

have not sown, and gathering where

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for  
you have not scattered seed.

you from the foundation of the world:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid 35 or I was hungry and you  
gave Me

your talent in the ground. Look, there food; I was thirsty and you gave  
Me

you have what is yours.' drink; I was a stranger and you took Me

2 in; 6 But his lord answered and said to him, "You wicked and lazy  
servant, you knew 36 was naked and you clothed Me; I was you did  
not do it to one of the least of

sick and you visited Me; I was in prison these, you did not do it to Me.'  
and you came to Me.'

4 6And these will go away into everlasting

37§'Then the righteous will answer Him, punishment, but the  
righteous into

saying, "Lord, when did we see You eternal life." hungry and feed You,  
or thirsty and give

You drink?

3 26Now it came to pass, when Jesus 8When did we see You a  
stranger and

had finished all these sayings, that He  
take You in, or naked and clothe You? said to His disciples,

39 2 Or when did we see You sick, or in You know that after two days is the prison, and come to You?' Passover, and the Son of Man will be

4 delivered up to be crucified." 0 And the King will answer and say to

inasmuch as you did it to one of the the elders of the people assembled at least of these My brethren, you did it to the palace of the high priest, who was them, "Assuredly, I say to you, 3 Then the chief priests, the scribes, and

Me.' called Caiaphas,

4 1 § Then He will also say to those on the 4 and plotted to take Jesus by trickery left hand, "Depart from Me, you cursed, and kill Him. into the everlasting fire prepared for the

devil and his angels: 5

But they said, "Not during the feast, lest

4 there be an uproar among the people." 2 or I was hungry and you gave Me no

food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no 6

And when Jesus was in Bethany at the drink;

house of Simon the leper,

4 3 was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, 7 a woman came to Him having an

alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil,

sick and in prison and you did not visit



Me.' and she poured it on His head as He sat

at the table.

4 4§ 'Then

they also will answer Him,

'But when His disciples saw it, they

saying, "Lord, when did we see You

were indignant, saying, "Why this

hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked

waste?

or sick or in prison, and did not minister

to You?' 9For this fragrant oil might have been

45Then He will answer them, saying, sold for much and given to the  
poor."

"Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as 1 2 0But when Jesus was aware of  
it, He 0When evening had come, He sat down said to them, "Why do  
you trouble the with the twelve. woman? For she has done a good  
work

for Me. 2 1

Now as they were eating, He said,

"Assuredly, I say to you, one of you will

11

For you have the poor with you always, betray Me."

but Me you do not have always.

2 And they were exceedingly sorrowful,

For in pouring this fragrant oil on My and each of them began to say to Him,

body, she did it for My burial. "Lord, is it I?"

1 2 3Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this 3He answered and said, "He who gospel is preached in the whole world, dipped his hand with Me in the dish will

what this woman has done will also be betray Me. told as a memorial to her."

24

The Son of Man indeed goes just as it

14

Then one of the twelve, called Judas is written of Him, but woe to that man by

Iscaiot, went to the chief priests whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It

would have been good for that man if he

15 had not been born."

and said, "What are you willing to give

me if I deliver Him to you?" And they 5Then Judas, who was betraying Him,

counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. 2

answered and said, "Rabbi, is it I?" He

16 said to him, "You have said it."

So from that time he sought

opportunity to betray Him.

And as they were eating, Jesus took

17 bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it

Now on the first day of the Feast of the

Unleavened Bread the disciples came to to the disciples and said,  
"Take, eat; this

Jesus, saying to Him, "Where do You is My body."

want us to prepare for You to eat the 7Then He took the cup, and gave  
Passover?" 2

thanks, and gave it to them, saying,

18 "Drink from it, all of you.

And He said, "Go into the city to a

certain man, and say to him, "The 8For this is My blood of the new

Teacher says, "My time is at hand; I will 2 keep the Passover at your  
house with covenant, which is shed for many for the

My disciples. ' remission of sins.

1 2 ' So the disciples did as Jesus had ' But I say to you, I will not drink  
of this directed them; and they prepared the fruit of the vine from  
now on until that

Passover. day when I drink it new with you in My

Father's kingdom."

30And when they had sung a hymn, they 40Then He came to the  
disciples and went out to the Mount of Olives. found them sleeping,  
and said to Peter,

"What! Could you not watch with Me one

31 hour?

Then Jesus said to them, "All of you  
will be made to stumble because of Me

4 1

this night, for it is written: "I will strike the Watch and pray, lest you  
enter into

Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock temptation. The spirit indeed is  
willing,

will be scattered.' but the flesh is weak."

32But after I have been raised, I will go 42Again, a second time, He  
went away before you to Galilee." and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if  
this

cup cannot pass away from Me unless I

33 eter answered and said to Him, drink it, Your will be done."

"Even if all are made to stumble

because of You, I will never be made to 4 3And He came and found  
them asleep stumble." again, for their eyes were heavy.

34 4

Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to So He left them, went away  
again, and

you that this night, before the rooster prayed the third time, saying  
the same

crows, you will deny Me three times." words.

35 eter said to Him, "Even if I have to 4 5Then He came to His

disciples and die with You, I will not deny You!" And said to them,  
"Are you still sleeping and

so said all the disciples. resting? Behold, the hour is at hand,

and the Son of Man is being betrayed

36 into the hands of sinners.

Then Jesus came with them to a place

called Gethsemane, and said to the

4 6

disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray Rise, let us be going. See, My  
betrayer

over there." is at hand."

37And He took with Him Peter and the 47And while He was still  
speaking, two sons of Zebedee, and He began to behold, Judas, one of  
the twelve, with a

be sorrowful and deeply distressed. great multitude with swords and  
clubs,

came from the chief priests and elders

38Then He said to them, "My soul is of the people.

exceedingly sorrowful, even to death.

Stay here and watch with Me." 4' Now His betrayer had given them a

sign, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is

3 the One; seize Him." ' He went a little farther and fell on His face,  
and prayed, saying, "O My Father,

if it is possible, let this cup pass from 4 ' Immediately he went up to  
Jesus and Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as said, "Greetings,  
Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

You will."

5 5 0 But Jesus said to him, "Friend, why ' Now the chief priests, the  
elders, and

have you come?" Then they came and all the council sought false  
testimony

laid hands on Jesus and took Him. against Jesus to put Him to death,

5 6 1 0

And suddenly, one of those who were but found none. Even though  
many

with Jesus stretched out his hand and false witnesses came forward,  
they

drew his sword, struck the servant of the found none. But at last two  
false

high priest, and cut off his ear. witnesses came forward

5 6 1 2 But Jesus said to him, "Put your sword and said, "This fellow  
said, "I am able

in its place, for all who take the sword to destroy the temple of God  
and to

will perish by the sword. build it in three days."

5 6 3 2 And the high priest arose and said to

Or do you think that I cannot now pray

to My Father, and He will provide Me Him, "Do You answer nothing?  
What is

with more than twelve legions of it these men testify against You?"  
angels?

6 3 But Jesus kept silent. And the high

How then could the Scriptures be priest answered and said to Him,  
 "I put

fulfilled, that it must happen thus?" You under oath by the living God:  
 Tell

us if You are the Christ, the Son of

55 n that hour Jesus said to the God!"

multitudes, "Have you come out, as

6 4

against a robber, with swords and clubs Jesus said to him, "It is as you  
 said.

to take Me? I sat daily with you, Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter  
 you

teaching in the temple, and you did not will see the Son of Man sitting  
 at the

seize Me. right hand of the Power, and coming on

the clouds of heaven."

56But all this was done that the Scriptures of the prophets might be 6  
 5Then the high priest tore his clothes, fulfilled." Then all the disciples  
 forsook saying, "He has spoken blasphemy!

Him and fled. What further need do we have of

witnesses? Look, now you have heard

57 His blasphemy!

And those who had laid hold of Jesus

led Him away to Caiaphas the high 6What do you think?" They  
 answered

priest, where the scribes and the elders 6 were assembled. and said,

"He is deserving of death."

567

' But Peter followed Him at a distance to Then they spat in His face  
and beat

the high priest's courtyard. And he went Him; and others struck Him  
with the

in and sat with the servants to see the palms of their hands, end.

6' saying, "Prophecy to us, Christ! Who is 3Then Judas, His betrayer,  
seeing that

the one who struck You?" He had been condemned, was

remorseful and brought back the thirty

69Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. pieces of silver to the chief  
priests and

And a servant girl came to him, saying, elders, "You also were with  
Jesus of Galilee."

4 saying, "I have sinned by betraying

70 innocent blood." And they said, "What is But he denied it before  
them all,

saying, "I do not know what you are that to us? You see to it!" saying."

5Then he threw down the pieces of silver

71And when he had gone out to the in the temple and departed, and  
went

gateway, another girl saw him and said and hanged himself. to those  
who were there, "This fellow

also was with Jesus of Nazareth." 6But the chief priests took the silver

pieces and said, "It is not lawful to put

72 them into the treasury, because they are



But again he denied with an oath, "I do  
not know the Man!" the price of blood."

7 And they consulted together and

3 And a little later those who stood by 7

came up and said to Peter, "Surely you bought with them the potter's  
field, to

also are one of them, for your speech bury strangers in. betrays you."

8 Therefore that field has been called the

7 4 Field of Blood to this day. Then he began to curse and swear,  
saying, "I do not know the Man!"

Immediately a rooster crowed. "Then was fulfilled what was spoken by

Jeremiah the prophet, saying, "And they

7 took the thirty pieces of silver, the value 5 And Peter remembered the  
word of

Jesus who had said to him, "Before the of Him who was priced, whom  
they of

rooster crows, you will deny Me three the children of Israel priced,  
times." So he went out and wept bitterly.

1 0 and gave them for the potter's field, as the LORD directed me."

2 7 When morning came, all the chief 1 Now Jesus stood before the  
governor. priests and elders of the people plotted And the governor  
asked Him, saying, against Jesus to put Him to death. "Are You the  
King of the Jews?" Jesus

2 said to him, "It is as you say."

And when they had bound Him, they

led Him away and delivered Him to 12

And while He was being accused by

Pontius Pilate the governor.

the chief priests and elders, He

answered nothing.

<sup>1 2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not <sup>3</sup>Then the governor said, "Why, what hear how many things they testify evil has He done?" But they cried out all

against You?" the more, saying, "Let Him be crucified!"

<sup>1 2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

But He answered him not one word, so When Pilate saw that he could not

that the governor marveled greatly. prevail at all, but rather that a tumult

was rising, he took water and washed

<sup>15</sup> his hands before the multitude, saying,

Now at the feast the governor was

accustomed to releasing to the multitude "I am innocent of the blood of this just

one prisoner whom they wished. Person. You see to it."

<sup>1 2</sup> <sup>5</sup>And all the people answered and said, <sup>6</sup>And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. "His blood be on us and on our children."

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, when they had gathered

<sup>26</sup>Then he released Barabbas to them;

together, Pilate said to them, "Whom do

you want me to release to you? and when he had scourged Jesus, he Barabbas, or Jesus who is called delivered Him to be crucified. Christ?"

2 7

Then the soldiers of the governor took  
1 Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered ' For he knew that they had handed Him  
over because of envy. the whole garrison around Him.

2 8

1 And they stripped Him and put a ' While he was sitting on the judgment  
seat, his wife sent to him, saying, "Have scarlet robe on Him. nothing to do with that just Man, for I  
have suffered many things today in a 2 ' When they had twisted a crown of dream because of Him." thorns, they put it on His head, and a

reed in His right hand. And they bowed  
20But the chief priests and elders the knee before Him and mocked Him,  
persuaded the multitudes that they saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!"

should ask for Barabbas and destroy 0Then they spat on Him, and took the  
Jesus. 3

reed and struck Him on the head.  
21The governor answered and said to them, "Which of the two do you want me 31And when they had mocked Him, they

to release to you?" They said, took the robe off Him, put His own

"Barabbas!" clothes on Him, and led Him away to be

crucified.

22Pilate said to them, "What then shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" 32Now as they came out, they found a

They all said to him, "Let Him be man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him crucified!" they compelled to bear His cross. 33And when they had come to a place 43He trusted in God; let Him deliver Him called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of now if He will have Him; for He said, "I

a Skull, am the Son of God."

3 4 4 hey gave Him sour wine mingled with 4

Even the robbers who were crucified

gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, with Him reviled Him with the same

He would not drink. thing.

3 4 5

Then they crucified Him, and divided Now from the sixth hour until the ninth

His garments, casting lots, that it might hour there was darkness over all the

be fulfilled which was spoken by the land. prophet: "They divided My garments

among them, And for My clothing they 4 6And about the ninth hour Jesus cried cast lots." out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli,

lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My

36Sitting down, they kept watch over Him God, why have You  
forsaken Me?"

there.

4 7

37And they put up over His head the Some of those who stood there,  
when

they heard that, said, "This Man is

accusation written against Him: THIS IS calling for Elijah!" JESUS THE  
KING OF THE JEWS.

4 8 mediately one of them ran and took

3' Then two robbers were crucified with a sponge, filled it with sour  
wine and put

Him, one on the right and another on the it on a reed, and offered it  
to Him to

left. drink.

3 4 ' And those who passed by blasphemed ' The rest said, "Let Him  
alone; let us

Him, wagging their heads see if Elijah will come to save Him."

4 5 0and saying, "You who destroy the 0And Jesus cried out again with  
a loud temple and build it in three days, save voice, and yielded up  
His spirit. Yourself! If You are the Son of God,

come down from the cross." 51 Then, behold, the veil of the temple

4 the earth quaked, and the rocks were

1Likewise the chief priests also, was torn in two from top to bottom;  
and

mocking with the scribes and elders, split, said,

52

4 and the graves were opened; and 2 He saved others; Himself He cannot

many bodies of the saints who had

save. If He is the King of Israel, let Him fallen asleep were raised; now come down from the cross, and we

will believe Him.

53and coming out of the graves after His 63saying, "Sir, we remember, while He

resurrection, they went into the holy city was still alive, how that deceiver said,

and appeared to many. "After three days I will rise.'

5 6 4 4Therefore command that the tomb be

So when the centurion and those with

him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the made secure until the third day, lest His

earthquake and the things that had disciples come by night and steal Him

happened, they feared greatly, saying, away, and say to the people, "He has

"Truly this was the Son of God!" risen from the dead.' So the last

deception will be worse than the first."

55And many women who followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to Him, were 6 5Pilate said to them, "You have a there looking on from afar, guard; go your way, make it as secure

as you know how."

among whom were Mary Magdalene,

Mary the mother of James and Joses, <sup>6</sup> So they went and made the tomb and the mother of Zebedee's sons. secure, sealing the stone and setting the

guard.

Now when evening had come, there

came a rich man from Arimathea,

named Joseph, who himself had also <sup>28</sup>Now after the Sabbath, as the first

become a disciple of Jesus. day of the week began to dawn, Mary

Magdalene and the other Mary came to

<sup>5'</sup> This man went to Pilate and asked for see the tomb. the body of Jesus. Then Pilate

commanded the body to be given to him. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great

earthquake; for an angel of the Lord

<sup>5'</sup> When Joseph had taken the body, he descended from heaven, and came and

wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, rolled back the stone from the door, and

sat on it.

and laid it in his new tomb which he

had hewn out of the rock; and he rolled <sup>3</sup>His countenance was like lightning, and

a large stone against the door of the his clothing as white as snow.

tomb, and departed.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him,

61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and became like dead men. the other Mary, sitting opposite the tomb.

5 But the angel answered and said to the

62 On the next day, which followed the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know

Day of Preparation, the chief priests and that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

Pharisees gathered together to Pilate, 61 He is not here; for He is risen, as He 3 saying, "Tell them, "His disciples came said. Come, see the place where the at night and stole Him away while we

Lord lay. slept.'

7 1 4 And go quickly and tell His disciples And if this comes to the governor's that He is risen from the dead, and ears, we will appease him and make

indeed He is going before you into you secure." Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I

have told you." 1 5 So they took the money and did as

they were instructed; and this saying is

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb commonly reported among the Jews

with fear and great joy, and ran to bring until this day. His disciples word.

1 6 Then the eleven disciples went away

'And as they went to tell His disciples, into Galilee, to the mountain which

behold, Jesus met them, saying, Jesus had appointed for them. "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him



by the feet and worshiped Him. 1 7

When they saw Him, they worshiped

Him; but some doubted.

10Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren  
to go to 18And Jesus came and spoke to them, Galilee, and there they  
will see Me." saying, "All authority has been given to

Me in heaven and on earth.

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Now while they were going, behold,  
some of the guard came into the city 1 ' Go therefore and make  
disciples of all and reported to the chief priests all the the nations,  
baptizing them in the name

things that had happened. of the Father and of the Son and of the

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2When they had assembled with the Holy Spirit,  
elders and consulted together, they 2 0teaching them to observe all  
things gave a large sum of money to the that I have commanded you;  
and to, I

soldiers, am with you always, even to the end of

the age." Amen.

## 1st Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

'according to the custom of the  
priesthood, his lot fell to burn incense

1 when he went into the temple of the Inasmuch as many have taken  
in

Lord.

hand to set in order a narrative of those

things which have been fulfilled among 1 0And the whole multitude of  
the people us,

was praying outside at the hour of

2 incense.

just as those who from the beginning

were eyewitnesses and ministers of the 1 1Then an angel of the Lord  
appeared to word delivered them to us,

him, standing on the right side of the

bit seemed good to me also, having had altar of incense.

perfect understanding of all things from 12And when Zacharias saw  
him, he was the very first, to write to you an orderly troubled, and  
fear fell upon him. account, most excellent Theophilus,

1 3But the angel said to him, "Do not be

4that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were  
afraid, Zacharias, for your prayer is

instructed. heard; and your wife Elizabeth will bear

you a son, and you shall call his name

5 John.

There was in the days of Herod, the

king of Judea, a certain priest named 14And you will have joy and gladness, Zacharias, of the division of Abijah. His and many will rejoice at his birth. wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and

her name was Elizabeth. 1 5For he will be great in the sight of the

6 Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor And they were both righteous before

God, walking in all the commandments strong drink. He will also be filled with

and ordinances of the Lord blameless. the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's

womb.

7But they had no child, because 6 Elizabeth was barren, and they were 1 And he will turn many of the children of

both well advanced in years. Israel to the Lord their God.

1 7He will also go before Him in the spirit

8So it was, that while he was serving as priest before God in the order of his and power of Elijah, "to turn the hearts

division, of the fathers to the children,' and the

disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to

make ready a people prepared for the

Lord."

' And Zacharias said to the angel, "How to a virgin betrothed to a man whose

shall I know this? For I am an old man, name was Joseph, of the house of

and my wife is well advanced in years." David. The virgin's name was Mary.

128 '

And the angel answered and said to And having come in, the angel said to

him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the

presence of God, and was sent to speak Lord is with you; blessed are you among

to you and bring you these glad tidings. women!"

22 0But behold, you will be mute and not

' But when she saw him, she was

able to speak until the day these things troubled at his saying, and considered

take place, because you did not believe what manner of greeting this was. my words which will be fulfilled in their

own time." 30Then the angel said to her, "Do not be

afraid, Mary, for you have found favor

21

And the people waited for Zacharias, with God.

and marveled that he lingered so long in

the temple. 31And behold, you will conceive in your

womb and bring forth a Son, and shall

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But when he came out, he could not call His name JESUS.

speak to them; and they perceived that

he had seen a vision in the temple, for 32He will be great, and will be called the

he beckoned to them and remained Son of the Highest; and the Lord God

speechless. will give Him the throne of His father

David.

23

So it was, as soon as the days of his

service were completed, that he 33 And He will reign over the house of departed to his own house. Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there

2

4Now after those days his wife will be no end."

Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself 34Then Mary said to the angel, "How can five months, saying, this be, since I do not know a man?"

25§"Thus the Lord has dealt with me, in 35And the angel answered and said to

the days when He looked on me, to take her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you,

away my reproach among people." and the power of the Highest will

2 Holy One who is to be born will be

6Now in the sixth month the angel overshadow you; therefore, also, that

Gabriel was sent by God to a city of called the Son of God. Galilee named Nazareth,

36Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative  
has also conceived a son in her old age;

4 7

and this is now the sixth month for her And my spirit has rejoiced in God my

who was called barren. Savior.

37For with God nothing will be 48For He has regarded the lowly state of impossible." His maidservant; For behold, henceforth

all generations will call me blessed.

3' Then Mary said, "Behold the

maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me 4 ' For He who is mighty has done great according to your word." And the angel things for me, And holy is His name. departed from her.

50And His mercy is on those who fear

3' Now Mary arose in those days and Him From generation to generation. went into the hill country with haste, to a

city of Judah, 51He has shown strength with His arm;

He has scattered the proud in the

4 0

and entered the house of Zacharias imagination of their hearts.  
and greeted Elizabeth.

52He has put down the mighty from their

41And it happened, when Elizabeth

thrones, And exalted the lowly.

heard the greeting of Mary, that the

babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry  
with good was filled with the Holy Spirit. things, And the rich He has  
sent away

empty.

42

Then she spoke out with a loud voice

and said, "Blessed are you among <sup>54</sup>He has helped His servant Israel,  
In women, and blessed is the fruit of your remembrance of His mercy,  
womb!

<sup>55</sup>As He spoke to our fathers, To

<sup>43</sup>But why is this granted to me, that the

Abraham and to his seed forever."

mother of my Lord should come to me?

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about

<sup>44</sup> For indeed, as soon as the voice of three months, and returned to  
her house.

your greeting sounded in my ears, the

babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>57</sup>Now Elizabeth's full time came for  
her

<sup>4</sup> to be delivered, and she brought forth a <sup>5</sup>Blessed is she who  
believed, for there

son.

will be a fulfillment of those things which

were told her from the Lord." <sup>5'</sup> When her neighbors and relatives

4 heard how the Lord had shown great 6And Mary said: "My soul  
magnifies the

mercy to her, they rejoiced with her.

Lord, 5 7 9so it was, on the eighth day, that they 0As He spoke by the  
mouth of His holy came to circumcise the child; and they prophets,  
Who have been since the

would have called him by the name of world began, his father,  
Zacharias.

71

That we should be saved from our

60

His mother answered and said, "No; enemies And from the hand of  
all who

he shall be called John." hate us,

61 72

But they said to her, "There is no one To perform the mercy  
promised to our

among your relatives who is called by fathers And to remember His  
holy

this name." covenant,

6 7 23

So they made signs to his father--what The oath which He swore to  
our father

he would have him called. Abraham:

6 74 3And he asked for a writing tablet, and To grant us that we, Being



wrote, saying, "His name is John." So from the hand of our enemies,  
Might

they all marveled. serve Him without fear,

67 4 immediately his mouth was opened 5 n holiness and righteousness  
before and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, Him all the days of our  
life. praising God.

76 'And you, child, will be called the

65Then fear came on all who dwelt prophet of the Highest; For you  
will go

around them; and all these sayings were before the face of the Lord to  
prepare

discussed throughout all the hill country His ways, of Judea.

77

6 people By the remission of their sins,

6And all those who heard them kept To give knowledge of salvation  
to His

them in their hearts, saying, "What kind

of child will this be?" And the hand of the 78Through the tender mercy  
of our God, Lord was with him. With which the Dayspring from on  
high

6

7Now his father Zacharias was filled has visited us;

with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, 7' To give light to those who sit  
in saying: darkness and the shadow of death, To

guide our feet into the way of peace."

68a Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, For

He has visited and redeemed His 80So the child grew and became

strong people, in spirit, and was in the deserts till the

day of his manifestation to Israel.

6 ' And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His  
servant David,

For there is born to you this day in the  
 2 city of David a Savior, who is Christ the And it came to pass in those  
 days

Lord.

that a decree went out from Caesar

Augustus that all the world should be 1 2And this will be the sign to  
 you: You registered.

will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling

2 cloths, lying in a manger."

This census first took place while

Quirinius was governing Syria. 13And suddenly there was with the  
 angel

3So all went to be registered, everyone a multitude of the heavenly  
 host praising

to his own city. God and saying:

1 4 Glory to God in the highest, And on

4Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into  
 Judea, to the earth peace, goodwill toward men!"

city of David, which is called Bethlehem, 1 5 because he was of the  
 house and So it was, when the angels had gone lineage of David, away  
 from them into heaven, that the

shepherds said to one another, "Let us

s now go to Bethlehem and see this thing to be registered with Mary,  
his

betrothed wife, who was with child. that has come to pass, which the  
Lord

has made known to us."

<sup>6</sup>So it was, that while they were there, <sup>6</sup> the days were completed for  
her to be <sup>1</sup> And they came with haste and found

delivered. Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in

a manger.

<sup>7</sup>And she brought forth her firstborn Son, <sup>7</sup> and wrapped Him in  
swaddling cloths, <sup>1</sup> Now when they had seen Him, they

and laid Him in a manger, because made widely known the saying  
which

there was no room for them in the inn. was told them concerning this  
Child.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> ' And all those who heard it marveled at

Now there were in the same country

shepherds living out in the fields, those things which were told them  
by

keeping watch over their flock by night. the shepherds.

<sup>1</sup> ' But Mary kept all these things and

'And behold, an angel of the Lord stood

before them, and the glory of the Lord pondered them in her heart.

shone around them, and they were 2 0Then the shepherds returned,  
greatly afraid.

glorifying and praising God for all the

10Then the angel said to them, "Do not things that they had heard and  
seen, as

be afraid, for behold, I bring you good it was told them. tidings of  
great joy which will be to all

people.

21 31Which You have prepared before the

And when eight days were completed

for the circumcision of the Child, His face of all peoples, name was  
called JESUS, the name

given by the angel before He was 32 A light to bring revelation to the  
conceived in the womb. Gentiles, And the glory of Your people

Israel."

22

Now when the days of her purification

according to the law of Moses were 33 And Joseph and His mother  
marveled completed, they brought Him to at those things which were  
spoken of Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord Him.

23( 4Then Simeon blessed them, and said

as it is written in the law of the Lord, 3

"Every male who opens the womb shall to Mary His mother, "Behold,  
this Child

be called holy to the LORD"), is destined for the fall and rising of  
many

in Israel, and for a sign which will be

and to offer a sacrifice according to spoken against

what is said in the law of the Lord, "A

pair of turtledoves or two young 35( yes, a sword will pierce through your pigeons." own soul also), that the thoughts of

2

5And behold, there was a man in many hearts may be revealed."

Jerusalem whose name was Simeon, 36Now there was one, Anna, a

and this man was just and devout, prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of

waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the tribe of Asher. She was of a great

the Holy Spirit was upon him. age, and had lived with a husband

2

6And it had been revealed to him by the seven years from her virginity;

Holy Spirit that he would not see death 37 and this woman was a widow of about before he had seen the Lord's Christ. eighty-four years, who did not depart

from the temple, but served God with

27

So he came by the Spirit into the fastings and prayers night and day.

temple. And when the parents brought

in the Child Jesus, to do for Him 3' And coming in that instant she gave

according to the custom of the law, thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to

<sup>2</sup> Jerusalem. <sup>8</sup>he took Him up in his arms and all those who looked  
for redemption in

blessed God and said:

39

So when they had performed all things

<sup>29</sup> 'Lord, now You are letting Your according to the law of the Lord,  
they

servant depart in peace, According to returned to Galilee, to their own  
city,

Your word; Nazareth.

30

For my eyes have seen Your salvation <sup>4 5</sup> 0And the Child grew and  
became 0But they did not understand the strong in spirit, filled with  
wisdom; and statement which He spoke to them. the grace of God  
was upon Him.

51

Then He went down with them and

41

His parents went to Jerusalem every came to Nazareth, and was  
subject to

year at the Feast of the Passover. them, but His mother kept all these  
things in her heart.

42

And when He was twelve years old,

<sup>5</sup> 2

they went up to Jerusalem according to And Jesus increased in  
wisdom and

the custom of the feast. stature, and in favor with God and men.

43When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered 3Now in the fifteenth year of the reign

behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and

of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being

His mother did not know it;

governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch

4 of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of 4 but supposing Him to have been in the Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and company, they went a day's journey, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

and sought Him among their relatives

and acquaintances. 2

while Annas and Caiaphas were high

4 priests, the word of God came to John

5 So when they did not find Him, they the son of Zacharias in the wilderness.

returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

4 3And he went into all the region around

6Now so it was that after three days the Jordan, preaching a baptism of

they found Him in the temple, sitting in repentance for the remission of sins,

the midst of the teachers, both listening

to them and asking them questions. 4 as it is written in the book of the words



4 of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice 7 And all who heard Him were of one crying in the wilderness: "Prepare

astonished at His understanding and the way of the LORD; Make His paths

answers. straight.

4 5 8 So when they saw Him, they were Every valley shall be filled And every amazed; and His mother said to Him, mountain and hill brought low; The

"Son, why have You done this to us? crooked places shall be made straight

Look, Your father and I have sought You And the rough ways smooth; anxiously."

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of

4' And He said to them, "Why did you God." seek Me? Did you not know that I must

be about My Father's business?" 7Then he said to the multitudes that

came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from am not worthy to loose. He will baptize

the wrath to come? you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

8 17

Therefore bear fruits worthy of His winnowing fan is in His hand, and repentance, and do not begin to say to He will thoroughly clean out His

yourselves, "We have Abraham as our threshing floor, and gather the wheat

father.' For I say to you that God is able into His barn; but the chaff He will burn

to raise up children to Abraham from with unquenchable fire." these stones.

<sup>1</sup> 8 And with many other exhortations he

'And even now the ax is laid to the root preached to the people. of the trees. Therefore every tree which

does not bear good fruit is cut down and <sup>1</sup> ' But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked thrown into the fire." by him concerning Herodias, his brother

Philip's wife, and for all the evils which

<sup>10</sup>

So the people asked him, saying, Herod had done,

"What shall we do then?"

<sup>20</sup>

also added this, above all, that he shut

<sup>11</sup>

He answered and said to them, "He John up in prison.

who has two tunics, let him give to him

who has none; and he who has food, let <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

When all the people were baptized, it

him do likewise." came to pass that Jesus also was

baptized; and while He prayed, the

<sup>12</sup>

Then tax collectors also came to be heaven was opened.

baptized, and said to him, "Teacher,

what shall we do?" <sup>2</sup> And the Holy Spirit descended in

bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a

13 And he said to them, "Collect no more voice came from heaven which said,

than what is appointed for you." "You are My beloved Son; in You I am

well pleased."

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he 23 Now Jesus Himself began His ministry said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone at about thirty years of age, being (as

or accuse falsely, and be content with was supposed) the son of Joseph, the

your wages." son of Heli,

1 24 5 Now as the people were in expectation, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the

and all reasoned in their hearts about son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son

John, whether he was the Christ or not, of Joseph,

1 2 6 5 the son of Mattathiah, the son of Amos, John answered, saying to all, "I indeed

baptize you with water; but One mightier the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the

than I is coming, whose sandal strap I son of Naggai, 26 he son of Maath, the son of 37 the son of Methuselah, the son of

Mattathiah, the son of Semei, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of

Joseph, the son of Judah, Mahalalel, the son of Cainan,

2 7 he son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, 38

the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the

the son of Zerubbabel, the son of son of Adam, the son of God.  
Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

2' the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the 4Then Jesus, being filled with  
the Holy

son of Cosam, the son of Elmodam, the

Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was

son of Er,

led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 ' the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the

2 being tempted for forty days by the

son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son

of Levi, and afterward, when they had ended, devil. And in those days  
He ate nothing,

3 He was hungry. 0 he son of Simeon, the son of Judah,

the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the 3And the devil said to Him, "If  
You are

son of Eliakim,

the Son of God, command this stone to

3 become bread." 1 he son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of  
Mattathah, the son of Nathan, 4

the son of David, written, "Man shall not live by bread But Jesus  
answered him, saying, "It is

3 alone, but by every word of God.' 2 he son of Jesse, the son of Obed,  
the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son 5

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high  
of Nahshon,

mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms

33 he son of Amminadab, the son of of the world in a moment of time.

Ram, the son of Hezron, the son of 6And the devil said to Him, "All  
this

Perez, the son of Judah, authority I will give You, and their glory;

3 for this has been delivered to me, and I 4 he son of Jacob, the son of  
Isaac, the

give it to whomever I wish.

son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the

son of Nahor, 7Therefore, if You will worship before me,

3 all will be Yours." 5 he son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg,  
the son of Eber, the son of 8

And Jesus answered and said to him,

Shelah, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written,

3 "You shall worship the LORD your God, 6 he son of Cainan, the son  
of

and Him only you shall serve."

Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of

Noah, the son of Lamech, 'Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set liberty to the captives And recovery of

Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and sight to the blind, To set at liberty those

said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, who are oppressed; throw Yourself down from here.

1 ' To proclaim the acceptable year of the

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For it is written: "He shall give His LORD."

angels charge over you, To keep you,'

2 0

Then He closed the book, and gave it

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and, "In their hands they shall bear back to the attendant and sat down. And

you up, Lest you dash your foot against the eyes of all who were in the a stone." synagogue were fixed on Him.

1 2 21

And Jesus answered and said to him, And He began to say to them, "Today

"It has been said, "You shall not tempt this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

the LORD your God."

22

1 marveled at the gracious words which

3Now when the devil had ended every So all bore witness to Him, and

temptation, he departed from Him until proceeded out of His mouth.  
And they

an opportune time. said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

12 4 3He said to them, "You will surely say Then Jesus returned in the  
power of

the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him this proverb to Me, "Physician,  
heal

went out through all the surrounding yourself! Whatever we have  
heard done

region. in Capernaum, do also here in Your

country."

15

And He taught in their synagogues,

2 4

being glorified by all. Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you,

no prophet is accepted in his own

16So He came to Nazareth, where He country.

had been brought up. And as His 5But I tell you truly, many widows  
were

custom 2 was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and in  
Israel in the days of Elijah, when the

stood up to read. heaven was shut up three years and six

months, and there was a great famine

17And He was handed the book of the throughout all the land;

prophet Isaiah. And when He had

opened the book, He found the place but to none of them was Elijah sent

where it was written: except to Zarephath, in the region of

Sidon, to a woman who was a widow.

18§'The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me,

2 7

Because He has anointed Me To preach And many lepers were in Israel in the

the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me time of Elisha the prophet, and none of

to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim them was cleansed except Naaman the 37And the report about Him went out into

Syrian." every place in the surrounding region.

2' So all those in the synagogue, when 38Now He arose from the synagogue

they heard these things, were filled with and entered Simon's house. But

wrath, Simon's wife's mother was sick with a

high fever, and they made request of

2 Him concerning her. ' and rose up and thrust Him out of the

hill on which their city was built, that He stood over her and rebuked the 39So city; and they led Him to the brow of the

they might throw Him down over the cliff. fever, and it left her. And immediately

she arose and served them.



Then passing through the midst of them  
 When the sun was setting, all  
 those

them, He went His way. <sup>4</sup>

who had any that were sick with various

<sup>31</sup> diseases brought them to Him; and He

Then He went down to Capernaum, a

city of Galilee, and was teaching them laid His hands on every one of  
 them and

on the Sabbaths. healed them.

<sup>32</sup>And they were astonished at His <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup>And demons also came out of  
 many, teaching, for His word was with authority. crying out and  
 saying, "You are the

Christ, the Son of God!" And He,

<sup>33</sup> rebuking them, did not allow them to Now in the synagogue there  
 was a speak, for they knew that He was the man who had a spirit of  
 an unclean Christ. demon. And he cried out with a loud

voice, <sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup>Now when it was day, He departed

<sup>34</sup>saying, "Let us alone! What have we to and went into a deserted  
 place. And the

crowd sought Him and came to Him,

do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did

and tried to keep Him from leaving

You come to destroy us? I know who

You are--the Holy One of God!" them;

35 but He said to them, "I must preach But Jesus rebuked him, saying,  
"Be 4 3

quiet, and come out of him!" And when the kingdom of God to the  
other cities

the demon had thrown him in their midst, also, because for this  
purpose I have

it came out of him and did not hurt him. been sent."

3 And He was preaching in the

6Then they were all amazed and spoke 44

among themselves, saying, "What a synagogues of Galilee. word this  
is! For with authority and

power He commands the unclean spirits,

and they come out."

with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,

5So it was, as the multitude pressed "Do not be afraid. From now on  
you will

catch men."

about Him to hear the word of God, that

He stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 1

So when they had brought their boats

2 to land, they forsook all and followed

and saw two boats standing by the

Him.

lake; but the fishermen had gone from

them and were washing their nets. <sup>12</sup>And it happened when He was in a

<sup>3</sup>Then He got into one of the boats, certain city, that behold, a man who was

full of leprosy saw Jesus; and he fell on which was Simon's, and asked him to

his face and implored Him, saying, "Lord, put out a little from the land. And He sat

if You are willing, You can make me down and taught the multitudes from the boat. clean."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Then He put out His hand and touched

<sup>4</sup>When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed."

and let down your nets for a catch." Immediately the leprosy left him.

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>5</sup> And He charged him to tell no one, But Simon answered and said to Him,

"Master, we have toiled all night and "But go and show yourself to the priest,

caught nothing; nevertheless at Your and make an offering for your cleansing,

word I will let down the net." as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded."

<sup>6</sup>And when they had done this, they <sup>5</sup>However, the report went around

caught a great number of fish, and their  
 net was breaking. concerning Him all the more; and great  
 multitudes came together to hear, and to  
 be healed by Him of their infirmities.

So they signaled to their partners in the

other boat to come and help them. And <sup>16</sup>So He Himself often  
 withdrew into the they came and filled both the boats, so wilderness  
 and prayed. that they began to sink.

<sup>17</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Now it happened on a certain day, as

When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down

at Jesus' He was teaching, that there were

knees, saying, "Depart from

me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" Pharisees and teachers of the law  
 sitting

by, who had come out of every town of

Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the

'For he and all who were with him were

power of the Lord was present to heal

astonished at the catch of fish which

them.

they had taken;

and so also were James and John, the  
sons of Zebedee, who were partners <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>  
' Then behold, men brought on a bed a After these things He went out  
and  
man who was paralyzed, whom they saw a tax collector named Levi,  
sitting at  
sought to bring in and lay before Him. the tax office. And He said to  
him,

"Follow Me."

<sup>1</sup> ' And when they could not find how they

<sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>

might bring him in, because of the crowd, So he left all, rose up, and  
followed

they went up on the housetop and let Him. him down with his bed  
through the tiling

into the midst before Jesus. <sup>2</sup> ' Then Levi gave Him a great feast in

<sup>2</sup> number of tax collectors and others who

0When He saw their faith, He said to his own house. And there were a  
great

him, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." sat down with them.

<sup>21</sup>And the scribes and the Pharisees <sup>30</sup>And their scribes and the  
Pharisees

began to reason, saying, "Who is this complained against His disciples,  
saying,

who speaks blasphemies? Who can "Why do You eat and drink with  
tax

forgive sins but God alone?" collectors and sinners?"

22 31 Jesus answered and said to them,

But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a

"Why are you reasoning in your hearts? physician, but those who are sick.

23 3 Which is easier, to say, "Your sins are 2 have not come to call the righteous,

forgiven you,' or to say, "Rise up and but sinners, to repentance." walk'?

33

Then they said to Him, "Why do the

24

But that you may know that the Son of disciples of John fast often and make

Man has power on earth to forgive sins"- prayers, and likewise those of the

-He said to the man who was paralyzed, Pharisees, but Yours eat and drink?"

"I say to you, arise, take up your bed,

and go to your house." 34 And He said to them, "Can you make

2 the bridegroom is with them? 5 mediately he rose up before them, the friends of the bridegroom fast while

took up what he had been lying on, and

departed to his own house, glorifying 35But the days will come when the

God. bridegroom will be taken away from

2

6And they were all amazed, and they them; then they will fast in those days."

glorified God and were filled with fear, 36Then He spoke a parable to them: "No saying, "We have seen strange things one puts a piece from a new garment on

today!" an old one; otherwise the new makes a

tear, and also the piece that was taken

out of the new does not match the old.

37And no one puts new wine into old the Sabbath, that they might find an

wineskins; or else the new wine will accusation against Him. burst the wineskins and be spilled, and

the wineskins will be ruined. 8But He knew their thoughts, and said to

the man who had the withered hand,

3' But new wine must be put into new "Arise and stand here." And he arose

wineskins, and both are preserved. and stood.

3 no one, having drunk old wine, ' And 'Then Jesus said to them, "I will ask you immediately desires new; for he says, one thing: 1s it lawful on the Sabbath to

"The old is better." do good or to do evil, to save life or to

destroy?"

6Now it happened on the second 1 0And when He had looked around

at

Sabbath after the first that He went them all, He said to the man,  
"Stretch

through out your hand." And he did so, and his the grainfields. And  
His

disciples plucked the heads of grain and hand was restored as whole  
as the

ate them, rubbing them in their hands. other.

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2 But they were filled with rage, and And some of the Pharisees said to  
them, "Why are you doing what is not discussed with one another  
what they

lawful to do on the Sabbath?" might do to Jesus.

3 But Jesus answering them said, "Have 1 2 Now it came to pass in  
those days that

you not even read this, what David did He went out to the mountain  
to pray,

when he was hungry, he and those who and continued all night in  
prayer to God.

were with him:

13

And when it was day, He called His

4 disciples to Himself; and from them He how he went into the house  
of God,

took and ate the showbread, and also chose twelve whom He also  
named

gave some to those with him, which is apostles:



not lawful for any but the priests to eat?" <sup>1</sup> 4 Simon, whom He also named Peter,

<sup>5</sup> and Andrew his brother; James and And He said to them, "The Son of Man

is also Lord of the Sabbath." John; Philip and Bartholomew;

<sup>1</sup> 5 Matthew and Thomas; James the son

<sup>6</sup> Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue of Alphaeus, and Simon called the

and taught. And a man was there whose Zealot; right hand was withered.

16

Judas the son of James, and Judas

<sup>7</sup> Iscariot who also became a traitor. So the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>6</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well And He came down with them and

stood on a level place with a crowd of of you, For so did their fathers to the

His disciples and a great multitude of false prophets. people from all Judea and Jerusalem,

and from the seacoast of Tyre and <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> But I say to you who hear: Love your Sidon, who came to hear Him and be enemies, do good to those who hate

healed of their diseases, you,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup> as well as those who were tormented bless those who curse you, and pray with unclean spirits. And they were for those who spitefully use you. healed.

<sup>2</sup> ' To him who strikes you on the one

19 And the whole multitude sought to cheek, offer the other also. And from

touch Him, for power went out from Him him who takes away your cloak, do not

and healed them all. withhold your tunic either.

23 0 Then He lifted up His eyes toward His Give to everyone who asks of you. disciples, and said: "Blessed are you And from him who takes away your

poor, For yours is the kingdom of God. goods do not ask them back.

21Blessed are you who hunger now, For 31And just as you want men to do to you,

you shall be filled. Blessed are you who you also do to them likewise. weep now, For you shall laugh.

2 what credit is that to you? For even

2Blessed are you when men hate you, 3 2 'But if you love those who love you,

And when they exclude you, And revile sinners love those who love them. you, and cast out your name as evil, For

the Son of Man's sake. 33And if you do good to those who do

2 good to you, what credit is that to you? 3Rejoice in that day and leap for joy!

For even sinners do the same.

For indeed your reward is great in

heaven, For in like manner their fathers 34And if you lend to those from whom

did to the prophets.

you hope to receive back, what credit is

2 that to you? For even sinners lend to 4 But woe to you who are rich, For you

sinners to receive as much back.

have received your consolation.

35

2 But love your enemies, do good, and 5 Woe to you who are full, For you shall

lend, hoping for nothing in return; and

hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For your reward will be great, and you will

you shall mourn and weep. be sons of the Most High. For He is kind

to the unthankful and evil.

3 4 6 Therefore be merciful, just as your 5 A good man out of the good treasure Father also is merciful. of his heart brings forth good; and an

evil man out of the evil treasure of his

3 7 heart brings forth evil. For out of the

'Judge not, and you shall not be

judged. Condemn not, and you shall not abundance of the heart his mouth

be condemned. Forgive, and you will be speaks. forgiven.

4 6 'But why do you call Me "Lord, Lord,"

3 8 and not do the things which I say?

Give, and it will be given to you: good

measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put

47Whoever comes to Me, and hears My into your bosom. For with the same sayings and does them, I will show you

measure that you use, it will be whom he is like: measured back to you."

4' He is like a man building a house, who

3 ' And He spoke a parable to them: "Can dug deep and laid the foundation on the

the blind lead the blind? Will they not rock. And when the flood arose, the

both fall into the ditch? stream beat vehemently against that

house, and could not shake it, for it was

40A disciple is not above his teacher, but founded on the rock.

everyone who is perfectly trained will be

like his teacher. 4' But he who heard and did nothing is

like a man who built a house on the

41 earth without a foundation, against

And why do you look at the speck in

your brother's eye, but do not perceive which the stream beat vehemently; and

the plank in your own eye? immediately it fell. And the ruin of that

house was great."

42

Or how can you say to your brother,

"Brother, let me remove the speck that

is in your eye,' when you yourself do not 7Now when He concluded all His

see the plank that is in your own eye? sayings in the hearing of the

people, He

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from entered Capernaum. your own eye, and then you will see

clearly to remove the speck that is in 2And a certain centurion's servant, who your brother's eye.

was dear to him, was sick and ready to

4 die. 3 'For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. 3

So when he heard about Jesus, he sent

4 elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with 4 For every tree is known by its own fruit. Him to come and heal his servant.

For men do not gather figs from thorns,

nor do they gather grapes from a 4

And when they came to Jesus, they

bramble bush. begged Him earnestly, saying that the

one for whom He should do this was 13When the Lord saw her, He had deserving, compassion on her and said to her, "Do

not weep."

5 for he loves our nation, and has built

1 4

us a synagogue." Then He came and touched the open

coffin, and those who carried him stood

6 still. And He said, "Young man, I say to Then Jesus went with them. And when

He was already not far from the house, you, arise." the centurion sent friends to Him, saying

to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, So he who was dead sat up and  
for I am not worthy that You should begin to speak. And He presented  
him

enter under my roof. to his mother.

71 Therefore I did not even think myself 6Then fear came upon all,  
and they worthy to come to You. But say the word, glorified God,  
saying, "A great prophet

and my servant will be healed. has risen up among us"; and, "God has  
visited His people."

'For I also am a man placed under

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authority, having soldiers under me. And And this report about Him  
went

I say to one, "Go," and he goes; and to throughout all Judea and all the  
another, "Come," and he comes; and to surrounding region. my  
servant, "Do this," and he does it."

18

Then the disciples of John reported to

'When Jesus heard these things, He him concerning all these things.  
marveled at him, and turned around and

said to the crowd that followed Him, "I 1' And John, calling two of his  
disciples say to you, I have not found such great to him, sent them to  
Jesus, saying, "Are

faith, not even in Israel!" You the Coming One, or do we look for

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0And those who were sent, returning to another?"

the house, found the servant well who 2 0When the men had come to Him, they had been sick. said, "John the Baptist has sent us to

You, saying, "Are You the Coming One,

11 Now it happened, the day after, that or do we look for another?"  
He went into a city called Nain; and

many of His disciples went with Him, 21And that very hour He cured many of and a large crowd. infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits;

and to many blind He gave sight.

12

And when He came near the gate of

the city, behold, a dead man was being 2 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go carried out, the only son of his mother; and tell John the things you have seen

and she was a widow. And a large and heard: that the blind see, the lame

crowd from the city was with her. walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf

hear, the dead are raised, the poor have 31And the Lord said, "To what then shall

the gospel preached to them. I liken the men of this generation, and

what are they like?

23And blessed is he who is not offended

32

because of Me." They are like children sitting in the

marketplace and calling to one another,

24 saying: "We played the flute for you,

When the messengers of John had

departed, He began to speak to the And you did not dance; We

mourned to

multitudes concerning John: "What did you, And you did not weep.'

you go out into the wilderness to see? A 33For John the Baptist came  
neither

reed shaken by the wind?

eating bread nor drinking wine, and you

25 say, "He has a demon.'

But what did you go out to see? A man  
clothed in soft garments? Indeed those

34

who are gorgeously appareled and live The Son of Man has come  
eating and

in luxury are in kings' courts. drinking, and you say, "Look, a glutton

and a winebibber, a friend of tax

26But what did you go out to see? A

collectors and sinners!'

prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more 35But than a prophet. wisdom is  
justified by all her

children."

27

This is he of whom it is written:

36

"Behold, I send My messenger before Then one of the Pharisees asked  
Him



Your face, Who will prepare Your way to eat with him. And He went to the

before You.' Pharisee's house, and sat down to eat.

2 37

' For I say to you, among those born of And behold, a woman in the city who

women there is not a greater prophet was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus

than John the Baptist; but he who is sat at the table in the Pharisee's house,

least in the kingdom of God is greater brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil,

than he."

3' and stood at His feet behind Him

2' And when all the people heard Him, weeping; and she began to wash His

even the tax collectors justified God, feet with her tears, and wiped them with

having been baptized with the baptism the hair of her head; and she kissed His

of John. feet and anointed them with the fragrant

30But the Pharisees and lawyers

rejected the will of God for themselves, 3' Now when the Pharisee who had

not having been baptized by him. invited Him saw this, he spoke to

himself, saying, "This Man, if He were a

prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is 4'  
And those who sat at the table with touching Him, for she is a sinner."  
Him began to say to themselves, "Who  
is this who even forgives sins?"

40And Jesus answered and said to him,

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"Simon, I have something to say to you." Then He said to the woman,  
"Your

So he said, "Teacher, say it." faith has saved you. Go in peace."

41§There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five  
hundred 8Now it came to pass, afterward, that

denarii, and the other fifty. He went through every city and village,

4 preaching and bringing the glad tidings 2And when they had nothing  
with which

of the kingdom of God. And the twelve

to repay, he freely forgave them both. were with Him, Tell Me,  
therefore, which of them will

love him more?" 2 and certain women who had been 4 healed of evil  
spirits and infirmities--

3 Simon answered and said, "I suppose Mary called Magdalene, out of  
whom

the one whom he forgave more." And had come seven demons, He  
said to him, "You have rightly

judged." h and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's

4 steward, and Susanna, and many others 4 Then He turned to the  
woman and who provided for Him from their

said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? substance. I entered your house; you gave Me no

water for My feet, but she has washed <sup>4</sup>And when a great multitude had My feet with her tears and wiped them gathered, and they had come to Him

with the hair of her head. from every city, He spoke by a parable:

<sup>45</sup> ou gave Me no kiss, but this woman

<sup>5</sup> A sower went out to sow his seed. And

has not ceased to kiss My feet since the as he sowed, some fell by the wayside;

time I came in. and it was trampled down, and the birds

<sup>4</sup> of the air devoured it. <sup>6</sup> ou did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet <sup>6</sup>

Some fell on rock; and as soon as it

with fragrant oil.

sprang up, it withered away because it

<sup>4</sup>

<sup>7</sup>Therefore I say to you, her sins, which lacked moisture.

are many, are forgiven, for she loved <sup>7</sup>And some fell among thorns, and the much. But to whom little is forgiven, the thorns sprang up with it and choked it.

same loves little."

<sup>8</sup>But others fell on good ground, sprang

<sup>4'</sup> Then He said to her, "Your sins are up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold."

forgiven."

When He had said these things He cried, For nothing is secret that will not be

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" revealed, nor anything hidden that will

not be known and come to light.

"Then His disciples asked Him, saying, 8Therefore take heed how you hear.

"What does this parable mean?" 1

For whoever has, to him more will be

10 given; and whoever does not have, even

And He said, "To you it has been given

to know the mysteries of the kingdom of what he seems to have will be taken

God, but to the rest it is given in from him." parables, that "Seeing they may not see,

And hearing they may not 1 understand." Then His mother and brothers came to

Him, and could not approach Him

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is because of the crowd.

the word of God. 0And it was told Him by some, who said,

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12 "Your mother and Your brothers are

Those by the wayside are the ones

who hear; then the devil comes and standing outside, desiring to see You."

takes away the word out of their hearts,

2 1

lest they should believe and be saved. But He answered and said to them,

"My mother and My brothers are these

13But the ones on the rock are those who hear the word of God and do it."

who, when they hear, receive the word

with joy; and these have no root, who 2 Now it happened, on a certain day, believe for a while and in time of that He got into a boat with His disciples.

temptation fall away. And He said to them, "Let us cross over

to the other side of the lake." And they

14 launched out.

Now the ones that fell among thorns

are those who, when they have heard, 3But as they sailed He fell asleep. And

go out and are choked with cares, riches, 2 and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit a windstorm came down on the lake,

to maturity. and they were filling with water, and

were in jeopardy.

15But the ones that fell on the good

24

ground are those who, having heard the And they came to Him and awoke Him,

word with a noble and good heart, keep saying, "Master, Master, we are it and bear fruit with patience. perishing!" Then He arose and rebuked

the wind and the raging of the water.

16 No one, when he has lit a lamp, And they ceased, and there was a calm.

covers it with a vessel or puts it under a 5But He said to them, "Where is your

bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that 2 those who enter may see the light. faith?" And they were afraid, and

marveled, saying to one another, "Who

can this be? For He commands even

the winds and water, and they obey When those who fed them saw what

Him!" had happened, they fled and told it in

the city and in the country.

26 Then they sailed to the country of the

Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. Then they went out to see what had

happened, and came to Jesus, and

27 found the man from whom the demons

And when He stepped out on the land,

there met Him a certain man from the had departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus,

city who had demons for a long time. clothed and in his right mind. And they

And he wore no clothes, nor did he live were afraid.

in a house but in the tombs. 6 They also who had seen it told them

28 by what means he who had been

When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell

down before Him, and with a loud voice demon-possessed was healed. said, "What have I to do with You, Jesus,

Son of the Most High God? I beg You, Then the whole multitude of the



do not torment me!" surrounding region of the Gadarenes

asked Him to depart from them, for they

29For He had commanded the unclean were seized with great fear.  
And He got

spirit to come out of the man. For it had into the boat and returned.

often seized him, and he was kept under 38Now the man from whom  
the demons

guard, bound with chains and shackles;

and he broke the bonds and was driven had departed begged Him that  
he might

by the demon into the wilderness. be with Him. But Jesus sent him  
away,

saying,

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Jesus asked him, saying, "What is 3" Return to your own house, and  
tell

your name?" And he said, "Legion,"

because many demons had entered him. what great things God has  
done for

you." And he went his way and

31And they begged Him that He would proclaimed throughout the  
whole city

not command them to go out into the what great things Jesus had  
done for

abyss. him.

32Now a herd of many swine was 40So it was, when Jesus returned,

feeding there on the mountain. So they the multitude welcomed Him, for they

begged Him that He would permit them were all waiting for Him. to enter them. And He permitted them.

41

And behold, there came a man named

33Then the demons went out of the man Jairus, and he was a ruler of the

and entered the swine, and the herd ran synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus'

violently down the steep place into the feet and begged Him to come to his

lake and drowned. house, 4 5 2 or he had an only daughter about 0But when Jesus heard it, He answered twelve years of age, and she was dying. him, saying, "Do not be afraid; only

But as He went, the multitudes thronged believe, and she will be made well." Him.

5 1

When He came into the house, He

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Now a woman, having a flow of blood permitted no one to go in except Peter,

for twelve years, who had spent all her James, and John, and the father and

livelihood on physicians and could not mother of the girl. be healed by any,

52Now all wept and mourned for her; but

44

came from behind and touched the hem of His garment. And immediately but sleeping." her flow of blood stopped.

53And they ridiculed Him, knowing that  
45And Jesus said, "Who touched Me?" she was dead.

When all denied it, Peter and those with  
him said, "Master, the multitudes throng 54But He put them all  
outside, took her and pressed her, and she said, "Who by the hand and  
called, saying, "Little  
touched Me?" girl, arise."

46But Jesus said, "Somebody touched me." Then her spirit returned, and  
she

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Me, for I perceived power going out from me. And He  
commanded

Me." that she be given something to eat.

4 5 Now when the woman saw that she 6And her parents were  
astonished, but 7

was not hidden, she came trembling; He charged them to tell no one  
what

and falling down before Him, she had happened. declared to Him in  
the presence of all

the people the reason she had touched

Him and how she was healed immediately. 9Then He called His  
twelve disciples

together and gave them power and

4 authority over all demons, and to cure ' And He said to her,  
"Daughter, be of

diseases.

good cheer; your faith has made you

well. Go in peace." 2 He sent them to preach the kingdom of

4 God and to heal the sick. '

While He was still speaking, someone

came from the ruler of the synagogue's 3And He said to them, "Take  
nothing for house, saying to him, "Your daughter is dead. Do not  
trouble the Teacher." the journey, neither staffs nor bag nor

bread nor money; and do not have two

tunics apiece.

4 1 Whatever house you enter, stay there, 3But He said to them, "You  
give them and from there depart. something to eat." And they said,  
"We

have no more than five loaves and two

5 fish, unless we go and buy food for all And whoever will not receive  
you, when

you go out of that city, shake off the very these people." dust from  
your feet as a testimony

1 4

against them." For there were about five thousand

men. Then He said to His disciples,

6 "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." So they departed and went  
through the

towns, preaching the gospel and healing 5And they did so, and made them all sit

everywhere. 1

down.

7Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that 6Then He took the five loaves and the

was done by Him; and he was 1 perplexed, because it was said by some two fish, and looking up to heaven, He

that John had risen from the dead, blessed and broke them, and gave them

to the disciples to set before the

'and by some that Elijah had appeared, multitude. and by others that one of the old

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prophets had risen again. So they all ate and were filled, and

twelve baskets of the leftover fragments

'Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but were taken up by them. who is this of whom I hear such things?"

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So he sought to see Him. And it happened, as He was alone

praying, that His disciples joined Him,

10 and He asked them, saying, "Who do

And the apostles, when they had

returned, told Him all that they had done. the crowds say that I am?" Then He took them and went aside

privately into a deserted place belonging 1' So they answered and said, "John the to the city called Bethsaida. Baptist, but some say Elijah;

and others

say that one of the old prophets has

11But when the multitudes knew it, they risen again."

followed Him; and He received them 0He said to them, "But who do you say

and spoke to them about the kingdom of 2 God, and healed those who had need of that I am?" Peter answered and said,

healing. "The Christ of God."

1 2 21

When the day began to wear away, And He strictly warned and the twelve came and said to Him, "Send commanded them to tell this to no one,

the multitude away, that they may go

into the surrounding towns and country, 2 saying, "The Son of Man must suffer and lodge and get provisions; for we are many things, and be rejected by the in a deserted place here."

elders and chief priests and scribes, and 32But Peter and those with him were

be killed, and be raised the third day." heavy with sleep; and when they were

fully awake, they saw His glory and the

23Then He said to them all, "If anyone two men who stood with Him.

himself, and take up his cross daily, and 33 it happened, as they were Then desires to come after Me, let him deny

follow Me. parting from Him, that Peter said to

Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be

24 here; and let us make three tabernacles:

For whoever desires to save his life

will lose it, but whoever loses his life for one for You, one for Moses,  
and one for

My sake will save it. Elijah"--not knowing what he said.

2 34 5While he was saying this, a cloud For what profit is it to a man if  
he gains the whole world, and is himself came and overshadowed  
them; and

destroyed or lost? they were fearful as they entered the

cloud.

26For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of  
Man will be And a voice came out of the cloud, 35

ashamed when He comes in His own saying, "This is My beloved Son.  
Hear

glory, and in His Father's, and of the Him!"

holy angels. 6When the voice had ceased, Jesus

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27 was found alone. But they kept quiet,

But I tell you truly, there are some

standing here who shall not taste death and told no one in those days  
any of the

till they see the kingdom of God." things they had seen.

2 37Now it happened on the next day,

' Now it came to pass, about eight days

after these sayings, that He took Peter, when they had come down from the

John, and James and went up on the mountain, that a great multitude met

mountain to pray. Him.

2' As He prayed, the appearance of His 38 Suddenly a man from the multitude

face was altered, and His robe became cried out, saying, "Teacher, I implore

white and glistening. You, look on my son, for he is my only  
child.

30 And behold, two men talked with Him, 3' And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he who were Moses and Elijah,

suddenly cries out; it convulses him so

31 who appeared in glory and spoke of that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, His decease which He was about to bruising him. accomplish at Jerusalem.

40 So I implored Your disciples to cast it Your name, and we forbade him

out, but they could not." because he does not follow with us."

4 5 10 But Jesus said to him, "Do not forbid Then Jesus answered and said, "O

faithless and perverse generation, how him, for he who is not against us is on



long shall I be with you and bear with our side." you? Bring your son here."

5 1

Now it came to pass, when the time

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And as he was still coming, the demon had come for Him to be received up,

threw him down and convulsed him. that He steadfastly set His face to go to

Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, Jerusalem, healed the child, and gave him back to

his father. 52 and sent messengers before His face.

4 of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him.

3And they were all amazed at the And as they went, they entered a village

majesty of God. But while everyone

marveled at all the things which Jesus 53But they did not receive Him, because did, He said to His disciples, His face was set for the journey to

Jerusalem.

44

'Let these words sink down into your

ears, for the Son of Man is about to be 54 And when His disciples James and betrayed into the hands of men." John saw this, they said, "Lord, do You

want us to command fire to come down

4 5

But they did not understand this saying, from heaven and consume them, just as

and it was hidden from them so that Elijah did?" they did not perceive it; and they were

afraid to ask Him about this saying. <sup>5</sup> But He turned and rebuked them, and

<sup>4</sup> spirit you are of. <sup>6</sup> Then a dispute arose among them as said, "You do not know what manner of

to which of them would be greatest.

<sup>56</sup> For the Son of Man did not come to

<sup>47</sup> And Jesus, perceiving the thought of destroy men's lives but to save them."

their heart, took a little child and set him And they went to another village. by Him,

<sup>57</sup> Now it happened as they journeyed on

<sup>48</sup>

and said to them, "Whoever receives the road, that someone said to Him,

this little child in My name receives Me; "Lord, I will follow You wherever You

and whoever receives Me receives Him go." who sent Me. For he who is least among

you all will be great." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have

<sup>4</sup> but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay

<sup>9</sup> Now John answered and said, "Master, holes and birds of the air have nests,

we saw someone casting out demons in His head."

5 7 9 Then He said to another, "Follow Me." And remain in the same  
house, eating

But he said, "Lord, let me first go and and drinking such things as they  
give,

bury my father." for the laborer is worthy of his wages.

Do not go from house to house.

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Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury  
their own dead, but you go and preach 8 Whatever city you enter, and  
they the kingdom of God." receive you, eat such things as are set

before you.

61

And another also said, "Lord, I will  
follow You, but let me first go and bid 'And heal the sick there, and  
say to  
them farewell who are at my house." them, "The kingdom of God has  
come

near to you.'

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But Jesus said to him, "No one, having 0 But whatever city you  
enter, and they  
put his hand to the plow, and looking 1 back, is fit for the kingdom of  
God." do not receive you, go out into its streets

and say,

1 1 1 § The very dust of your city which clings 0 After these things  
the Lord

to us we wipe off against you.

appointed seventy others also, and sent

Nevertheless know this, that the

them two by two before His face into

kingdom of God has come near you.'

every city and place where He Himself

was about to go. <sup>1</sup>2But I say to you that it will be more <sup>2</sup> tolerable  
in that Day for Sodom than for

Then He said to them, "The harvest

truly is great, but the laborers are few; that city.

therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to <sup>1</sup>3 Woe to you, Chorazin!  
Woe to you, send out laborers into His harvest.

Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which

<sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I send you out as were done in you had been  
done in Tyre

and Sidon, they would have repented

lambs among wolves.

long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup>Carry neither money bag, knapsack, <sup>4</sup>But it will be more tolerable for  
Tyre

nor sandals; and greet no one along the

road. and Sidon at the judgment than for you.

1 5And you, Capernaum, who are exalted

5But whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house.' to  
heaven, will be brought down to

Hades.

6And if a son of peace is there, your 6He who hears you hears Me, he  
who

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peace will rest on it; if not, it will return to

you. rejects you rejects Me, and he who

rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me."

1 2 7 5And behold, a certain lawyer stood up Then the seventy  
returned with joy,

saying, "Lord, even the demons are and tested Him, saying, "Teacher,  
what

subject to us in Your name." shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

1 2 6

' And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall He said to him, "What is  
written in the

like lightning from heaven. law? What is your reading of it?"

1 27 ' Behold,

I give you the authority to So he answered and said, You shall  
trample on serpents and scorpions, and love the LORD your God with  
all your

over all the power of the enemy, and heart, with all your soul, with all  
your

nothing shall by any means hurt you. strength, and with all your mind,' and

"your neighbor as yourself."

20

Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that

the spirits are subject to you, but rather <sup>2</sup>' And He said to him, "You have rejoice because your names are written answered rightly; do this and you will

in heaven." live."

<sup>22</sup> 1 n that hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit

' But he, wanting to justify himself, said

and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

heaven and earth, that You have hidden

these things from the wise and prudent <sup>30</sup>Then Jesus answered and said: "A and revealed them to babes. Even so, certain man went down from Jerusalem

Father, for so it seemed good in Your to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who

sight. stripped him of his clothing, wounded

him, and departed, leaving him half

22

All things have been delivered to Me dead.

by My Father, and no one knows who

the Son is except the Father, and who <sup>31</sup> Now by chance a certain priest came the Father is except the Son, and the down that road. And when he saw him,

one to whom the Son wills to reveal he passed by on the other side.  
Him."

32Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at

23Then He turned to His disciples and

the place, came and looked, and passed

said privately, "Blessed are the eyes by on the other side. which see  
the things you see;

2 33But a certain Samaritan, as he 4F or I tell you that many prophets  
and journeyed, came where he was. And

kings have desired to see what you see, when he saw him, he had  
compassion.

and have not seen it, and to hear what

you hear, and have not heard it." 34 So he went to him and bandaged  
his

wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he

set him on his own animal, brought him

to an inn, and took care of him.

35On the next day, when he departed, Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as  
John

he took out two denarii, gave them to also taught his disciples." the  
innkeeper, and said to him, "Take

care of him; and whatever more you 2 So He said to them, "When you  
pray, spend, when I come again, I will repay say: Our Father in  
heaven, Hallowed be

you.' Your name. Your kingdom come. Your

36so will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

which of these three do you think

was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. thieves?"

3

7 And he said, "He who showed mercy 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also

forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go And do not lead us into temptation, But

and do likewise." deliver us from the evil one."

38 Now it happened as they went that He 5 And He said to them, "Which of you entered a certain village; and a certain shall have a friend, and go to him at

woman named Martha welcomed Him midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend

into her house. me three loaves;

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who 6 for a friend of mine has come to me on also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His his journey, and I have nothing to set

word. before him';

4 7 0 But Martha was distracted with much and he will answer from within and say, serving, and she approached Him and "Do not trouble me; the door is now shut,

said, "Lord, do You not care that my and my children are with me in bed; I

sister has left me to serve alone? cannot rise and give to you'?



Therefore tell her to help me."

4

1And Jesus answered and said to her, <sup>8</sup> 1 say to you, though he will not rise and

give to him because he is his friend, yet

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and because of his persistence he will rise

troubled about many things. and give him as many as he needs.

42

But one thing is needed, and Mary has "So I say to you, ask, and it will be

chosen that good part, which will not be given to you; seek, and you will find;

taken away from her." knock, and it will be opened to you.

<sup>1</sup> 0For everyone who asks receives, and

1 1 Now it came to pass, as He was he who seeks finds, and to him who

praying in a certain place, when He knocks it will be opened. ceased, that one of His disciples said to <sup>1</sup> 2 1 1 a son asks for bread from any father When a strong man, fully armed, among you, will he give him a stone? Or guards his own palace, his goods are in

if he asks for a fish, will he give him a peace. serpent instead of a fish?

<sup>2</sup> But when a stronger than he comes

12

Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer upon him and overcomes him,

he takes

him a scorpion? from him all his armor in which he

trusted, and divides his spoils.

13 you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,  
how 2 3He who is not with Me is against Me, much more will your  
heavenly Father and he who does not gather with Me

give the Holy Spirit to those who ask scatters. Him!"

244 When an unclean spirit goes out of a

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And He was casting out a demon, and man, he goes through dry  
places,

it was mute. So it was, when the demon seeking rest; and finding  
none, he says,

had gone out, that the mute spoke; and "I will return to my house  
from which I

the multitudes marveled. came.'

1 2 5But some of them said, "He casts out 5And when he comes, he  
finds it swept demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the and put in order.  
demons."

2 6Then he goes and takes with him

16others, testing Him, sought from Him seven other spirits more  
wicked than

a sign from heaven. himself, and they enter and dwell there;

and the last state of that man is worse

17 than the first."

But He, knowing their thoughts, said to

them: "Every kingdom divided against 7And it happened, as He spoke these

itself is brought to desolation, and a 2 house divided against a house falls. things, that a certain woman from the

crowd raised her voice and said to Him,

1 8 Satan also is divided against himself, "Blessed is the womb that bore You,

how will his kingdom stand? Because and the breasts which nursed You!" you say I cast out demons by Beelzebub.

2' But He said, "More than that, blessed

1 are those who hear the word of God and ' And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub,

by whom do your sons cast them out? keep it!" Therefore they will be your judges.

2 ' And while the crowds were thickly

20But if I cast out demons with the finger gathered together, He began to say,

of God, surely the kingdom of God has "This is an evil generation. It seeks a

come upon you. sign, and no sign will be given to it

except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

30For as Jonah became a sign to the 3' Then the Lord said to him, "Now you

Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be Pharisees make the outside of the cup

to this generation. and dish clean, but your inward part is

full of greed and wickedness.

31

The queen of the South will rise up in 0Foolish ones! Did not He

who made

the judgment with the men of this <sup>4</sup> generation and condemn them, for she the outside make the inside also? came from the ends of the earth to hear

the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a <sup>41</sup>

But rather give alms of such things as greater than Solomon is here. you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

<sup>32</sup>The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and <sup>42</sup> 'But woe to you Pharisees! For you condemn it, for they repented at the tithe mint and rue and all manner of

preaching of Jonah; and indeed a herbs, and pass by justice and the love

greater than Jonah is here. of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

<sup>33</sup> No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts

it in a secret place or under a basket, <sup>43</sup>Woe to you Pharisees! For you love but on a lampstand, that those who the best seats in the synagogues and

come in may see the light. greetings in the marketplaces.

<sup>3 44</sup> <sup>4</sup>The lamp of the body is the eye.

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees,

Therefore, when your eye is good, your hypocrites! For you are like graves

whole body also is full of light. But when which are not seen, and the men who

your eye is bad, your body also is full of walk over them are not aware of them."

darkness.

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3 said to Him, "Teacher, by saying these

5Therefore take heed that the light Then one of the lawyers answered  
and

which is in you is not darkness. things You reproach us also."

3 4 6 then your whole body is full of light, 6And He said, "Woe to you  
also, having no part dark, the whole body will lawyers! For you load  
men with burdens

be full of light, as when the bright hard to bear, and you yourselves do  
not

shining of a lamp gives you light." touch the burdens with one of your  
fingers.

37

And as He spoke, a certain Pharisee

asked Him to dine with him. So He went 47Woe to you! For you build  
the tombs of in and sat down to eat. the prophets, and your fathers  
killed

them.

38When the Pharisee saw it, he marveled that He had not first washed  
4 8 n fact, you bear witness that you before dinner. approve the deeds  
of your fathers; for

they indeed killed them, and you build 3Therefore whatever you have  
spoken in

their tombs. the dark will be heard in the light, and

what you have spoken in the ear in inner

4 rooms will be proclaimed on the 9Therefore the wisdom of God also  
said,

"I will send them prophets and apostles, housetops. and some of them they will kill and

persecute,' 4 And I say to you, My friends, do not be

afraid of those who kill the body, and

50 hat the blood of all the prophets which after that have no more that they can do.

was shed from the foundation of the

world may be required of this generation, 5But I will show you whom you should

fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed,

51 has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to from the blood of Abel to the blood of

Zechariah who perished between the you, fear Him! altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it

shall be required of this generation. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two

copper coins? And not one of them is

52 Woe to you lawyers! For you have forgotten before God. taken away the key of knowledge. You

did not enter in yourselves, and those 7But the very hairs of your head are all who were entering in you hindered." numbered. Do not fear therefore; you

are of more value than many sparrows.

53

And as He said these things to them,

the scribes and the Pharisees began to 8 Also I say to you, whoever confesses assail Him vehemently, and to cross- Me before men, him the Son of Man

examine Him about many things, also will confess before the angels of

God.

54 ying in wait for Him, and seeking to catch Him in something He might say, 'But he who denies Me before men will that they might accuse Him. be denied before the angels of God.

1 0 'And anyone who speaks a word

1 against the Son of Man, it will be 2In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had forgiven him; but to him who gathered together, so that they trampled blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it

one another, He began to say to His will not be forgiven.

disciples first of all, "Beware of the 1 1 'Now when they bring you to the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. synagogues and magistrates and

authorities, do not worry about how or

2 what you should answer, or what you For there is nothing covered that will

not be revealed, nor hidden that will not should say. be known.

12

For the Holy Spirit will teach you in about your life, what you will eat; nor

that very hour what you ought to say." about the body, what you will put on.

1 2 3Then one from the crowd said to Him, 3Life is more than food, and the body is "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the more than clothing. inheritance with me."

2 4Consider the ravens, for they neither

But He said to him, "Man, who made sow nor reap, which have  
neither

Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" storehouse nor barn; and God  
feeds

them. Of how much more value are you

15 And He said to them, "Take heed and than the birds?

beware of covetousness, for one's life

does not consist in the abundance of the And which of you by  
worrying can add 2 5

things he possesses." one cubit to his stature?

1 2 6 Then He spoke a parable to them, 6 you then are not able to do  
the least, saying: "The ground of a certain rich why are you anxious  
for the rest? man yielded plentifully.

2 7 Consider the lilies, how they grow:

17 And he thought within himself, saying, they neither toil nor spin;  
and yet I say to

"What shall I do, since I have no room to you, even Solomon in all his  
glory was

store my crops?' not arrayed like one of these.

1 2 8' If then God so clothes the grass, which So he said, "I will do this:  
I will pull down my barns and build greater, and today is in the field  
and tomorrow is

there I will store all my crops and my thrown into the oven, how  
much more

goods. will He clothe you, O you of little faith?



1 2 9And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you " And do not seek what you  
should eat

have many goods laid up for many or what you should drink, nor have  
an

years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be anxious mind. merry."

30

For all these things the nations of the

20But God said to him, "Fool! This night world seek after, and your  
Father knows

your soul will be required of you; then that you need these things.  
whose will those things be which you

have provided?' 31 But seek the kingdom of God, and all

these things shall be added to you.

21 'So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward  
God." 32 Do not fear, little flock, for it is your

Father's good pleasure to give you the

22

Then He said to His disciples, kingdom.

"Therefore I say to you, do not worry 33Sell what you have and give  
alms; 42And the Lord said, "Who then is that provide yourselves  
money bags which faithful and wise steward, whom his

do not grow old, a treasure in the master will make ruler over his

heavens that does not fail, where no household, to give them their  
portion of

thief approaches nor moth destroys. food in due season?

34 43Blessed is that servant whom his For where your treasure is,  
there your

heart will be also. master will find so doing when he comes.

3 4 5 'Let your 4Truly, I say to you that he will make waist be girded  
and your

lamps burning; him ruler over all that he has.

36 45But if that servant says in his heart, and you yourselves be like  
men who wait for their master, when he will return "My master is  
delaying his coming,' and

from the wedding, that when he comes begins to beat the male and  
female

and knocks they may open to him servants, and to eat and drink and  
be

immediately. drunk,

3 4 7Blessed are those servants whom the 6the master of that servant  
will come on master, when he comes, will find a day when he is not  
looking for him,

watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he and at an hour when he is  
not aware,

will gird himself and have them sit down and will cut him in two and  
appoint him

to eat, and will come and serve them. his portion with the unbelievers.

3' And if he should come in the second 47And that servant who knew  
his

watch, or come in the third watch, and master's will, and did not  
prepare

find them so, blessed are those servants. himself or do according to his  
will, shall

be beaten with many stripes.

3 ' But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief 4 ' But he who did not know, yet would come, he would have watched committed things deserving of stripes,

and not allowed his house to be broken shall be beaten with few. For everyone

into. to whom much is given, from him much

will be required; and to whom much has

4 been committed, of him they will ask the 0Therefore you also be ready, for the

Son of Man is coming at an hour you do more. not expect."

4' I came to send fire on the earth, and

41 how I wish it were already kindled!

Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You

speak this parable only to us, or to all

people?" 50But I have a baptism to be baptized

with, and how distressed I am till it is

accomplished!

51

Do you suppose that I came to give

peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but 1 3 There were present at that season rather division.

some who told Him about the Galileans

5 whose blood Pilate had mingled with 2 For from now on five in one house will their sacrifices.

be divided: three against two, and two

against three. 2 And Jesus answered and said to them,

5 "Do you suppose that these Galileans 3 Father will be divided against son and were worse sinners than all other

son against father, mother against Galileans, because they suffered such

daughter and daughter against mother, things? mother-in-law against her daughter-in-

law and daughter-in-law against her 3 tell you, no; but unless you repent you

mother-in-law." will all likewise perish.

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Then He also said to the multitudes, 4

Or those eighteen on whom the tower

"Whenever you see a cloud rising out of

in Siloam fell and killed them, do you

the west, immediately you say, "A think that they were worse sinners than

shower is coming'; and so it is.

all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem?

55And when you see the south wind

5 1 tell you, no; but unless you repent you

blow, you say, "There will be hot will all likewise perish." weather'; and there is.

5 Hypocrites! You can discern the face man had a fig tree planted in his

66 He also spoke this parable: "A certain

of the sky and of the earth, but how is it vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it

you do not discern this time?

and found none.

57 Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do

7Then he said to the keeper of his

you not judge what is right?

vineyard, "Look, for three years I have

5 come seeking fruit on this fig tree and 8When you go with your adversary to

find none. Cut it down; why does it use

the magistrate, make every effort along up the ground?' the way to settle with him, lest he drag

you to the judge, the judge deliver you 8But he answered and said to him, "Sir, to the officer, and the officer throw you

let it alone this year also, until I dig

into prison. around it and fertilize it.

59 tell you, you shall not depart from

'And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after

there till you have paid the very last

that you can cut it down."

mite."

1 0Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11

And behold, there was a woman who and became a large tree, and the birds

had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, of the air nested in its branches." and was bent over and could in no way

raise herself up. 2 0And again He said, "To what shall I

liken the kingdom of God?

12

But when Jesus saw her, He called

her to Him and said to her, "Woman, 2 1It is like leaven, which a woman took you are loosed from your infirmity." and hid in three measures of meal till it

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3And He laid His hands on her, and was all leavened."

immediately she was made straight, and 2 And He went through the cities and glorified God. villages, teaching, and journeying

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4But the ruler of the synagogue toward Jerusalem.

answered with indignation, because 2 3Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and few who are saved?" And He said to

he said to the crowd, "There are six them, days on which men ought to work;

therefore come and be healed on them, 24 'Strive to enter through the narrow and not on the Sabbath day." gate, for many, I say to you, will

seek to

1 enter and will not be able. 5The Lord then answered him and said,  
"Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on 25

When once the Master of the house  
the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from

has risen up and shut the door, and you  
the stall, and lead it away to water it?

begin to stand outside and knock at the

1 door, saying, "Lord, Lord, open for us,' 6 So ought not this woman,  
being a and He will answer and say to you, "I do

daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has not know you, where you are  
from,' bound--think of it--for eighteen years, be

loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" 2 6then you will begin to say,  
"We ate and

1 drank in Your presence, and You taught 7 And when He said these  
things, all His in our streets.'

adversaries were put to shame; and all

the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious 2 7But He will say, "I tell you  
I do not things that were done by Him.

know you, where you are from. Depart

1 from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'

' Then He said, "What is the kingdom of

God like? And to what shall I compare 2 8There will be weeping and  
gnashing of it?

teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac

1 and Jacob and all the prophets in the ' It is like a mustard seed,  
which a man kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust

took and put in his garden; and it grew out.

29They will come from the east and the 3And Jesus, answering, spoke  
to the

west, from the north and the south, and lawyers and Pharisees, saying,  
"Is it

sit down in the kingdom of God. lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

30 4

And indeed there are last who will be But they kept silent. And He  
took him

first, and there are first who will be last." and healed him, and let him  
go.

31 5

On that very day some Pharisees Then He answered them, saying,  
came, saying to Him, "Get out and "Which of you, having a donkey or  
an ox

depart from here, for Herod wants to kill that has fallen into a pit, will  
not

You." immediately pull him out on the Sabbath

day?"

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And He said to them, "Go, tell that fox,

"Behold, I cast out demons and perform 6And they could not answer  
Him cures today and tomorrow, and the third regarding these things.



day I shall be perfected.'

7So He told a parable to those who were

33Nevertheless I must journey today, invited, when He noted how they chose

tomorrow, and the day following; for it the best places, saying to them: cannot be that a prophet should perish

outside of Jerusalem. 8 When you are invited by anyone to a

wedding feast, do not sit down in the

34a O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who best place, lest one more honorable

kills the prophets and stones those who than you be invited by him; are sent to her! How often I wanted to

gather your children together, as a hen 'and he who invited you and him come gathers her brood under her wings, but and say to you, "Give place to this man,' you were not willing! and then you begin with shame to take

the lowest place.

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See! Your house is left to you

desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, 1 0But when you are invited, go and sit you shall not see Me until the time down in the lowest place, so that when

comes when you say, "Blessed is He he who invited you comes he may say

who comes in the name of the LORD!" to you, "Friend, go up higher.' Then you

will have glory in the presence of those

who sit at the table with you.

1 4Now it happened, as He went into

the house of one of the rulers of the 1 For whoever exalts himself will be

Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, humbled, and he who humbles himself

that they watched Him closely. will be exalted."

2 12 And behold, there was a certain man Then He also said to him who invited

before Him who had dropsy. Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your here the poor and the maimed and the

brothers, your relatives, nor rich lame and the blind.' neighbors, lest they also invite you back,

and you be repaid. 2 And the servant said, "Master, it is

done as you commanded, and still there

13 But when you give a feast, invite the is room.' poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind.

2 3

Then the master said to the servant,

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And you will be blessed, because they "Go out into the highways and hedges,

cannot repay you; for you shall be and compel them to come in, that my

repaid at the resurrection of the just." house may be filled.

1 2 54

Now when one of those who sat at the For I say to you that none of those

table with Him heard these things, he men who were invited shall taste my

said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat supper." bread in the kingdom of God!"

25 Now great multitudes went with Him.

16 Then He said to him, "A certain man And He turned and said to them,

gave a great supper and invited many,

2 6 f anyone comes to Me and does not

17 and sent his servant at supper time to hate his father and mother, wife and

say to those who were invited, "Come, children, brothers and sisters, yes, and

for all things are now ready.' his own life also, he cannot be My

disciple.

18 But they all with one accord began to

2 7

make excuses. The first said to him, "I And whoever does not bear his cross

have bought a piece of ground, and I and come after Me cannot be My must go and see it. I ask you to have me disciple. excused.'

2 8

For which of you, intending to build a

1' And another said, "I have bought five tower, does not sit down first and count

yoke of oxen, and I am going to test the cost, whether he has enough to

them. I ask you to have me excused.' finish it--

Still another said, "I have married a 'lest, after he has laid the foundation,

wife, and therefore I cannot come.' and is not able to finish, all who see it

begin to mock him,

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So that servant came and reported

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these things to his master. Then the saying, "This man began to build and

master of the house, being angry, said was not able to finish.' to his servant, "Go out quickly into the

streets and lanes of the city, and bring in 31 Or what king, going to make war

against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I

with ten thousand to meet him who have found my sheep which was lost!"

comes against him with twenty thousand? 7 1 say to you that likewise there will be

32 Or more joy in heaven over one sinner who

else, while the other is still a great repents than over ninety-nine just

way off, he sends a delegation and asks persons who need no repentance. conditions of peace.

8 Or what woman, having ten silver

33 coins, if she loses one coin, does not So likewise, whoever of you does not

forsake all that he has cannot be My light a lamp, sweep the house, and

disciple. search carefully until she finds it?

34 Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its 'And when she has found it, she calls

flavor, how shall it be seasoned? her friends and neighbors together,

saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have

35 is neither fit for the land nor for the found the piece which I lost!' dunghill, but men throw it out. He who

has ears to hear, let him hear!" 10Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in

the presence of the angels of God over

one sinner who repents."

1 5Then all the tax collectors and the 11Then He said: "A certain man had two sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. sons.

2And the Pharisees and scribes 2

1 And the younger of them said to his

complained, saying, "This Man receives

father, "Father, give me the portion of

sinners and eats with them."

goods that falls to me.' So he divided to

3 them his livelihood. So He spoke this parable to them,

saying: 1 3And not many days after, the younger 4 son gathered all together, journeyed to a

What man of you, having a hundred

far country, and there wasted his

sheep, if he loses one of them, does not possessions with prodigal living. leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness,

and go after the one which is lost until 1 4But when he had spent all, there arose he finds it? a severe famine in that land, and he 5 began to be in want.

And when he has found it, he lays it on

his shoulders, rejoicing. 1 5Then he went and joined himself to a 6 citizen of that country, and he sent him

And when he comes home, he calls into his fields to feed swine.

together his friends and neighbors, 1 2 6And he would gladly have filled his 6So he called one of the servants and stomach with the pods that the swine asked what these things meant. ate, and no one gave him anything.

2 7

And he said to him, "Your brother has

1 7 But when he came to himself, he said,

come, and because he has received him

"How many of my father's hired servants safe and sound, your father has killed

have bread enough and to spare, and I the fatted calf.' perish with hunger!

2 8 But he was angry and would not go in.

18s will arise and go to my father, and will Therefore his father came out and

say to him, "Father, I have sinned pleaded with him. against heaven and before you,

2 ' So he answered and said to his father,

1 ' and I am no longer worthy to be called "Lo, these many years I have been

your son. Make me like one of your serving you; I never transgressed your

hired servants.'" commandment at any time; and yet you

never gave me a young goat, that I

20 And he arose and came to his father. might make merry with my friends.

But when he was still a great way off, 30But his father saw him and had compassion, as soon as this son of yours came,

and ran and fell on his neck and kissed who has devoured your livelihood with

him. harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.'

2 3 11 And the son said to him, "Father, I 'And he said to him, "Son, you are

have sinned against heaven and in your always with me, and all that I have is

sight, and am no longer worthy to be yours. called your son.'

22 But the father said to his servants,

and be glad, for your brother was dead

"Bring out the best robe and put it on and is alive again, and was lost and is

him, and put a ring on his hand and found." sandals on his feet.

23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it,

1 6 He also said to His disciples:

and let us eat and be merry; "There was a certain rich man who had

2 a steward, and an accusation was

4 For this my son was dead and is alive brought to him that this man was

again; he was lost and is found.' And wasting his goods. they began to be merry.

2 So he called him and said to him,

25 Now his older son was in the field.

"What is this I hear about you? Give an

And as he came and drew near to the account of your stewardship, for you can

house, he heard music and dancing. no longer be steward.'

3 "Then the steward said within himself, 12 And if you have not been faithful in "What shall I do? For my master is what is another man's, who will give you

taking the stewardship away from me. I what is your own? cannot dig; I am ashamed to beg.

1 3 No servant can serve two masters; for

41 have resolved what to do, that when I either he will hate the one and love the



am put out of the stewardship, they may other, or else he will be loyal to the one

receive me into their houses.' and despise the other. You cannot serve

God and mammon."

5 So he called every one of his master's debtors to him, and said to the first, 1 4 Now the Pharisees, who were lovers "How much do you owe my master?' of money, also heard all these things,

and they derided Him.

6 And he said, "A hundred measures of oil.' So 1 he said to him, "Take your bill, 5 And He said to them, "You are those and sit down quickly and write fifty.' who justify yourselves before men, but

God knows your hearts. For what is

7 highly esteemed among men is an Then he said to another, "And how

much do you owe?' So he said, "A abomination in the sight of God. hundred measures of wheat.' And he

said to him, "Take your bill, and write 164 'The law and the prophets were until eighty.' John. Since that time the kingdom of

God has been preached, and everyone

8 is pressing into it. So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly.

For the sons of this world are more 1 7

And it is easier for heaven and earth to

shrewd in their generation than the sons pass away than for one tittle of the law

of light. to fail.

"And I say to you, make friends for 1 " Whoever divorces his wife and yourselves by unrighteous mammon, marries another commits adultery; and

that when you fail, they may receive you whoever marries her who is divorced

into an everlasting home. from her husband commits adultery.

11 OHe who is faithful in what is least is

" There was a certain rich man who faithful also in much; and he who is was clothed in purple and fine linen and

unjust in what is least is unjust also in fared sumptuously every day. much.

2 OBut there was a certain beggar named

11Therefore if you have not been faithful

Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at in the unrighteous mammon, who will his gate, commit to your trust the true riches?

21desiring to be fed with the crumbs 30And he said, "No, father Abraham; but

which fell from the rich man's table. if one goes to them from the dead, they

Moreover the dogs came and licked his will repent.' sores.

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But he said to him, "If they do not hear

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So it was that the beggar died, and Moses and the prophets, neither will

was carried by the angels to Abraham's they be persuaded though one rise from

bosom. The rich man also died and was the dead." buried.

23And being in torments in Hades, he

1 7Then He said to the disciples, "It is

lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar impossible that no offenses  
should

off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

come, but woe to him through whom

2 they do come! 4§ 'Then he cried and said, "Father Abraham, have  
mercy on me, and send 2

It would be better for him if a millstone

Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his

were hung around his neck, and he

finger in water and cool my tongue; for I

am tormented in this flame.' were thrown into the sea, than that he

should offend one of these little ones.

25But Abraham said, "Son, remember 3Take heed to yourselves. If  
your

that in your lifetime you received your

brother sins against you, rebuke him;

good things, and likewise Lazarus evil

and if he repents, forgive him.

things; but now he is comforted and you

are tormented. 4

And if he sins against you seven times

2 in a day, and seven times in a day 6And besides all this, between us  
and

returns to you, saying, "I repent,' you  
you there is a great gulf fixed, so that  
shall forgive him."

those who want to pass from here to

you cannot, nor can those from there 5And the apostles said to the  
Lord, pass to us.' "Increase our faith."

278Then he said, "I beg you therefore, 6 father, that you would send  
him to my So the Lord said, "If you have faith as a

father's house, mustard seed, you can say to this

mulberry tree, "Be pulled up by the roots  
2 and be planted in the sea,' and it would

' for I have five brothers, that he may obey you.

testify to them, lest they also come to

this place of torment.' 7And which of you, having a servant

2 plowing or tending sheep, will say to him ' Abraham

said to him, "They have

when he has come in from the field,  
Moses and the prophets; let them hear

"Come at once and sit down to eat'?

them.'

8<sup>1</sup> But will he not rather say to him, 8Were there not any found who  
"Prepare something for my supper, and returned to give glory to God  
except this

gird yourself and serve me till I have foreigner?" eaten and drunk, and  
afterward you will

eat and drink'? 1 ' And He said to him, "Arise, go your

way. Your faith has made you well."

'Does he thank that servant because he

did the things that were commanded 2 0

Now when He was asked by the

him? I think not. Pharisees when the kingdom of God

would come, He answered them and

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So likewise you, when you have done said, "The kingdom of God  
does not

all those things which you are come with observation; commanded,  
say, "We are unprofitable

servants. We have done what was our 2 1nor will they say, "See here!  
or "See duty to do." there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God

is within you."

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Now it happened as He went to

Jerusalem that He passed through the 22Then He said to the disciples,  
"The midst of Samaria and Galilee. days will come when you will  
desire to

see one of the days of the Son of Man,

12 Then as He entered a certain village, and you will not see it. there

met Him ten men who were lepers,

who stood afar off. 2 3And they will say to you, "Look here!"

or "Look there!' Do not go after them or

13 And they lifted up their voices and said, follow them. "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

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For as the lightning that flashes out of

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So when He saw them, He said to one part under heaven shines to the

them, "Go, show yourselves to the other part under heaven, so also the priests." And so it was that as they went, Son of Man will be in His day. they were cleansed.

2 5But first He must suffer many things

15And one of them, when he saw that he and be rejected by this generation.

was healed, returned, and with a loud

voice glorified God, 2 6And as it was in the days of Noah, so it

will be also in the days of the Son of

16 and fell down on his face at His feet, Man: giving Him thanks. And he was a

Samaritan. 2 7They ate, they drank, they married

wives, they were given in marriage, until

17 So Jesus answered and said, "Were the day that Noah entered the ark, and

there not ten cleansed? But where are the flood came and destroyed them all.

the nine?

22 ' Likewise as it was also in the days of saying: "There was in a certain city a Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, judge who did not fear God nor regard

they sold, they planted, they built; man.

23 ' but

on the day that Lot went out of Now there was a widow in that city;  
and

Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from she came to him, saying, "Get justice for

heaven and destroyed them all. me from my adversary.'

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Even so will it be in the day when the And he would not for a while;  
but

Son of Man is revealed. afterward he said within himself,

"Though I do not fear God nor regard

31 In that day, he who is on the housetop, man, and his goods are in the house, let him

not come down to take them away. And syet because this widow troubles me I likewise the one who is in the field, let will avenge her, lest by her continual

him not turn back. coming she weary me."

32Remember Lot's wife. 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the

unjust judge said.

33Whoever seeks to save his life will

lose it, and whoever loses his life will 7And shall God not avenge His

own preserve it. elect who cry out day and night to Him,

though He bears long with them?

34a tell you, in that night there will be two

men in one bed: the one will be taken 'I tell you that He will avenge them

and the other will be left. speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of

Man comes, will He really find faith on

35Two women will be grinding together: the earth?" the one will be taken and the other left.

9Also He spoke this parable to some

36Two men will be in the field: the one who trusted in themselves that they

will be taken and the other left." were righteous, and despised others:

37And they answered and said to Him, 1 0 "Two men went up to the temple to "Where, Lord?" So He said to them, pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax

"Wherever the body is, there the eagles collector. will be gathered together."

1 1The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am

1 not like other men--extortioners, unjust, 8Then He spoke a parable to them,

adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

that men always ought to pray and not

lose heart,

1 2 fast twice a week; I give tithes of all

So when Jesus heard these things, He



that I possess.' said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell

all that you have and distribute to the

13And the tax collector, standing afar off, poor, and you will have  
treasure in

would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven; and come, follow Me."  
heaven, but beat his breast, saying,

"God, be merciful to me a sinner!" 2 3But when he heard this, he  
became

very sorrowful, for he was very rich.

14 tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the  
other; for 2 4And when Jesus saw that he became everyone who exalts  
himself will be very sorrowful, He said, "How hard it is

humbled, and he who humbles himself for those who have riches to  
enter the

will be exalted." kingdom of God!

1 2 5Then they also brought infants to Him 5For it is easier for a camel  
to go that He might touch them; but when the through the eye of a  
needle than for a

disciples saw it, they rebuked them. rich man to enter the kingdom of  
God."

1 2 6But Jesus called them to Him and said, 6And those who heard it  
said, "Who "Let the little children come to Me, and then can be saved?"  
do not forbid them; for of such is the

kingdom of God. 2 7But He said, "The things which are

1 God."

7Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does impossible with men are  
possible with

not receive the kingdom of God as a

little child will by no means enter it." 2 8Then Peter said, "See, we have left all

and followed You."

1 ' Now a certain ruler asked Him, saying, "Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit 2 ' So He said to them, "Assuredly, I say eternal life?" to you, there is no one who has left

house or parents or brothers or wife or

1 ' So Jesus said to him, "Why do you call children, for the sake of the kingdom of

Me good? No one is good but One, that God, is, God.

30who shall not receive many times

20 ou know the commandments: "Do

more in this present time, and in the age

not commit adultery,' "Do not murder,' to come eternal life."

"Do not steal,' "Do not bear false

witness,' "Honor your father and your 31Then He took the twelve aside and mother.'" said to them, "Behold, we are going up

to Jerusalem, and all things that are

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And he said, "All these things I have written by the prophets concerning the

kept from my youth." Son of Man will be accomplished. 32For He will be delivered to the Gentiles all the people, when they saw it, gave

and will be mocked and insulted and spit praise to God. upon.

They will scourge Him and kill Him. 1 9Then Jesus entered and passed

And the third day He will rise again."

through Jericho.

34 2 But they understood none of these Now behold, there was a man named things; this saying was hidden from Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, them, and they did not know the things and he was rich. which were spoken.

3 3And he sought to see who Jesus was, 5 Then it happened, as He was coming but could not because of the crowd, for near Jericho, that a certain blind man he was of short stature. sat by the road begging.

36And hearing a multitude passing by, 4 So he ran ahead and climbed up into a

sycamore tree to see Him, for He was

he asked what it meant. going to pass that way.

37 5 So they told him that Jesus of And when Jesus came to the place, He Nazareth was passing by. looked up and saw him, and said to him,

"Zacchaeus, make haste and come

38And he cried out, saying, "Jesus, Son down, for today I must stay at your

of David, have mercy on me!" house."

3 ' Then 6 those who went before warned So he made haste and came down, him that he should be quiet; but he cried and received Him joyfully. out all the more, "Son of David, have

mercy on me!" 7

But when they saw it, they all

4 complained, saying, "He has gone to be 0 So Jesus stood still and commanded a guest with a man who is a sinner."

him to be brought to Him. And when he

had come near, He asked him, 8

Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the

4 Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my 1 saying, "What do you want Me to do

goods to the poor; and if I have taken

for you?" He said, "Lord, that I may anything from anyone by false receive my sight." accusation, I restore fourfold."

42 Then Jesus said to him, "Receive your 'And Jesus said to him, "Today

sight; your faith has made you well." salvation has come to this house,

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3And immediately he received his sight, because he also is a son of Abraham;

and followed Him, glorifying God. And 1 2 0For the Son of Man has come to seek 04"Then another came, saying, "Master,

and to save that which was lost." here is your mina, which I have kept put

away in a handkerchief.

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Now as they heard these things, He

spoke another parable, because He was For I feared you, because you are an

near Jerusalem and because they austere man. You collect what you did

thought the kingdom of God would not deposit, and reap what you did not

appear immediately. sow.'

<sup>1 2</sup> Therefore He said: "A certain <sup>2</sup> And he said to him, "Out of your own nobleman went into a far country to mouth I will judge you, you wicked

receive for himself a kingdom and to servant. You knew that I was an austere

return. man, collecting what I did not deposit

and reaping what I did not sow.

<sup>13</sup>

So he called ten of his servants, <sup>3</sup> Why then did you not put my money in

delivered to them ten minas, and said to <sup>2</sup> them, "Do business till I come.' the bank, that at my coming I might

have collected it with interest?'

<sup>14</sup>

But his citizens hated him, and sent a

delegation after him, saying, "We will not <sup>2 4</sup> 'And he said to those who stood by, have this man to reign over us.' "Take the mina from him, and give it to

him who has ten minas.'

<sup>1 5</sup> And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom,

he then 2 5(

But they said to him, "Master, he has

commanded these servants, to whom ten minas.')

he had given the money, to be called to

him, that he might know how much 2 6 'For I say to you, that to everyone who every man had gained by trading. has will be given; and from him who

1 taken away from him. 6Then came the first, saying, "Master, does not have, even what he has will be

your mina has earned ten minas.'

2 7But bring here those enemies of mine,

17And he said to him, "Well done, good who did not want me to reign over them,

servant; because you were faithful in a and slay them before me." very little, have authority over ten cities.'

1 ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 8And the second came, saying, "Master, 2' When He had said this, He went on

your mina has earned five minas.'

2 ' And it came to pass, when He drew

1' Likewise he said to him, "You also be near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the

over five cities.' mountain called Olivet, that He sent two

of His disciples, 30saying, "Go into the village opposite 4 0But He answered and said to them, "I you, where as you enter you will find a tell you that if these should keep silent,

colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. the stones would immediately cry out."

Loose it and bring it here.

4 1

Now as He drew near, He saw the city

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And if anyone asks you, "Why are you and wept over it,

loosing it?' thus you shall say to him,

"Because the Lord has need of it.' 4 2saying, "If you had known, even you,

32so especially in this your day, the things

those who were sent went their that make for your peace! But  
now they

way and found it just as He had said to are hidden from your eyes.  
them.

4 3

33But as they were loosing the colt, the For days will come upon you  
when

your enemies will build an embankment

owners of it said to them, "Why are you around you, surround you and  
close you

loosing the colt?" in on every side,

34And they said, "The Lord has need of 4 and level you, and your  
children within him." you, to the ground; and they will not

leave in you one stone upon another,

35Then they brought him to Jesus. And because you did not know the  
time of

they threw their own clothes on the colt, your visitation." and they set  
Jesus on him.

4 5

Then He went into the temple and

36And as He went, many spread their began to drive out those who  
bought

clothes on the road. and sold in it,

3 4 6 7saying to them, "It is written, "My Then, as He was now drawing  
near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the house is a house of  
prayer,' but you

whole multitude of the disciples began have made it a "den of  
thieves." to rejoice and praise God with a loud

voice for all the mighty works they had 4 7And He was teaching daily  
in the seen, temple. But the chief priests, the scribes,

and the leaders of the people sought to

38saying: "Blessed is the King who destroy Him, comes in the name of  
the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 4 ' and were  
unable to do anything; for all

the people were very attentive to hear

3 Him. ' And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd,  
"Teacher, rebuke

Your disciples."

2 ONow it happened on one of those

days, as He taught the people in the



temple and preached the gospel, that Again he sent another servant;  
and

the chief priests and the scribes, they beat him also, treated him

together with the elders, confronted Him shamefully, and sent him  
away empty-

handed.

and spoke to Him, saying, "Tell us, by

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what authority are You doing these And again he sent a third; and  
they

things? Or who is he who gave You this wounded him also and cast  
him out.

authority?"

134"Then the owner of the vineyard said,

3But He answered and said to them, "I "What shall I do? I will send  
my beloved

also will ask you one thing, and answer son. Probably they will  
respect him

Me: when they see him.'

4 1 The baptism of John--was it from 4But when the vinedressers saw  
him, heaven or from men?" they reasoned among themselves,

saying, "This is the heir. Come, let us kill

5 him, that the inheritance may be ours.' And they reasoned among  
themselves,

saying, "If we say, "From heaven,' He

will say, "Why then did you not believe <sup>15</sup>So they cast him out of the vineyard him?' and killed him. Therefore what will the

owner of the vineyard do to them?

<sup>6</sup>But if we say, "From men," all the

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people will stone us, for they are He will come and destroy those persuaded that John was a prophet." vinedressers and give the vineyard to

others." And when they heard it they

<sup>7</sup> said, "Certainly not!" So they answered that they did not know where it was from.

<sup>17</sup>

Then He looked at them and said,

<sup>8</sup> "What then is this that is written: "The And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I

tell you by what authority I do these stone which the builders rejected Has

things." become the chief cornerstone'?

'Then He began to tell the people this <sup>1</sup> ' Whoever falls on that stone will be

parable: "A certain man planted a broken; but on whomever it falls, it will

vineyard, leased it to vinedressers, and grind him to powder." went into a far country for a long time.

<sup>1</sup> ' And the chief priests and the scribes

<sup>10</sup>Now at vintage-time he sent a servant that very hour sought to lay hands on

to the vinedressers, that they might give Him, but they feared the people --for

him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But they knew He had spoken this parable

the vinedressers beat him and sent him against them. away empty-handed.

22 0 So they watched Him, and sent spies ' Now there were seven brothers. And

who pretended to be righteous, that they the first took a wife, and died without

might seize on His words, in order to children. deliver Him to the power and the

authority of the governor. 30 And the second took her as wife, and

he died childless.

21

Then they asked Him, saying,

"Teacher, we know that You say and 3 1

Then the third took her, and in like

teach rightly, and You do not show manner the seven also; and they left no

personal favoritism, but teach the way of children, and died. God in truth:

2 32 Last of all the woman died also.

2 s it lawful for us to pay taxes to

Caesar or not?" 33 Therefore, in the resurrection, whose

2 wife does she become? For all seven 3 But He perceived their craftiness, and

had her as wife."

said to them, "Why do you test Me?

2 Jesus answered and said to them, 4 34

Show Me a denarius. Whose image "The sons of this age marry and are

and inscription does it have?" They given in marriage. answered and said, "Caesar's."

2 35But those who are counted worthy to 5 And He said to them, "Render attain that age, and the resurrection

therefore to Caesar the things that are from the dead, neither marry nor are

Caesar's, and to God the things that are given in marriage; God's."

2 36nor can they die anymore, for they are 6 But they could not catch Him in His equal to the angels and are sons of God,

words in the presence of the people. being sons of the resurrection. And they marveled at His answer and

kept silent. 37But even Moses showed in the burning

2 bush passage that the dead are raised, 7Then some of the Sadducees, who

when he called the Lord "the God of

deny that there is a resurrection, came Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the

to Him and asked Him, God of Jacob.'

28 38 saying: "Teacher, Moses wrote to us For He is not the God of the dead but

that if a man's brother dies, having a wife of the living, for all live to Him." wife, and he dies without children, his

brother should take his wife and raise up 3' Then some of the scribes answered

offspring for his brother. and said, "Teacher, You have spoken well."

40But after that they dared not question out of her poverty put in all the livelihood

Him anymore. that she had."

41 5

And He said to them, "How can they Then, as some spoke of the temple,

say that the Christ is the Son of David? how it was adorned with beautiful stones

and donations, He said,

42

Now David himself said in the Book of

Psalms: "The LORD said to my Lord, 6 These things which you see--the days

"Sit at My right hand, will come in which not one stone shall

be left upon another that shall not be

43Till I make Your enemies Your thrown down."

footstool."

7So they asked Him, saying, "Teacher,

44Therefore but when will these things be? And what David calls Him

"Lord'; how

is He then his Son?" sign will there be when these things are

about to take place?"

45

Then, in the hearing of all the people,

He said to His disciples, 'And He said: "Take heed that you not

be deceived. For many will come in My

46 Beware of the scribes, who desire to name, saying, "I am He,' and,  
"The time

go around in long robes, love greetings has drawn near.' Therefore do  
not go

after them.

in the marketplaces, the best seats in

the synagogues, and the best places at

feasts, 'But when you hear of wars and

commotions, do not be terrified; for

4 7 these things must come to pass first, but who devour widows'

houses, and for a

the end will not come immediately."

pretense make long prayers. These will

receive greater condemnation." 1 0Then He said to them, "Nation will  
rise

against nation, and kingdom against

kingdom.

2 1 And He looked up and saw the

rich putting their gifts into the treasury, <sup>1</sup> 1And there will be great earthquakes in <sup>2</sup> various places, and famines and

and He saw also a certain poor widow pestilences; and there will be fearful

putting in two mites. sights and great signs from heaven.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> So He said, "Truly I say to you that this But before all these things, they will lay poor widow has put in more than all; their hands on you and persecute you,

delivering you up to the synagogues and

<sup>4</sup>for all these out of their abundance prisons. You will be brought before

have put in offerings for God, but she kings and rulers for My name's sake. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>But it will turn out for you as an <sup>4</sup>

And they will fall by the edge of the occasion for testimony. sword, and be led away captive into all

nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled

<sup>14</sup>Therefore settle it in your hearts not to by Gentiles until the times of the

meditate beforehand on what you will Gentiles are fulfilled. answer;

<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup> 'And there will be signs in the sun, in

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>F the moon, and in the stars; and on the

or I will give you a mouth and wisdom

which all your adversaries will not be earth distress of nations, with perplexity,

able to contradict or resist. the sea and the waves roaring;

1 2 6 en's hearts failing them from fear 6 ou will be betrayed even by  
parents and brothers, relatives and friends; and and the expectation of  
those things

they will put some of you to death. which are coming on the earth, for  
the

powers of the heavens will be shaken.

17 And you will be hated by all for My 2 name's sake. Then they will  
see the Son of Man 7

coming in a cloud with power and great

18 But not a hair of your head shall be glory.

lost. 2 8 Now when these things begin to

1 happen, look up and lift up your heads, ' By your patience possess  
your souls.

because your redemption draws near."

20 But when you see Jerusalem

2 ' Then He spoke to them a parable:

surrounded by armies, then know that

"Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

its desolation is near.

2 When they are already budding, you

1 Then let those who are in Judea flee to 3 0

see and know for yourselves that

the mountains, let those who are in the

summer is now near.



midst of her depart, and let not those

who are in the country enter her. 31 So you also, when you see these  
22 things happening, know that the

For these are the days of vengeance,

kingdom of God is near.

that all things which are written may be

fulfilled. 32 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation

23 will by no means pass away till all things

But woe to those who are pregnant

take place.

and to those who are nursing babies in

those days! For there will be great 33 Heaven and earth will pass  
away, but distress in the land and wrath upon this people. My words  
will by no means pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest your 6 So he promised and sought  
opportunity

hearts be weighed down with carousing, to betray Him to them in the  
absence of

drunkenness, and cares of this life, and the multitude. that Day come  
on you unexpectedly.

7 Then came the Day of Unleavened

35

For it will come as a snare on all those Bread, when the Passover  
must be

who dwell on the face of the whole earth. killed.

Watch therefore, and pray always that And He sent Peter and John,  
saying,

you may be counted worthy to escape "Go and prepare the Passover  
for us,

all these things that will come to pass, that we may eat." and to stand  
before the Son of Man."

'So they said to Him, "Where do You

37And in the daytime He was teaching in want us to prepare?" the  
temple, but at night He went out and

stayed on the mountain called Olivet. <sup>1</sup> 0And He said to them,  
"Behold, when

you have entered the city, a man will

<sup>3</sup>8Then early in the morning all the meet you carrying a pitcher of  
water;

people came to Him in the temple to follow him into the house which  
he

hear Him. enters.

<sup>1</sup>1

Then you shall say to the master of the

22Now the Feast of Unleavened house, "The Teacher says to you,

"Where is the guest room where I may

Bread drew near, which is called eat the Passover with My disciples?"

Passover.

<sup>2</sup> Then he will show you a large,

And the chief priests and the scribes

furnished upper room; there make

sought how they might kill Him, for they

feared the people. ready."

So they went and found it just as He

<sup>3</sup>Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

had said to them, and they prepared the

Iscairiot, who was numbered among the

Passover.

twelve.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>When the hour had come, He sat

<sup>4</sup>So he went his way and conferred with

down, and the twelve apostles with Him.

the chief priests and captains, how he

might betray Him to them. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>Then He said to them, "With fervent

<sup>5</sup> desire I have desired to eat this And they were glad, and agreed to give

him money. Passover with you before I suffer;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> or I say to you, I will no longer eat of it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

Then He took the cup, and gave For who is greater, he who sits at the

thanks, and said, "Take this and divide it table, or he who serves? Is it not he who

among yourselves; sits at the table? Yet I am among you as

the One who serves.

<sup>1</sup> ' for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God <sup>2</sup> 8 But you are those who have comes." continued with Me in My trials.

<sup>1</sup> 2 ' And He took bread, gave thanks and ' And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just broke it, and gave it to them, saying, as My Father bestowed one upon Me,

"This is My body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of Me." <sup>30</sup>that you may eat and drink at My table

in My kingdom, and sit on thrones

<sup>20</sup>Likewise He also took the cup after judging the twelve tribes of Israel." supper, saying, "This cup is the new

covenant in My blood, which is shed for <sup>31</sup>And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon!

you. Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that

he may sift you as wheat.

<sup>21</sup>

But behold, the hand of My betrayer is

with Me on the table. <sup>32</sup>But I have prayed for you, that your

faith should not fail; and when you have

And truly the Son of Man goes as it returned to Me, strengthen your  
has been determined, but woe to that brethren." man by whom He is  
betrayed!"

2 Then they began to question among to go with You, both to prison  
and to

3 33But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready

themselves, which of them it was who death." would do this thing.

34

Then He said, "I tell you, Peter, the

24

Now there was also a dispute among rooster shall not crow this day  
before

them, as to which of them should be you will deny three times that  
you know

considered the greatest. Me."

25And He said to them, "The kings of the 35And He said to them,  
"When I sent you

Gentiles exercise lordship over them, without money bag, knapsack,  
and

and those who exercise authority over sandals, did you lack  
anything?" So they

them are called "benefactors." said, "Nothing."

2 3 6But not so among you; on the contrary, 6Then He said to them,

"But now, he who is greatest among you, let him who has a money bag, let him take it,

be as the younger, and he who governs and likewise a knapsack; and he who

as he who serves. has no sword, let him sell his garment

and buy one.

37For I say to you that this which is <sup>4</sup> 7And while He was still speaking, written must still be accomplished in Me: behold, a multitude; and he who was

"And He was numbered with the called Judas, one of the twelve, went transgressors.' For the things before them and drew near to Jesus to concerning Me have an end." kiss Him.

38 48

So they said, "Lord, look, here are two But Jesus said to him, "Judas, are you

swords." And He said to them, "It is betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"

enough."

<sup>4</sup> ' When those around Him saw what

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Coming out, He went to the Mount of was going to happen, they said to Him,

Olives, as He was accustomed, and His "Lord, shall we strike with the sword?"

disciples also followed Him.

<sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of

<sup>40</sup>When He came to the place, He said the high priest and cut off his right ear.

to them, "Pray that you may not enter  
into temptation." <sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered and said, "Permit  
even this." And He touched his ear and

<sup>41</sup>  
And He was withdrawn from them healed him.  
about a stone's throw, and He knelt  
down and prayed, <sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests,  
captains of the temple, and the elders

<sup>42</sup> saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take who had come to Him, "Have  
you come  
this cup away from Me; nevertheless not out, as against a robber, with  
swords  
My will, but Yours, be done." and clubs?

<sup>4 5 33</sup>  
Then an angel appeared to Him from When I was with you daily in  
the  
heaven, strengthening Him. temple, you did not try to seize Me. But  
this is your hour, and the power of  
<sup>44</sup> darkness."

And being in agony, He prayed more  
earnestly. Then His sweat became like <sup>4</sup>Having arrested Him, they led  
Him and  
great drops of blood falling down to the <sup>5</sup> ground. brought Him into  
the high priest's house.

But Peter followed at a distance.

45When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found  
5Now when they had kindled a fire in them sleeping from sorrow. the midst of the courtyard and sat down

together, Peter sat among them.

46Then He said to them, "Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into  
5And a certain servant girl, seeing him temptation." as he sat by the fire, looked intently at

him and said, "This man was also with Him."

5 6 774a f You are the Christ, tell us." But He

But he denied Him, saying, "Woman, I do not know Him." said to them, "If I tell you, you will by no means believe.

5' And after a little while another saw him

6 8

and said, "You also are of them." But And if I also ask you, you will by no

Peter said, "Man, I am not!" means answer Me or let Me go.

5 6 ' Then after about an hour had passed, ' Hereafter the Son of Man will sit on the another confidently affirmed, saying, right hand of the power of God."

"Surely this fellow also was with Him, for

he is a Galilean." 70Then they all said, "Are You then the

Son of God?" So He said to them, "You

60

But Peter said, "Man, I do not know rightly say that I am." what you are saying!" Immediately,



while he was still speaking, the rooster 71 And they said, "What further testimony crowd. do we need? For we have heard it

ourselves from His own mouth."

61

And the Lord turned and looked at  
Peter. Then Peter remembered the word  
of the Lord, how He had said to him,

2 3 Then the whole multitude of them

"Before the rooster crows, you will deny  
Me three times." arose and led Him to Pilate.

6 2 And they began to accuse Him, saying,

So Peter went out and wept bitterly.

"We found this fellow perverting the

6 3 nation, and forbidding to pay taxes to Now the men who held Jesus  
mocked Caesar, saying that He Himself is Christ, Him and beat Him. a  
King."

6 4 3 Then Pilate asked Him, saying, "Are

And having blindfolded Him, they  
struck Him on the face and asked Him,

You the King of the Jews?" He

saying, "Prophecy! Who is the one who

answered him and said, "It is as you

struck You?"

say."

65 And many other things they

4 So Pilate said to the chief priests and

blasphemously spoke against Him.

the crowd, "I find no fault in this Man."

66 5 As soon as it was day, the elders of But they were the more fierce, saying, the people, both chief priests and "He stirs up the people, teaching scribes, came together and led Him into throughout all Judea, beginning from their council, saying, Galilee to this place."

6 When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked deserving of death has been done by

if the Man were a Galilean. Him.

7 1 And as soon as he knew that He 6 will therefore chastise Him and belonged to Herod's jurisdiction, he sent release Him" Him to Herod, who was also in

Jerusalem at that time. 17 (for it was necessary for him to release

one to them at the feast).

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceedingly glad; for he had desired for 18 And they all cried out at once, saying, a long time to see Him, because he had "Away with this Man, and release to us

heard many things about Him, and he Barabbas"--hoped to see some miracle done by Him.

1 ' who had been thrown into prison for a

"Then he questioned Him with many certain rebellion made in the city, and

words, but He answered him nothing. for murder.

10 And the chief priests and scribes stood 0 Pilate, therefore, wishing to release

2

and vehemently accused Him. Jesus, again called out to them.

1 2 1 Then Herod, with his men of war, 1 But they shouted, saying, "Crucify Him, treated Him with contempt and mocked crucify Him!" Him, arrayed Him in a gorgeous robe,

and sent Him back to Pilate. 2 2 Then he said to them the third time, 1 "Why, what evil has He done? I have

2 That very day Pilate and Herod found no reason for death in Him. I will

became friends with each other, for therefore chastise Him and let Him go."

previously they had been at enmity with

each other. 2 3 But they were insistent, demanding

1 with loud voices that He be crucified. 3 Then Pilate, when he had called

And the voices of these men and of the

together the chief priests, the rulers, and chief priests prevailed. the people,

1 So Pilate gave sentence that it should 4 2 4

said to them, "You have brought this be as they requested.

Man to me, as one who misleads the

people. And indeed, having examined 2 5 And he released to them the one they Him in your presence, I have found no requested, who for

rebellion and murder

fault in this Man concerning those things had been thrown into prison;  
but he

of which you accuse Him; delivered Jesus to their will.

15 6Now as they led Him away, they laid

no, neither did Herod, for I sent you 2

back to him; and indeed nothing hold of a certain man, Simon a  
Cyrenian, who was coming from the country, and 36The soldiers also  
mocked Him, coming on him they laid the cross that he might and  
offering Him sour wine, bear it after Jesus.

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and saying, "If You are the King of the

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And a great multitude of the people Jews, save Yourself."

followed Him, and women who also

mourned and lamented Him. 38 And an inscription also was written

over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and

2' But Jesus, turning to them, said, Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF  
THE

"Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep JEWS. for Me, but weep for  
yourselves and for

your children. 3' Then one of the criminals who were

hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If

2' For indeed the days are coming in You are the Christ, save Yourself  
and

which they will say, "Blessed are the us." barren, wombs that never  
bore, and

breasts which never nursed!" 40But the other, answering, rebuked him,

3 seeing you are under the same

0Then they will begin "to say to the saying, "Do you not even fear  
God,

mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, condemnation? "Cover us!"

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And we indeed justly, for we receive

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For if they do these things in the green the due reward of our deeds;  
but this

wood, what will be done in the dry?" Man has done nothing wrong."

3 4 2

There were also two others, criminals, Then he said to Jesus, "Lord,  
led with Him to be put to death. remember me when You come into  
Your

kingdom."

33And when they had come to the place

called Calvary, there they crucified Him, 43And Jesus said to him,  
"Assuredly, I and the criminals, one on the right hand say to you,  
today you will be with Me in

and the other on the left. Paradise."

3 4 4Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, 4Now it was about the  
sixth hour, and for they do not know what they do." And there was  
darkness over all the earth

they divided His garments and cast lots. until the ninth hour.

35And the people stood looking on. But 4 5Then the sun was darkened, and the even the rulers with them sneered, veil of the temple was torn in two. saying, "He saved others; let Him save

Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of 46And when Jesus had cried out with a God." loud voice, He said, "Father, "into Your

hands I commit My spirit." Having said 56Then they returned and prepared this, He breathed His last. spices and fragrant oils. And they rested

on the Sabbath according to the

47 commandment.

So when the centurion saw what had

happened, he glorified God, saying,

"Certainly this was a righteous Man!"

24Now on the first day of the week,

4' And the whole crowd who came very early in the morning, they, and

together to that sight, seeing what had certain other women with them, came to

been done, beat their breasts and the tomb bringing the spices which they

returned. had prepared.

4 2 ' But all His acquaintances, and the But they found the stone rolled away women who followed Him from Galilee, from the tomb. stood at a distance, watching these

things. 3Then they went in and did not find the

5 body of the Lord Jesus. 0Now behold, there was a man named Joseph, a council member, a good and 4

And it happened, as they were greatly  
just man.

perplexed about this, that behold, two  
5 men stood by them in shining garments. 1 He had not consented to  
their decision

and deed. He was from Arimathea, a 5

Then, as they were afraid and bowed  
city of the Jews, who himself was also

their faces to the earth, they said to  
waiting for the kingdom of God.

them, "Why do you seek the living  
5 among the dead?

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This man went to Pilate and asked for  
the body of Jesus. 6He is not here, but is risen! Remember

5 how He spoke to you when He was still 3Then he took it down,  
wrapped it in

in Galilee,  
linen, and laid it in a tomb that was  
hewn out of the rock, where no one had 7

saying, "The Son of Man must be  
ever lain before.

delivered into the hands of sinful men,

5 and be crucified, and the third day rise 4That day was the Preparation, and the

again."

Sabbath drew near.

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5And the women who had come with 8 And they remembered His words.

Him from Galilee followed after, and 7Then they returned from the tomb and

they observed the tomb and how His told all these things to the eleven and to

body was laid. all the rest.

1 0 was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary

a Prophet mighty in deed and word

the mother of James, and the other before God and all the people, women with them, who told these things

to the apostles. 2 0

and how the chief priests and our

rulers delivered Him to be condemned

11

And their words seemed to them like to death, and crucified Him.

idle tales, and they did not believe them.

2 1

But we were hoping that it was He who



But Peter arose and ran to the tomb; was going to redeem Israel.  
Indeed,

and stooping down, he saw the linen besides all this, today is the third  
day

cloths lying by themselves; and he since these things happened.  
departed, marveling to himself at what

had happened. 2 2 es, and certain women of our

company, who arrived at the tomb early,

13Now behold, two of them were astonished us.

traveling that same day to a village

called Emmaus, which was seven miles 23When they did not find His  
body, they from Jerusalem. came saying that they had also seen a

vision of angels who said He was alive.

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And they talked together of all these

things which had happened. 2 4

And certain of those who were with us

went to the tomb and found it just as the

15 so it was, while they conversed and women had said; but Him they  
did not

reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near see." and went with them.

2 5

Then He said to them, "O foolish ones,

16

But their eyes were restrained, so that and slow of heart to believe  
in all that

they did not know Him. the prophets have spoken!

1 2 7 6 Ought not the Christ to have suffered And He said to them,  
"What kind of

conversation is this that you have with these things and to enter into  
His glory?"

one another as you walk and are sad?"

2 7

1 Prophets, He expounded to them in all

8 Then the one whose name was And beginning at Moses and all the

Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are the Scriptures the things  
concerning

You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and Himself. have You not known  
the things which

happened there in these days?" 2 8 Then they drew near to the village

where they were going, and He

1 ' And He said to them, "What things?" indicated that He would have  
gone

So they said to Him, "The things farther. concerning Jesus of Nazareth,  
who was 2 9 But they constrained Him, saying, 3 ' Behold My hands and  
My feet, that it is

"Abide with us, for it is toward evening, I Myself. Handle Me and see,  
for a spirit

and the day is far spent." And He went does not have flesh and bones  
as you

in to stay with them. see I have."

Now it came to pass, as He sat at the When He had said this, He showed

table with them, that He took bread, then His hands and His feet. blessed and broke it, and gave it to

them. 1 4But while they still did not believe for

3 "Have you any food here?" 1Then their eyes were opened and they joy, and marveled, He said to them,

knew Him; and He vanished from their

sight. 42So they gave Him a piece of a broiled

32And they said to one another, "Did not fish and some honeycomb.

our heart burn within us while He talked 43And He took it and ate in their with us on the road, and while He presence. opened the Scriptures to us?"

44Then He said to them, "These are the

33So they rose up that very hour and words which I spoke to you while I was

returned to Jerusalem, and found the still with you, that all things must be

eleven and those who were with them fulfilled which were written in the Law of

gathered together, Moses and the Prophets and the

34 Psalms concerning Me." saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 4 5

And He opened their understanding,

that they might comprehend the

And they told about the things that had Scriptures.

happened on the road, and how He was

known to them in the breaking of bread. <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup>Then He said to them,  
"Thus it is

<sup>36</sup>Now as they said these things, Jesus written, and thus it was  
necessary for

the Christ to suffer and to rise from the

Himself stood in the midst of them, and dead the third day, said to  
them, "Peace to you."

<sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup>

<sup>37</sup>But they were terrified and frightened, and that repentance and  
remission of

sins should be preached in His name to

and supposed they had seen a spirit. all nations, beginning at  
Jerusalem.

<sup>38</sup>And He said to them, "Why are you <sup>48</sup>And you are witnesses of  
these things. troubled? And why do doubts arise in

your hearts? <sup>4</sup> Behold, I send the Promise of My

Father upon you; but tarry in the city of

Jerusalem until you are endued with And they worshiped Him, and returned power from on high." to Jerusalem with great joy,

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And He led them out as far as Bethany, and were continually in the temple

and He lifted up His hands and blessed praising and blessing God. Amen. them.

51

Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven.

## 2nd Accounts of the Church by brother Luke

and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the  
end of the earth."

1 The former account I made, O

Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both 9 Now when He had spoken  
these things,

while they watched, He was taken up,  
to do and teach,

and a cloud received Him out of their  
2 sight.

until the day in which He was taken up,

after He through the Holy Spirit had 1 0 And while they looked  
steadfastly given commandments to the apostles toward heaven as He  
went up, behold, whom He had chosen, two men stood by them in  
white apparel,

3 to whom He also presented Himself 1 1 who also said, "Men of Galilee,  
why do you stand gazing up into  
heaven? This infallible proof, being seen by them same Jesus, who  
was taken up from during forty days and speaking of the you into  
heaven, will so come in like things pertaining to the kingdom of God.  
manner as you saw Him go into 4 heaven."

And being assembled together with

them, He commanded them not to 12 Then they returned to Jerusalem  
from depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the mount called Olivet,  
which is near the Promise of the Father, "which," He Jerusalem, a  
Sabbath day's journey. said, "you have heard from Me;

1 3 And when they had entered, they went  
for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the  
Holy Spirit up into the upper room where they were

staying: Peter, James, John, and  
not many days from now."

Andrew; Philip and Thomas;  
6 Bartholomew and Matthew; James the

Therefore, when they had come son of Alphaeus and Simon the  
Zealot;

together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, and Judas the son of James.  
will You at this time restore the kingdom

to Israel?" 14 These all continued with one accord in 7 prayer and  
supplication, with the women

And He said to them, "It is not for you

and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with  
to know times or seasons which the

His brothers.

Father has put in His own authority.

1 5

And in those days Peter stood up in

'But you shall receive power when the the midst of the disciples  
(altogether the

Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you

number of names was about a hundred  
shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,

and twenty), and said,

16 Men and brethren, this Scripture had

transgression fell, that he might go to his

to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit own place." spoke before by the mouth of David

concerning Judas, who became a guide 2 6And they cast their lots, and the lot fell to those who arrested Jesus; on Matthias. And he was numbered with

the eleven apostles.

17 or he was numbered with us and

obtained a part in this ministry."

1 2 When the Day of Pentecost had fully 8(Now this man purchased a field with

come, they were all with one accord in

the wages of iniquity; and falling one place. headlong, he burst open in the middle

and all his entrails gushed out. 2

And suddenly there came a sound from

1 heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, '

And it became known to all those and it filled the whole house where they

dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is

were sitting.

called in their own language, Akel Dama,



that is, Field of Blood.) 3Then there appeared to them divided

2 tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon 0 'For it is written in the Book of Psalms:

each of them.

"Let his dwelling place be desolate, And

let no one live in it'; and, "Let another 4And they were all filled with the Holy take his office.' Spirit and began to speak with other

2 tongues, as the Spirit gave them 1§ "Therefore, of these men who have utterance. accompanied us all the time that the

Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 5

And there were dwelling in Jerusalem

2 Jews, devout men, from every nation 2beginning from the baptism of John to

under heaven.

that day when He was taken up from us,

one of these must become a witness 6And when this sound occurred, the

with us of His resurrection."

multitude came together, and were

2 confused, because everyone heard 3And they proposed two: Joseph called

them speak in his own language.

Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus,

and Matthias. <sup>7</sup>Then they were all amazed and <sup>24</sup> marveled, saying to one another, "Look,

And they prayed and said, "You, O

are not all these who speak Galileans?

Lord, who know the hearts of all, show

which of these two You have chosen <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each in our

<sup>2</sup> own language in which we were born? <sup>5</sup> take part in this ministry and

apostleship from which Judas by 'Parthians and Medes and Elamites, <sup>1</sup> I will show wonders in heaven above those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea And signs in the earth beneath: Blood

and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, and fire and vapor of smoke.

<sup>1 2</sup> 0 hrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the 0

The sun shall be turned into darkness,

parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors And the moon into blood, Before the

from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, coming of the great and awesome day

of the LORD.

<sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs--we hear them speaking in our own tongues the <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> And it shall come to pass That wonderful works of God." whoever calls on the name of the LORD

Shall be saved.'

12

So they were all amazed and  
perplexed, saying to one another, <sup>2</sup> 2 Men of Israel, hear these words:  
"Whatever could this mean?" Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by  
God to you by miracles, wonders, and  
<sup>13</sup> signs which God did through Him in your

Others mocking said, "They are full of  
new wine." midst, as you yourselves also know--

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 3Him, being delivered by the <sup>4</sup>But Peter, standing up with the  
eleven, raised his voice and said to them, "Men determined purpose  
and foreknowledge

of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, of God, you have taken by  
lawless

let this be known to you, and heed my hands, have crucified, and put  
to death;

words.

<sup>2</sup> 4

whom God raised up, having loosed

<sup>15</sup> the pains of death, because it was not

For these are not drunk, as you

suppose, since it is only the third hour of possible that He should be  
held by it.

the day.

<sup>2</sup> 5For David says concerning Him: "I

<sup>16</sup>But this is what was spoken by the foresaw the LORD always before  
my

prophet Joel: face, For He is at my right hand, that I

may not be shaken.

<sup>17</sup> And it shall come to pass in the last

<sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my

days, says God, That I will pour out of

My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and tongue was glad; Moreover my  
flesh

your daughters shall prophesy, Your also will rest in hope. young men  
shall see visions, Your old

<sup>27</sup>

men shall dream dreams. For You will not leave my soul in

Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy

<sup>18</sup> And on My menservants and on My One to see corruption.

maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in

those days; And they shall prophesy.

<sup>2</sup> ' You have made known to me the ways <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard  
this, they were

of life; You will make me full of joy in cut to the heart, and said to  
Peter and

Your presence.' the rest of the apostles, "Men and

brethren, what shall we do?"

<sup>2</sup> " Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch  
David, that he is <sup>38</sup>

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and

both dead and buried, and his tomb is let every one of you be baptized  
in the

with us to this day. name of Jesus Christ for the remission

of sins; and you shall receive the gift of

30Therefore, being a prophet, and the Holy Spirit.

knowing that God had sworn with an

oath to him that of the fruit of his body, 3' For the promise is to you  
and to your

according to the flesh, He would raise children, and to all who are  
afar off, as

up the Christ to sit on his throne, many as the Lord our God will call."

31 4 0And with many other words he testified he, foreseeing this,  
spoke concerning

the resurrection of the Christ, that His and exhorted them, saying, "Be  
saved

soul was not left in Hades, nor did His from this perverse generation."  
flesh see corruption.

41

Then those who gladly received his

32

This Jesus God has raised up, of word were baptized; and that day  
about

which we are all witnesses. three thousand souls were added to

them.

33Therefore being exalted to the right 2 4 hand of God, and having  
received from And they continued steadfastly in the the Father the  
promise of the Holy Spirit, apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the

He poured out this which you now see breaking of bread, and in  
prayers. and hear.

43Then fear came upon every soul, and

34 'For David did not ascend into the many wonders and signs were done

heavens, but he says himself: "The through the apostles. LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right

hand, 4 4Now all who believed were together,

3

5Till I make Your enemies Your and had all things in common,

footstool." 45and sold their possessions and goods,

and divided them among all, as anyone

36§Therefore let all the house of Israel had need. know assuredly that God has made this

Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord 46

So continuing daily with one accord in

and Christ." the temple, and breaking bread from

house to house, they ate their food with

gladness and simplicity of heart, 4 1 7p0Then they knew that it was he who sat raising God and having favor with all

the people. And the Lord added to the begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of

church daily those who were being the temple; and they were filled with

saved. wonder and amazement at what had

happened to him.

3Now Peter and John went up 1 Now as the lame man who was healed

held on to Peter and John, all the people

together to the temple at the hour of

ran together to them in the porch which  
prayer, the ninth hour. is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

<sup>2</sup>And a certain man lame from his <sup>2</sup> mother's womb was carried,  
whom they <sup>1</sup> So when Peter saw it, he responded to

the people: "Men of Israel, why do you  
laid daily at the gate of the temple which  
is called Beautiful, to ask alms from marvel at this? Or why look so  
intently at

those who entered the temple; us, as though by our own power or  
godliness we had made this man walk?

<sup>3</sup>who, seeing Peter and John about to <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac,  
and go into the temple, asked for alms. Jacob, the God of our fathers,  
glorified <sup>4</sup> His Servant Jesus, whom you delivered

And fixing his eyes on him, with John,  
up and denied in the presence of Pilate,  
Peter said, "Look at us." when he was determined to let Him go.

<sup>5</sup>So he gave them his attention, <sup>4</sup>But you denied the Holy One and the

1

expecting to receive something from  
Just, and asked for a murderer to be  
them.

granted to you,

6Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do 5

1 and killed the Prince of life, whom God  
not have, but what I do have I give you:

raised from the dead, of which we are  
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,  
witnesses.

rise up and walk."

16And His name, through faith in His  
7And he took him by the right hand and

name, has made this man strong, whom  
lifted him up, and immediately his feet

you see and know. Yes, the faith which  
and ankle bones received strength.

comes through Him has given him this  
8 perfect soundness in the presence of

So he, leaping up, stood and walked you all.

and entered the temple with them--

walking, leaping, and praising God. 17 'Yet now, brethren, I know that  
you did

it in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

'And all the people saw him walking and  
praising God.

1 ' But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His



prophets, that the <sup>4</sup>Now as they spoke to the people, the

Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

priests, the captain of the temple, and

<sup>1</sup> the Sadducees came upon them,

' Repent therefore and be converted,

that your sins may be blotted out, so <sup>2</sup>

being greatly disturbed that they taught

that times of refreshing may come from

the presence of the Lord, resurrection from the dead. the people and  
preached in Jesus the

<sup>20</sup> <sup>3</sup>And they laid hands on them, and put

and that He may send Jesus Christ,

who was preached to you before, them in custody until the next day,  
for it

<sup>2</sup> was already evening. <sup>1</sup> whom heaven must receive until the times of  
restoration of all things, which <sup>4</sup>

However, many of those who heard the

God has spoken by the mouth of all His

word believed; and the number of the

holy prophets since the world began. men came to be about five  
thousand.

<sup>22</sup>For Moses truly said to the fathers, <sup>5</sup>And it came to pass, on the next  
day, "The LORD your God will raise up for that their rulers, elders,  
and scribes, you a Prophet like me from your

brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, <sup>6</sup> whatever He says to you.  
as well as Annas the high priest,

Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and as

<sup>2</sup> many as were of the family of the high <sup>3</sup>

And it shall be that every soul who will

priest, were gathered together at

not hear that Prophet shall be utterly

Jerusalem.

destroyed from among the people.'

<sup>2</sup> Yes, and all the prophets, from <sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup>And when they had set them in the

midst, they asked, "By what power or by

Samuel and those who follow, as many

what name have you done this?"

as have spoken, have also foretold

these days. <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit,

<sup>2</sup> said to them, "Rulers of the people and <sup>5</sup> ou are sons of the prophets,  
and of

elders of Israel:

the covenant which God made with our

fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your 'If we this day are judged for  
a good

seed all the families of the earth shall be

blessed.' deed done to a helpless man, by what

means he has been made well,

26 To you first, God, having raised up His Son, it be known to you all,  
and to all the

1

Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in

turning away every one of you from your people of Israel, that by the  
name of

iniquities." Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you

crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands  
here of God to listen to you more than to God,

before you whole. you judge.

12 1 This is the "stone which was rejected. For we cannot but speak  
the things

by you builders, which has become the which we have seen and  
heard." chief cornerstone.'

2 1

So when they had further threatened

12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for them, they let them go,  
finding no way of

there is no other name under heaven punishing them, because of the  
people,

given among men by which we must be since they all glorified God for  
what had

saved." been done.

Now when they saw the boldness of For the man was over forty  
years old

Peter and John, and perceived that they on whom this miracle of  
healing had

were uneducated and untrained men, been performed. they marveled.  
And they realized that

they had been with Jesus. 23And being let go, they went to their

own companions and reported all that

14

And seeing the man who had been the chief priests and elders had  
said to

healed standing with them, they could them. say nothing against it.

2 4

So when they heard that, they raised

15

But when they had commanded them their voice to God with one  
accord and

to go aside out of the council, they said: "Lord, You are God, who  
made

conferred among themselves, heaven and earth and the sea, and all

that is in them,

16saying, "What shall we do to these

2 5

men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle who by the mouth of Your  
servant

has been done through them is evident David have said: "Why did the  
nations

to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we rage, And the people plot vain things?

cannot deny it.

2 6The kings of the earth took their stand,

17But so that it spreads no further

And the rulers were gathered together

among the people, let us severely Against the LORD and against His

threaten them, that from now on they Christ.' speak to no man in this name."

27 'For truly against Your holy Servant

18 So they called them and commanded Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod

them not to speak at all nor teach in the and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and

name of Jesus. the people of Israel, were gathered

together

19But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight 2' to do whatever Your hand and Your 37having land, sold it, and brought the

purpose determined before to be done. money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

29Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all 5But a certain man named Ananias,

boldness they may speak Your word,

with Sapphira his wife, sold a

30 possession. by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and

wonders may be 2

And he kept back part of the proceeds,

done through the name of Your holy his wife also being aware of it,  
and

Servant Jesus." brought a certain part and laid it at the

31 apostles' feet.

And when they had prayed, the place

where they were assembled together 3But Peter said, "Ananias, why  
has was shaken; and they were all filled with Satan filled your heart to  
lie to the Holy the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word Spirit and  
keep back part of the price of of God with boldness. the land for  
yourself?

32Now the multitude of those who 4 While it remained, was it not  
your own? believed were of one heart and one And after it was  
sold, was it not in your soul; neither did anyone say that any of  
own control? Why have you conceived the things he possessed  
was his own, this thing in your heart? You have not but they had all  
things in common. lied to men but to God."

33 5 And with great power the apostles Then Ananias, hearing these  
words, fell gave witness to the resurrection of the down and breathed  
his last. So great Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon fear came  
upon all those who heard them all. these things.

34Nor was there anyone among them 6And the young men arose and  
wrapped who lacked; for all who were possessors him up, carried him  
out, and buried him. of lands or houses sold them, and

brought the proceeds of the things that 7

Now it was about three hours later

were sold,

when his wife came in, not knowing

35 what had happened. and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had s

And Peter answered her, "Tell me need.

whether you sold the land for so much?"

36 And Joses, who was also named She said, "Yes, for so much."

Barnabas by the apostles (which is 'Then Peter said to her, "How is it that

translated Son of Encouragement), a

you have agreed together to test the Levite of the country of Cyprus,

Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband 18 and laid their hands on the apostles are at the door, and they will carry you and put them in the common prison. out."

1' But at night an angel of the Lord

10

Then immediately she fell down at his opened the prison doors and brought

feet and breathed her last. And the them out, and said, young men came in and found her dead,

and carrying her out, buried her by her 2 0 Go, stand in the temple and speak to husband. the people all the words of this life."

1 2 1 So great fear came upon all the church And when they heard

that, they and upon all who heard these things. entered the temple  
early in the morning

<sup>1</sup> those with him came and called the

<sup>2</sup> And through the hands of the apostles and taught. But the high priest  
and

many signs and wonders were done council together, with all the  
elders of

among the people. And they were all the children of Israel, and sent to  
the

with one accord in Solomon's Porch. prison to have them brought.

<sup>1 2 3</sup> Yet none of the rest dared join them, But when the officers came  
and did

but the people esteemed them highly. not find them in the prison,  
they returned

and reported,

<sup>14</sup>

And believers were increasingly added

<sup>2 3</sup>

to the Lord, multitudes of both men and saying, "Indeed we found the  
prison

women, shut securely, and the guards standing

outside before the doors; but when we

<sup>15</sup> opened them, we found no one inside!"

so that they brought the sick out into  
the streets and laid them on beds and



couches, that at least the shadow of Now when the high priest, the captain

Peter passing by might fall on some of of the temple, and the chief priests

them. heard these things, they wondered what

the outcome would be.

16Also a multitude gathered from the

2 5

surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing So one came and told them, saying,

sick people and those who were "Look, the men whom you put in prison

tormented by unclean spirits, and they are standing in the temple and teaching

were all healed. the people!"

1 2 76Then the captain went with the officers

Then the high priest rose up, and all

those who were with him (which is the and brought them without violence, for

sect of the Sadducees), and they were they feared the people, lest they should

filled with indignation, be stoned.

27

And when they had brought them, they men, about four hundred, joined him. He

set them before the council. And he was slain, and all who obeyed him were

high priest asked them, scattered and came to nothing.

237

' saying, "Did we not strictly command After this man, Judas of Galilee rose

you not to teach in this name? And look, up in the days of the census, and drew

you have filled Jerusalem with your away many people after him. He also

doctrine, and intend to bring this Man's perished, and all who obeyed him were

blood on us!" dispersed.

2' But Peter and the other apostles 38And now I say to you, keep away from

answered and said: "We ought to obey these men and let them alone; for if this

God rather than men. plan or this work is of men, it will come

to nothing;

30The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging 3' but if it is of God, you cannot

on a tree. overthrow it--lest you even be found to

fight against God."

31

Him God has exalted to His right hand 0And they agreed with him, and when

to be Prince and Savior, to give 4 repentance to Israel and forgiveness of they had called for the apostles and

sins. beaten them, they commanded that they

should not speak in the name of Jesus,

32 and let them go. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit

4 1

whom God has given to those who obey So they departed from the presence of

Him." the council, rejoicing that they were

counted worthy to suffer shame for His

33When they heard this, they were name.

furious and plotted to kill them. 2And daily in the temple, and in every

4

34Then one in the council stood up, a house, they did not cease teaching and

Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of preaching Jesus as the Christ. the law held in respect by all the people,

and commanded them to put the

apostles outside for a little while. 6Now in those days, when the number

35And he said to them: "Men of Israel, of the disciples was multiplying, there

arose a complaint against the Hebrews

take heed to yourselves what you intend by the Hellenists, because their widows

to do regarding these men. were neglected in the daily distribution.

36For some time ago Theudas rose up, 2 Then the twelve summoned the claiming to be somebody. A number of multitude of the disciples and said, "It is

not desirable that we should leave the Then they secretly induced men to say,

word of God and serve tables. "We have heard him speak

blasphemous words against Moses and

Therefore, brethren, seek out from God." among you seven men of good

1 2

reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and And they stirred up the people, the

wisdom, whom we may appoint over this elders, and the scribes; and they came

business; upon him, seized him, and brought him

to the council.

but we will give ourselves continually to They also set up false witnesses who

prayer and to the ministry of the word." 1

said, "This man does not cease to speak

blasphemous words against this holy And the saying pleased the whole

multitude. And they chose Stephen, a place and the law; man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and

Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, 14 or we have heard him say that this Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place

from Antioch, and change the customs which Moses

delivered to us."

6whom they set before the apostles; and 5And all who sat in the council, looking

when they had prayed, they laid hands <sup>1</sup> on them. steadfastly at him, saw his face as the

face of an angel.

7Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied

greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many 7Then the high priest said, "Are these

of the priests were obedient to the faith.

things so?"

8And Stephen, full of faith and power,

<sup>2</sup> And he said, "Brethren and fathers,

did great wonders and signs among the

listen: The God of glory appeared to our

people.

father Abraham when he was in

Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran,

'Then there arose some from what is

called the Synagogue of the Freedmen h

and said to him, "Get out of your

(Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those

country and from your relatives, and

from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with

come to a land that I will show you.'

Stephen.

1

0And they were not able to resist the 4 Then he came out of the land of the

Chaldeans and dwelt in Haran. And

wisdom and the Spirit by which he

from there, when his father was dead,

spoke.

He moved him to this land in which you

now dwell.

51 And God gave him no inheritance in it, 3And the second time Joseph was not even enough to set his foot on. But made known to his brothers, and

even when Abraham had no child, He Joseph's family became known to the

promised to give it to him for a Pharaoh. possession, and to his descendants

after him. 1 4Then Joseph sent and called his father

Jacob and all his relatives to him,

6But God spoke in this way: that his seventy-five people. descendants would dwell in a foreign

land, and that they would bring them 1 5So Jacob went down to Egypt; and he into bondage and oppress them four died, he and our fathers. hundred years.

7 And they were carried back to

And the nation to whom they will be in Shechem and laid in the tomb that

bondage I will judge,' said God, "and Abraham bought for a sum of money

after that they shall come out and serve from the sons of Hamor, the father of

Me in this place.' Shechem.

8 1 Then He gave him the covenant of 7 But when the time of the promise circumcision; and so Abraham begot drew near which God had sworn to

Isaac and circumcised him on the eighth Abraham, the people grew and day; and Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob multiplied in Egypt begot the twelve patriarchs.

1 8

tiII another king arose who did not

"And the patriarchs, becoming envious, know Joseph. sold Joseph into Egypt. But God was

with him 1

' This man dealt treacherously with our

1 people, and oppressed our forefathers, 0 and delivered him out of all his making them expose their babies, so

troubles, and gave him favor and that they might not live. wisdom in the presence of Pharaoh,

king of Egypt; and he made him 2 0At this time Moses was born, and was governor over Egypt and all his house.

well pleasing to God; and he was



<sup>1</sup> brought up in his father's house for three <sup>1</sup> Now a famine and great trouble came months.

over all the land of Egypt and Canaan,

and our fathers found no sustenance. <sup>21</sup> But when he was set out, Pharaoh's

<sup>1</sup> daughter took him away and brought <sup>2</sup> But when Jacob heard that there was

him up as her own son.

grain in Egypt, he sent out our fathers

first. <sup>2</sup>

And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and deeds.

<sup>23</sup> Now when he was forty years old, it

and the God of Jacob.' And Moses

came into his heart to visit his brethren, trembled and dared not look. the children of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> And seeing one of them suffer wrong, your sandals off your feet, for the place

<sup>4</sup> <sup>334</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Take

he defended and avenged him who was where you stand is holy ground. oppressed, and struck down the

Egyptian. <sup>34a</sup> have surely seen the oppression of

My people who are in Egypt; I have

25For he supposed that his brethren heard their groaning and have  
come

would have understood that God would down to deliver them. And  
now come, I

deliver them by his hand, but they did will send you to Egypt." not  
understand.

34'This Moses whom they rejected,

26And the next day he appeared to two saying, "Who made you a ruler  
and a

of them as they were fighting, and tried judge?' is the one God sent to  
be a ruler to reconcile them, saying, "Men, you are and a deliverer by  
the hand of the Angel

brethren; why do you wrong one who appeared to him in the bush.  
another?'

2 But he who did his neighbor wrong shown wonders and signs in the  
land of

7 36He brought them out, after he had

pushed him away, saying, "Who made Egypt, and in the Red Sea, and  
in the

you a ruler and a judge over us? wilderness forty years.

2 374 ' Do you want to kill me as you did the 'This is that Moses who  
said to the

Egyptian yesterday?' children of Israel, "The LORD your God

will raise up for you a Prophet like me

2 from your brethren. Him you shall hear.' ' Then, at this saying,

Moses fled and

became a dweller in the land of Midian, 3<sup>1</sup> This where he had two sons. is he who was in the

congregation in the wilderness with the

30 And when forty years had passed, an Angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai,

Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a and with our fathers, the one who

flame of fire in a bush, in the wilderness received the living oracles to give to us,

of Mount Sinai. 39whom our fathers would not obey, but

31 rejected. And in their hearts they turned

When Moses saw it, he marveled at  
the sight; and as he drew near to back to Egypt,

observe, the voice of the Lord came to 0saying to Aaron, "Make us gods to go

him, 4

before us; as for this Moses who

32 brought us out of the land of Egypt, we saying, "I am the God of your fathers--

the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, do not know what has become of him.' 4 5 10Has My hand not made all these And they made a calf in those days,

offered sacrifices to the idol, and things?' rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

42 Then God turned and gave them up to heart and ears! You always resist the

worship the host of heaven, as it is Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do

written in the book of the Prophets: "Did you. you offer Me slaughtered animals and

sacrifices during forty years in the 52Which of the prophets did your fathers wilderness, O house of Israel? not persecute? And they killed those

4 of whom you now have become the

3 ou also took up the tabernacle of who foretold the coming of the Just One,

Moloch, And the star of your god betrayers and murderers, Remphan, Images which you made to

worship; And I will carry you away 53who have received the law by the beyond Babylon.' direction of angels and have not kept it."

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of 54

When they heard these things they

witness in the wilderness, as He were cut to the heart, and they gnashed

appointed, instructing Moses to make it at him with their teeth. according to the pattern that he had

seen, 55But he, being full of the Holy Spirit,

4 gazed into heaven and saw the glory of 5which our fathers, having received it in

God, and Jesus standing at the right

turn, also brought with Joshua into the hand of God, land possessed  
by the Gentiles, whom

God drove out before the face of our <sup>5</sup>6

and said, "Look! I see the heavens

fathers until the days of David,

opened and the Son of Man standing at

<sup>4</sup> the right hand of God!" <sup>6</sup>who found favor before God and

asked to find a dwelling for the God of <sup>5</sup>7 Then they cried out with a  
loud voice, Jacob.

stopped their ears, and ran at him with

<sup>4</sup> one accord; <sup>7</sup> But Solomon built Him a house.

<sup>5</sup>8

<sup>4</sup> and they cast him out of the city and <sup>8</sup> However, the Most High does  
not

stoned him. And the witnesses laid

dwelt in temples made with hands, as down their clothes at the feet of  
a young

the prophet says: man named Saul.

<sup>4</sup>9 Heaven is My throne, And earth is My

<sup>5</sup>' And they stoned Stephen as he was

footstool. What house will you build for calling on God and saying,  
"Lord Jesus,

Me? says the LORD, Or what is the receive my spirit." place of My

rest?

60Then he knelt down and cried out with Samaria, claiming that he  
was someone

a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them great, with this sin." And  
when he had said this,

he fell asleep. 10to whom they all gave heed, from the

least to the greatest, saying, "This man

is the great power of God."

8Now Saul was consenting to his

death. At that time a great persecution 1 And they heeded him because  
he had

arose against the church which was at astonished them with his  
sorceries for a

Jerusalem; and they were all scattered long time. throughout the  
regions of Judea and

Samaria, except the apostles. 1 2But when they believed Philip as he

preached the things concerning the

2 kingdom of God and the name of Jesus And devout men carried  
Stephen to his

burial, and made great lamentation over Christ, both men and women  
were

him. baptized.

3As for Saul, he made havoc of the 1 3Then Simon himself also  
believed; and church, entering every house, and when he was baptized  
he continued with

dragging Philip, and was amazed, seeing the off men and women,

committing them to prison. miracles and signs which were done.

4 14 Therefore those who were scattered Now when the apostles who  
were at

went everywhere preaching the word. Jerusalem heard that Samaria  
had

received the word of God, they sent

5 Peter and John to them,

Then Philip went down to the city of

Samaria and preached Christ to them. 1 5who, when they had come  
down,

6 prayed for them that they might receive And the multitudes with one  
accord

heeded the things spoken by Philip, the Holy Spirit.

hearing and seeing the miracles which 1 6For as yet He had fallen  
upon none of he did.

them. They had only been baptized in

7 the name of the Lord Jesus. For unclean spirits, crying with a loud

voice, came out of many who were 1 7Then they laid hands on them,  
and possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.  
they received the Holy Spirit.

8 1 8And when Simon saw that through the

And there was great joy in that city.

laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered  
them money,

'But there was a certain man called

Simon, who previously practiced sorcery

in the city and astonished the people of 1 2 9saying, "Give me this power also, that 8was returning. And sitting in his chariot, anyone on whom I lay hands may he was reading Isaiah the prophet. receive the Holy Spirit."

2 ' Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near

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But Peter said to him, "Your money and overtake this chariot."

perish with you, because you thought

that the gift of God could be purchased 30 So Philip ran to him, and heard him with money! reading the prophet Isaiah, and said,

2 reading?" 1 ou have neither part nor portion in "Do you understand what you are

this matter, for your heart is not right in

the sight of God. 31And he said, "How can I, unless

2 Philip to come up and sit with him. 2Repent therefore of this your someone guides me?" And he asked

wickedness, and pray God if perhaps

the thought of your heart may be 3 2

The place in the Scripture which he

forgiven you. read was this: "He was led as a sheep

2 its shearer is silent, So He opened not

3For I see that you are poisoned by to the slaughter; And as a lamb



before

bitterness and bound by iniquity." His mouth.

24 33 n His humiliation His justice was taken

Then Simon answered and said, "Pray  
to the Lord for me, that none of the away, And who will declare His  
things which you have spoken may generation? For His life is taken  
from  
come upon me." the earth."

25 34

So when they had testified and So the eunuch answered Philip and  
preached the word of the Lord, they said, "I ask you, of whom does the  
returned to Jerusalem, preaching the prophet say this, of himself or of  
some  
gospel in many villages of the other man?" Samaritans.

3 5Then Philip opened his mouth, and

26Now an angel of the Lord spoke to beginning at this Scripture,  
preached

Philip, saying, "Arise and go toward the Jesus to him. south along the  
road which goes down

from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is desert. 36Now as they went down the  
road, they

came to some water. And the eunuch

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So he arose and went. And behold, a said, "See, here is water. What  
hinders

man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great me from being baptized?"  
authority under Candace the queen of

the Ethiopians, who had charge of all 37 Then Philip said, "If you  
believe with all her treasury, and had come to your heart, you may."  
And he answered

Jerusalem to worship, and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is 6So he,  
trembling and astonished, said,

the Son of God." "Lord, what do You want me to do?"

Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go

38 into the city, and you will be told what So he commanded the  
chariot to stand

still. And both Philip and the eunuch you must do." went down into  
the water, and he

baptized him. 7And the men who journeyed with him

stood speechless, hearing a voice but

3 seeing no one. ' Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit  
of the Lord caught

Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him 8Then Saul arose from the  
ground, and no more; and he went on his way when his eyes were  
opened he saw no

rejoicing. one. But they led him by the hand and

brought him into Damascus.

40But Philip was found at Azotus. And passing through, he preached  
in all the 'And he was three days without sight,

cities till he came to Caesarea. and neither ate nor drank.

10Now there was a certain disciple at

9Then Saul, still breathing threats and Damascus named Ananias; and  
to him

the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And  
murder against the disciples of the Lord,  
went to the high priest he said, "Here I am, Lord."

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and asked letters from him to the <sup>1</sup> So the Lord said to him, "Arise and  
go

to the street called Straight, and inquire  
synagogues of Damascus, so that if he  
found any who were of the Way, at the house of Judas for one called  
Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying.  
whether men or women, he might bring

them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> 2And in a vision he has seen a man

3As he journeyed he came near named Ananias coming in and putting  
his hand on him, so that he might Damascus, and suddenly a light  
shone receive his sight." around him from heaven.

<sup>1</sup> 3Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have  
voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why heard from many about this  
man, how <sup>4</sup>Then he fell to the ground, and heard a  
are you persecuting Me?" much harm he has done to Your saints  
in Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus,  
whom <sup>1</sup> And here he has authority from the

you are persecuting. It is hard for you to chief priests to bind all who call on Your

kick against the goads." name."

1 2 5But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is 4

But their plot became known to Saul.

a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My And they watched the gates day and

name before Gentiles, kings, and the night, to kill him. children of Israel.

2 5

Then the disciples took him by night

16

For I will show him how many things and let him down through the wall in a

he must suffer for My name's sake." large basket.

1 2 76

And Ananias went his way and And when Saul had come to entered the house; and laying his hands Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples;

on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord but they were all afraid of him, and did

Jesus, who appeared to you on the road not believe that he was a disciple. as you came, has sent me that you may

receive your sight and be filled with the 2 7But Barnabas took him and brought Holy Spirit." him to the apostles. And he declared to

them how he had seen the Lord on the

1' Immediately there fell from his eyes road, and that He had spoken

to him,

something like scales, and he received and how he had preached boldly at

his sight at once; and he arose and was Damascus in the name of Jesus. baptized.

2 8So he was with them at Jerusalem,

1 ' So when he had received food, he was coming in and going out. strengthened. Then Saul spent some

days with the disciples at Damascus. 2 ' And he spoke boldly in the name of

2 Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him.

0 mediately he preached the Christ in the Lord Jesus and disputed against the

the synagogues, that He is the Son of

God. 30

When the brethren found out, they

brought him down to Caesarea and sent

21Then all who heard were amazed, and him out to Tarsus.

said, "Is this not he who destroyed those

who called on this name in Jerusalem, 31Then the churches throughout all and has come here for that purpose, so Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace

that he might bring them bound to the and were edified. And walking in the

chief priests?" fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the

Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

But Saul increased all the more in

strength, and confounded the Jews who 32Now it came to pass, as Peter went

dwelt in Damascus, proving that this through all parts of the country, that he

Jesus is the Christ. also came down to the saints who dwelt

2

3Now after many days were past, the in Lydda.

Jews plotted to kill him.

33There he found a certain man named saints and widows, he presented her

Aeneas, who had been bedridden eight alive. years and was paralyzed.

4 2

And it became known throughout all

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And Peter said to him, "Aeneas, Jesus Joppa, and many believed on the Lord.

the Christ heals you. Arise and make

your bed." Then he arose immediately. 4 3So it was that he stayed many days in

Joppa with Simon, a tanner.

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So all who dwelt at Lydda and Sharon

saw him and turned to the Lord.

3 1 OThere was a certain man in 6At Joppa there was a certain

disciple

Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion  
named Tabitha, which is translated

of what was called the Italian Regiment,  
Dorcas. This woman was full of good  
works and charitable deeds which she 2

a devout man and one who feared God  
did.

with all his household, who gave alms

37But it happened in those days that she generously to the people,  
and prayed to

God always.

became sick and died. When they had

washed her, they laid her in an upper 3About the ninth hour of the  
day he saw

room.

clearly in a vision an angel of God

3' And since Lydda was near Joppa, and coming in and saying to him,

"Cornelius!"

the disciples had heard that Peter was

there, they sent two men to him, 4 imploring him not to delay in  
coming to And when he observed him, he was

them. afraid, and said, "What is it, lord?" So he

said to him, "Your prayers and your

3 alms have come up for a memorial ' Then Peter arose and went with them. before God. When he had come, they brought him to

the upper room. And all the widows 5Now send men to Joppa, and send for stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had Simon whose surname is Peter.

made while she was with them. 6He is lodging with Simon, a tanner,

40But Peter put them all out, and knelt whose house is by the sea. He will tell

down and prayed. And turning to the you what you must do." body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she

opened her eyes, and when she saw 7And when the angel who spoke to him Peter she sat up. had departed, Cornelius called two of

his household servants and a devout

41Then he gave her his hand and lifted soldier from among those who waited on

her up; and when he had called the him continually.

8 1 So when he had explained all these 8And they called and asked whether things to them, he sent them to Joppa. Simon, whose surname was Peter, was

lodging there.

'The next day, as they went on their

journey and drew near the city, Peter 1 ' While Peter thought about the vision, went up on the housetop to pray, about the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three

the sixth hour. men are seeking you.



1 2 0

Then he became very hungry and Arise therefore, go down and go with

wanted to eat; but while they made them, doubting nothing; for I have sent

ready, he fell into a trance them."

1 2 1

and saw heaven opened and an object Then Peter went down to the men who

like a great sheet bound at the four had been sent to him from Cornelius,

corners, descending to him and let down and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek.

to the earth. For what reason have you come?"

1 2 2 n it were all kinds of four-footed 2

And they said, "Cornelius the centurion,

animals of the earth, wild beasts, a just man, one who fears God and has

creeping things, and birds of the air. a good reputation among all the nation

of the Jews, was divinely instructed by a

13And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; holy angel to summon you to his house,

kill and eat." and to hear words from you."

1 2 3 4 Then he invited them in and lodged. But Peter said, "Not so,  
Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean. On the next  
day Peter went away

unclean." with them, and some brethren from

Joppa accompanied him.

15 And a voice spoke to him again the

2 4 And the following day they entered

second time, "What God has cleansed

you must not call common." Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting

for them, and had called together his

16 relatives and close friends.

This was done three times. And the

object was taken up into heaven again. 25 As Peter was coming in,  
Cornelius met 17 him and fell down at his feet and

Now while Peter wondered within

worshiped him.

himself what this vision which he had

seen meant, behold, the men who had 2 6 But Peter lifted him up,  
saying, "Stand, for I have been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's  
house, and stood up; I myself am also a man." before the gate.

2 7

And as he talked with him, he went in

and found many who had come together.

2' Then he said to them, "You know how 37 that word you know,  
which was

unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep proclaimed throughout all Judea, and

company with or go to one of another began from Galilee after the baptism

nation. But God has shown me that I which John preached: should not call any man common or

unclean. 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

with the Holy Spirit and with power, who

2' Therefore I came without objection as went about doing good and healing all

soon as I was sent for. I ask, then, for who were oppressed by the devil, for

what reason have you sent for me?" God was with Him.

30So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I 3' And we are witnesses of all things

was fasting until this hour; and at the which He did both in the land of the

ninth hour I prayed in my house, and Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they

behold, a man stood before me in bright killed by hanging on a tree. clothing,

4 0

Him God raised up on the third day,

31

and said, "Cornelius, your prayer has and showed Him openly, been heard, and your alms are

remembered in the sight of God. 1 4not to all the people, but to witnesses

32 therefore to Joppa and call Send chosen before by God, even to us  
who ate and drank with Him after He arose

Simon here, whose surname is Peter. from the dead. He is lodging in  
the house of Simon, a

tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he 4 2And He commanded us to  
preach to will speak to you.' the people, and to testify that it is He

33So who was ordained by God to be Judge

I sent to you immediately, and you of the living and the dead.

have done well to come. Now therefore,

we are all present before God, to hear 4 3To Him all the prophets  
witness that, all the things commanded you by God." through His  
name, whoever believes in

Him will receive remission of sins."

34

Then Peter opened his mouth and

said: "In truth I perceive that God shows 4 4While Peter was still  
speaking these no partiality. words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those

who heard the word.

35

But in every nation whoever fears Him

and works righteousness is accepted by 4 5And those of the  
circumcision who Him. believed were astonished, as many as

3 Holy Spirit had been poured out on the

6The word which God sent to the came with Peter, because the gift of  
the

children of Israel, preaching peace Gentiles also. through Jesus Christ--He is Lord of all--

4 8 6 For they heard them speak with But I said, "Not so, Lord! For nothing

tongues and magnify God. Then Peter common or unclean has at any time

answered, entered my mouth.'

47 Can anyone forbid water, that these 'But the voice answered me again from

should not be baptized who have heaven, "What God has cleansed you received the Holy Spirit just as we must not call common.' have?"

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4 were drawn up again into heaven. 8 And he commanded them to be Now this was done three times, and all

baptized in the name of the Lord. Then

they asked him to stay a few days. 1 1 At that very moment, three men stood

before the house where I was, having

been sent to me from Caesarea.

1 1 Now the apostles and brethren

who were in Judea heard that the Then the Spirit told me to go with them, 1 2

Gentiles had also received the word of doubting nothing. Moreover these six

God. brethren accompanied me, and we

entered the man's house.

2And when Peter came up to Jerusalem, 3And he told us how he had seen an

those of the circumcision contended 1 with him, angel standing in his house, who said to

him, "Send men to Joppa, and call for

3 Simon whose surname is Peter,

saying, "You went in to uncircumcised

men and ate with them!" 1 4who will tell you words by which you 4 and all your household will be saved.'

But Peter explained it to them in order

from the beginning, saying: 15And as I began to speak, the Holy

5 Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the I was in the city of Joppa praying; and

in a trance I saw a vision, an object beginning.

descending like a great sheet, let down 1 6Then I remembered the word of the from heaven by four corners; and it came to me. Lord, how He said, "John indeed

baptized with water, but you shall be

6 baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

When I observed it intently and

considered, I saw four-footed animals of 1 7) therefore God gave them the same the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. gift as He gave us when we believed on

the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I

7 could withstand God?" And I heard a voice saying to me, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat.'

1' When they heard these things they people. And the disciples were first

became silent; and they glorified God, called Christians in Antioch. saying, "Then God has also granted to

the Gentiles repentance to life." 2 7

And in these days prophets came from

Jerusalem to Antioch.

1 ' Now those who were scattered after the persecution that arose over Stephen 2 8

Then one of them, named Agabus,

traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that

and Antioch, preaching the word to no there was going to be a great famine

one but the Jews only. throughout all the world, which also

2 Caesar. 0But some of them were men from happened in the days of Claudius

Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they

had come to Antioch, spoke to the 2 ' Then the disciples, each according to Hellenists, preaching the Lord Jesus. his ability, determined to send relief to

the brethren dwelling in Judea.

21

And the hand of the Lord was with

them, and a great number believed and 30This they also did, and sent it to the turned to the Lord. elders by the hands of Barnabas and

2 Saul.

2

Then news of these things came to the

ears of the church in Jerusalem, and

they sent out Barnabas to go as far as 1 2Now about that time  
Herod the Antioch.

king stretched out his hand to harass

2 some from the church. 3

When he came and had seen the

grace of God, he was glad, and 2Then he killed James the brother of  
encouraged them all that with purpose John with the sword. of heart  
they should continue with the

Lord. 3And because he saw that it pleased the

24 Jews, he proceeded further to seize

For he was a good man, full of the

Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great Peter also. Now it was during the  
Days

many people were added to the Lord. of Unleavened Bread.

2 So when he had arrested him, he put

5Then Barnabas departed for Tarsus to 4

seek Saul. him in prison, and delivered him to four

squads of soldiers to keep him,



2 intending to bring him before the people 6And when he had found him, he

after Passover.

brought him to Antioch. So it was that

for a whole year they assembled with 5Peter was therefore kept in prison, but the church and taught a great many

constant prayer was offered to God for  
him by the church.

61 And when Herod was about to bring 3And as Peter knocked at the door of him out, that night Peter was sleeping, the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to

bound with two chains between two answer. soldiers; and the guards before the door

were keeping the prison. 1 4When she recognized Peter's voice,

because of her gladness she did not

7Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood open the gate, but ran in and by him, and a light shone in the prison; announced that Peter stood before the

and he struck Peter on the side and gate. raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!"

And his chains fell off his hands. 1 5But they said to her, "You are beside

yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it

8Then the angel said to him, "Gird was so. So they said, "It is his angel."

yourself and tie on your sandals"; and

so he did. And he said to him, "Put on 1 6Now Peter continued knocking; and your garment and follow me." when they opened the

door and saw

him, they were astonished.

'So he went out and followed him, and

did not know that what was done by the <sup>17</sup>But motioning to them with his hand to angel was real, but thought he was keep silent, he declared to them how the

seeing a vision. Lord had brought him out of the prison.

<sup>1</sup> James and to the brethren." And he

<sup>0</sup>When they were past the first and the And he said, "Go, tell these things to

second guard posts, they came to the departed and went to another place.

iron gate that leads to the city, which

opened to them of its own accord; and <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then, as soon as it was day, there they went out and went down one street, was no small stir among the soldiers

and immediately the angel departed about what had become of Peter. from him.

<sup>1</sup> ' But when Herod had searched for him

<sup>11</sup> And when Peter had come to himself, and not found him, he examined the

he said, "Now I know for certain that the guards and commanded that they

Lord has sent His angel, and has should be put to death. And he went delivered me from the hand of Herod down from Judea to Caesarea, and

and from all the expectation of the stayed there. Jewish people."

1 Now Herod had been very angry with 2 2 0

So, when he had considered this, he the people of Tyre and Sidon;  
but they

came to the house of Mary, the mother came to him with one accord,  
and

of John whose surname was Mark, having made Blastus the king's  
personal where many were gathered together aide their friend, they  
asked for peace,

praying. because their country was supplied with

food by the king's country.

21

So on a set day Herod, arrayed in synagogues of the Jews. They also  
had

royal apparel, sat on his throne and John as their assistant. gave an  
oration to them.

2 And the people kept shouting, "The island to Paphos, they found a  
certain

2 6Now when they had gone through the

voice of a god and not of a man!" sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew  
whose

name was Bar-Jesus,

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Then immediately an angel of the Lord

struck him, because he did not give 7who was with the proconsul,  
Sergius glory to God. And he was eaten by Paulus, an intelligent man.  
This man

worms and died. called for Barnabas and Saul and

sought to hear the word of God.

24

But the word of God grew and multiplied. <sup>8</sup>But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his

name is translated) withstood them,

<sup>25</sup>And Barnabas and Saul returned from seeking to turn the proconsul away from

Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their the faith. ministry, and they also took with them

John whose surname was Mark. <sup>9</sup> Then Saul, who also is called Paul,

filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently

at him

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Now in the church that was at <sup>10</sup>and said, "O full of all deceit and all Antioch there were certain prophets and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was of all righteousness, will you not cease called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen perverting the straight ways of the Lord? who had been brought up with Herod

the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>1</sup> And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord <sup>2</sup> is upon you, and you shall be blind, not

As they ministered to the Lord and

seeing the sun for a time." And

fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now

immediately a dark mist fell on him, and

separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for

he went around seeking someone to

the work to which I have called them."

lead him by the hand.

3Then, having fasted and prayed, and 1 2Then the proconsul believed,  
when he laid hands on them, they sent them saw what had been done,  
being away. astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

4So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, 3Now when Paul and his party  
set sail

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they went down to Seleucia, and from

from Paphos, they came to Perga in

there they sailed to Cyprus.

Pamphylia; and John, departing from

5 them, returned to Jerusalem.

And when they arrived in Salamis, they

preached the word of God in the

14

But when they departed from Perga, man after My own heart, who  
will do all

they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and My will.' went into the synagogue  
on the Sabbath

day and sat down. 2 3From this man's seed, according to the

promise, God raised up for Israel a

15

And after the reading of the Law and Savior--Jesus--

the Prophets, the rulers of the

synagogue sent to them, saying, "Men 2 4

after John had first preached, before

and brethren, if you have any word of His coming, the baptism of repentance

exhortation for the people, say on." to all the people of Israel.

1 2 6Then Paul stood up, and motioning 5And as John was finishing his course, with his hand said, "Men of Israel, and he said, "Who do you think I am? I am

you who fear God, listen: not He. But behold, there comes One

after me, the sandals of whose feet I am

17

The God of this people Israel chose not worthy to loose.'

our fathers, and exalted the people

when they dwelt as strangers in the land 26 Men and brethren, sons of the family of Egypt, and with an uplifted arm He of Abraham, and those among you who

brought them out of it. fear God, to you the word of this

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8Now for a time of about forty years He salvation has been sent.

put up with their ways in the wilderness. 2 7

For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and

their rulers, because they did not know

1' And when He had destroyed seven Him, nor even the voices of the

nations in the land of Canaan, He Prophets which are read every Sabbath,

distributed their land to them by have fulfilled them in condemning Him.

allotment.

2 8And though they found no cause for

20§§After that He gave them judges for

death in Him, they asked Pilate that He

about four hundred and fifty years, until should be put to death.  
Samuel the prophet.

2 ' Now when they had fulfilled all that

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And afterward they asked for a king; was written concerning Him,  
they took

so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, Him down from the tree and  
laid Him in

a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty a tomb. years.

2 And when He had removed him, He 2 30But God raised Him from  
the dead.

raised up for them David as king, to 31He was seen for many days by  
those

whom also He gave testimony and said, who came up with Him from  
Galilee to

"I have found David the son of Jesse, a Jerusalem, who are His  
witnesses to the

people.

32And we declare to you glad tidings-- 4 2So when the Jews went out  
of the that promise which was made to the synagogue, the Gentiles  
begged that

fathers. these words might be preached to them

the next Sabbath.

God has fulfilled this for us their

4 3

children, in that He has raised up Jesus. Now when the congregation had

As it is also written in the second Psalm: broken up, many of the Jews and

"You are My Son, Today I have devout proselytes followed Paul and begotten You.' Barnabas, who, speaking to them,

persuaded them to continue in the grace

34 And that He raised Him from the dead, of God.

no more to return to corruption, He has

spoken thus: "I will give you the sure 4 On the next Sabbath almost the whole mercies of David.' city came together to hear the word of

God.

35 Therefore He also says in another

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Psalm: "You will not allow Your Holy But when the Jews saw the multitudes,

One to see corruption.' they were filled with envy; and

contradicting and blaspheming, they

36 'For David, after he had served his opposed the things spoken by Paul.

own generation by the will of God, fell

asleep, was buried with his fathers, and 4 6 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold saw corruption; and said, "It was necessary that the

word of God should be spoken to you



37 first; but since you reject it, and judge but He whom God raised up saw no

corruption. yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,

behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

3' Therefore let it be known to you, 47For so the Lord has commanded us: "I brethren, that through this Man is

preached to you the forgiveness of sins; have set you as a light to the Gentiles,

That you should be for salvation to the

3 ends of the earth." ' and by Him everyone who believes is

justified from all things from which you 4 8Now when the Gentiles heard this, could not be justified by the law of

Moses. they were glad and glorified the word of

the Lord. And as many as had been

4 appointed to eternal life believed. 0Beware therefore, lest what has been spoken in the prophets come upon you:

4' And the word of the Lord was being

4 1 Behold, you despisers, Marvel and spread throughout all the region.

perish! For I work a work in your days, A 50But the Jews stirred up the devout and work which you will by no means believe, Though one were to declare it to you." prominent women and the chief men of

the city, raised up persecution against 8And in Lystra a certain man without Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple

from their region. from his mother's womb, who had never

walked.

51

But they shook off the dust from their

feet against them, and came to Iconium. "This man heard Paul speaking. Paul,

observing him intently and seeing that

52 he had faith to be healed,

And the disciples were filled with joy

and with the Holy Spirit.

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said with a loud voice, "Stand up

straight on your feet!" And he leaped

1 and walked. 4Now it happened in Iconium that

they went together to the synagogue of 1 1Now when the people saw what Paul the Jews, and so spoke that a great

multitude both of the Jews and of the had done, they raised their voices,

saying in the Lycaonian language, "The

Greeks believed.

gods have come down to us in the

2 likeness of men!"

But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the

Gentiles and poisoned their minds 12And Barnabas they called Zeus, and against the brethren. Paul, Hermes, because he was the chief

3Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaker.

speaking boldly in the Lord, who was <sup>1</sup> 3Then the priest of Zeus, whose temple bearing witness to the word of His grace, was in front of their city, brought oxen granting signs and wonders to be done and garlands to the gates, intending to by their hands. sacrifice with the multitudes.

4But the multitude of the city was 4But when the apostles Barnabas and

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divided: part sided with the Jews, and

part with the apostles. Paul heard this, they tore their clothes

and ran in among the multitude, crying

5 out

And when a violent attempt was made

by both the Gentiles and Jews, with their <sup>1</sup> 5and saying, "Men, why are you doing rulers, to abuse and stone them, these things? We also are men with the <sup>6</sup> same nature as you, and preach to you

they became aware of it and fled to that you should turn from these useless

Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, things to the living God, who made the

and to the surrounding region. heaven, the earth, the sea, and all

<sup>7</sup> things that are in them,

And they were preaching the gospel

there. <sup>1</sup> 6who in bygone generations allowed all

nations to walk in their own ways.

1276 From there they sailed to Antioch, Nevertheless He did not leave Himself

without witness, in that He did good, where they had been commended to the

gave us rain from heaven and fruitful grace of God for the work which they

seasons, filling our hearts with food and had completed. gladness."

27

Now when they had come and

1' And with these sayings they could gathered the church together, they

scarcely restrain the multitudes from reported all that God had done with

sacrificing to them. them, and that He had opened the door

of faith to the Gentiles.

1' Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium

28

came there; and having persuaded the So they stayed there a long time with

multitudes, they stoned Paul and the disciples. dragged him out of the city, supposing

him to be dead.

215 And certain men came down from 0However, when the disciples gathered

Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless

around him, he rose up and went into

you are circumcised according to the  
the city. And the next day he departed  
custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."  
with Barnabas to Derbe.

2  
1And when they had preached the 2 Therefore, when Paul and  
Barnabas

had no small dissension and dispute  
gospel to that city and made many  
with them, they determined that Paul  
disciples, they returned to Lystra,  
and Barnabas and certain others of  
Iconium, and Antioch,  
them should go up to Jerusalem, to the

2 apostles and elders, about this question. 2strengthening the souls of  
the disciples,

exhorting them to continue in the faith, 3

So, being sent on their way by the  
and saying, "We must through many  
church, they passed through Phoenicia  
tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

and Samaria, describing the conversion

2 of the Gentiles; and they caused great 3 So when they had appointed  
elders in joy to all the brethren. every church, and prayed with  
fasting,

they commended them to the Lord in 4

And when they had come to Jerusalem,  
whom they had believed.

they were received by the church and

2 the apostles and the elders; and they 4 And after they had passed  
through reported all things that God had done Pisidia, they came to  
Pamphylia. with them.

25 Now when they had preached the

5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees

word in Perga, they went down to Attalia. who believed rose up,  
saying, "It is

necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law  
of 15 And with this the words of the prophets Moses." agree, just as it is  
written:

6 1 Now the apostles and elders came 6 § After this I will return And  
will rebuild together to consider this matter. the tabernacle of David,  
which has fallen

down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will

7 set it up; And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and  
said to them:

1 7

"Men and brethren, you know that a So that the rest of mankind may  
seek

good while ago God chose among us, the LORD. Even all the Gentiles who

that by my mouth the Gentiles should be called by My name, Says the LORD

hear the word of the gospel and believe. who does all these things.'

'So God, who knows the heart, <sup>1</sup> " Known to God from eternity are all His acknowledged them by giving them the works. Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

<sup>1</sup> ' Therefore I judge that we should not

'and made no distinction between us trouble those from among the Gentiles

and them, purifying their hearts by faith. who are turning to God,

<sup>1 2 0 0</sup> Now therefore, why do you test God

but that we write to them to abstain

by putting a yoke on the neck of the from things polluted by idols, from

disciples which neither our fathers nor sexual immorality, from things strangled,

we were able to bear? and from blood.

<sup>1 2 1</sup>

But we believe that through the grace For Moses has had throughout many

of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be generations those who preach him in

saved in the same manner as they." every city, being read in the synagogues

Then all the multitude kept silent and 2Then it pleased the apostles and

listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring 2 how many miracles and wonders God elders, with the whole church, to send

had worked through them among the chosen men of their own company to

Gentiles. Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely,

Judas who was also named Barsabas,

13And after they had become silent, and Silas, leading men among the James answered, saying, "Men and brethren.

brethren, listen to me: 3They wrote this, letter by them: The

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14 apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

Simon has declared how God at the

first visited the Gentiles to take out of To the brethren who are of the Gentiles

them a people for His name. in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia: Greetings.

24 33And after they had stayed there for a

Since we have heard that some who

went out from us have troubled you with time, they were sent back with greetings

words, unsettling your souls, saying, from the brethren to the apostles. "You must be circumcised and keep the

law" --to whom we gave no such 34However, it seemed good to Silas to



commandment-- remain there.

25it seemed good to us, being 35

Paul and Barnabas also remained in  
assembled with one accord, to send Antioch, teaching and preaching the

chosen men to you with our beloved word of the Lord, with many others also.

Barnabas and Paul,

36Then after some days Paul said to  
26 en who have risked their lives for the

Barnabas, "Let us now go back and visit  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ. our brethren in every city where we  
have preached the word of the Lord,

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We have therefore sent Judas and and see how they are doing."  
Silas, who will also report the same

things by word of mouth. 37Now Barnabas was determined to take

with them John called Mark.

2' For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater 38But Paul insisted that they should not

burden than these necessary things: take with them the one who had

departed from them in Pamphylia, and

2' that you abstain from things offered to had not gone with them to the work. idols, from blood, from things strangled,

and from sexual immorality. If you keep 3' Then the contention became so sharp

yourselves from these, you will do well. that they parted from one another. And

Farewell. so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to

30 So Cyprus; when they were sent off, they came

to Antioch; and when they had gathered 4 0 but Paul chose Silas and departed, the multitude together, they delivered being commended by the brethren to

the letter. the grace of God.

3 4 1 When they had read it, they rejoiced 1 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, over its encouragement. strengthening the churches.

32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves

being prophets also, exhorted and 1 6 Then he came to Derbe and strengthened the brethren with many

words. Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple

was there, named Timothy, the son of a  
certain Jewish woman who believed, but

his father was Greek.

2 12

He was well spoken of by the brethren and from there to Philippi, which is the

who were at Lystra and Iconium. foremost city of that part of Macedonia,

a colony. And we were staying in that

3 Paul wanted to have him go on with city for some days. him. And he took him and circumcised

him because of the Jews who were in And on the Sabbath day we went out

that region, for they all knew that his of the city to the riverside, where prayer

father was Greek. was customarily made; and we sat down

and spoke to the women who met there.

4And as they went through the cities, they delivered to them the decrees to 1 4Now a certain woman named Lydia keep, which were determined by the heard us. She was a seller of purple

apostles and elders at Jerusalem. from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped

God. The Lord opened her heart to heed

5 the things spoken by Paul. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

15

And when she and her household

6 were baptized, she begged us, saying, Now when they had gone through

Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they "If you have judged me to be faithful to

were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to the Lord, come to my house and stay."

preach the word in Asia. So she persuaded us.

7 1 6Now it happened, as we went to

After they had come to Mysia, they tried

to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not prayer, that a certain slave girl

permit them. possessed with a spirit of divination met

us, who brought her masters much profit

8 by fortune-telling. So passing by Mysia, they came down

to Troas. 1 7This girl followed Paul and us, and

'And a vision appeared to Paul in the cried out, saying, "These men are the

night. A man of Macedonia stood and servants of the Most High God, who

pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to proclaim to us the way of salvation."

Macedonia and help us." 18And this she did for many days. But

10Now after he had seen the vision, Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said

immediately we sought to go to to the spirit, "I command you in the

Macedonia, concluding that the Lord name of Jesus Christ to come out of

had called us to preach the gospel to her." And he came out that very hour.

them.

1 ' But when her masters saw that their

11Therefore, sailing from Troas, we ran a hope of profit was gone, they seized

straight course to Samothrace, and the Paul and Silas and dragged them into

next day came to Neapolis, the marketplace to the authorities. 2 2 0And they brought them to the ' Then he called for a light, ran in, and

magistrates, and said, "These men, fell down trembling before Paul and

being Jews, exceedingly trouble our city; Silas.

21 30

and they teach customs which are not And he brought them out and said,

lawful for us, being Romans, to receive "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" or observe."

31

So they said, "Believe on the Lord

22

Then the multitude rose up together Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you

against them; and the magistrates tore and your household." off their clothes and commanded them

to be beaten with rods. 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord

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3And when they had laid many stripes to him and to all who were in his house.

on them, they threw them into prison, 33And he took them the same hour of

commanding the jailer to keep them the night and washed their stripes. And

securely. immediately he and all his family were

baptized.

24

Having received such a charge, he put

them into the inner prison and fastened 34 Now when he had brought them into

their feet in the stocks. his house, he set food before them; and

he rejoiced, having believed in God with

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were all his household. praying and singing hymns to God, and

the prisoners were listening to them. 35 And when it was day, the magistrates

sent the officers, saying, "Let those men

26 Suddenly there was a great go."

earthquake, so that the foundations of

the 3 prison were shaken; and 6 So the keeper of the prison reported immediately all the doors were opened these words to Paul, saying, "The

and everyone's chains were loosed. magistrates have sent to let you go.

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7 And the keeper of the prison, awaking Now therefore depart, and go in peace."

from sleep and seeing the prison doors 37 But Paul said to them, "They have

open, supposing the prisoners had fled, beaten us openly, uncondemned drew his sword and was about to kill Romans, and have thrown us into prison.

himself. And now do they put us out secretly? No

indeed! Let them come themselves and

2 ' But Paul called with a loud voice, get us out." saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are

all here." 38And the officers told these words to

the magistrates, and they were afraid

when they heard that they were Romans.

37 9Then they came and pleaded with Jason has harbored them, and  
these

them and brought them out, and asked are all acting contrary to the  
decrees of

them to depart from the city. Caesar, saying there is another king--

Jesus."

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So they went out of the prison and

entered the house of Lydia; and when 8And they troubled the crowd  
and the they had seen the brethren, they rulers of the city when they  
heard these

encouraged them and departed. things.

'So when they had taken security from

1 Jason and the rest, they let them go. 7Now when they had  
passed

through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they

came to Thessalonica, where there was Then the brethren immediately  
sent 1 0

a synagogue of the Jews. Paul and Silas away by night to Berea.

When they arrived, they went into the

2 synagogue of the Jews.

Then Paul, as his custom was, went in

to them, and for three Sabbaths <sup>1</sup> These were more fair-minded than reasoned with them from the Scriptures,

those in Thessalonica, in that they

<sup>3</sup>explaining and demonstrating that they received the word with all readiness,

and searched the Scriptures daily to find

Christ had to suffer and rise again from

out whether these things were so.

the dead, and saying, "This Jesus whom

I preach to you is the Christ." <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Therefore many of them believed, and

<sup>4</sup> also not a few of the Greeks, prominent And some of them were persuaded;

women as well as men.

and a great multitude of the devout

Greeks, and not a few of the leading <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>But when the Jews from Thessalonica women, joined Paul and Silas.

learned that the word of God was

<sup>5</sup> preached by Paul at Berea, they came

But the Jews who were not persuaded,

there also and stirred up the crowds.

becoming envious, took some of the evil

men from the marketplace, and <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>Then immediately the brethren sent gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, Paul away, to go to the sea; but both



and sought to bring them out to the Silas and Timothy remained there. people.

1 5

So those who conducted Paul brought

6 him to Athens; and receiving a But when they did not find them, they

dragged Jason and some brethren to command for Silas and Timothy to come

the rulers of the city, crying out, "These to him with all speed, they departed. who have turned the world upside down

have come here too. 16Now while Paul waited for them at

Athens, his spirit was provoked within

2 4

him when he saw that the city was given God, who made the world and

over to idols. everything in it, since He is Lord of

heaven and earth, does not dwell in

17Therefore he reasoned in the temples made with hands.

synagogue with the Jews and with the

2 5

Gentile worshipers, and in the Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, marketplace daily with those who as though He needed anything, since

happened to be there. He gives to all life, breath, and all things.

1 2 8Then certain Epicurean and Stoic 6And He has made from one blood philosophers encountered him. And every nation of men to dwell on all the

some said, "What does this babbling face of the earth, and has determined

want to say?" Others said, "He seems to their preappointed times and the

be a proclaimer of foreign gods," boundaries of their dwellings, because he preached to them Jesus

and the resurrection. <sup>27</sup>

so that they should seek the Lord, in  
the hope that they might grope for Him

<sup>1</sup> And they took him and brought him to and find Him, though He is not far from

the Areopagus, saying, "May we know each one of us; what this new doctrine is of which you

speak? <sup>2</sup> 8 or in Him we live and move and have

<sup>2</sup> poets have said, "For we are also His

0For you are bringing some strange our being, as also some of your own

things to our ears. Therefore we want to offspring.' know what these things mean."

<sup>2</sup> ' Therefore, since we are the offspring

<sup>21</sup>For all the Athenians and the

of God, we ought not to think that the

foreigners who were there spent their Divine Nature is like gold or silver or

time in nothing else but either to tell or stone, something shaped by art and

to hear some new thing. man's devising.

22 30 Then Paul stood in the midst of the

Truly, these times of ignorance God

Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I overlooked, but now commands all men

perceive that in all things you are very everywhere to repent, religious;

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2 which He will judge the world in

3 or as I was passing through and because He has appointed a day on considering the objects of your worship, righteousness by the Man whom He has

I even found an altar with this ordained. He has given assurance of inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. this to all by raising Him from the dead."

Therefore, the One whom you worship

without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: 32And when they heard of the

resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you whose house was next door to the

again on this matter." synagogue.

33 8

So Paul departed from among them. Then Crispus, the ruler of the

synagogue, believed on the Lord with all

34However, some men joined him and his household. And many of the

believed, among them Dionysius the Corinthians, hearing, believed  
and were

Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, baptized. and others with them.

'Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be  
afraid, but speak,

1 and do not keep silent; 8After these things Paul departed

from Athens and went to Corinth. 10 or I am with you, and no one  
will 2 attack you to hurt you; for I have many

And he found a certain Jew named people in this city."

Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently

come from Italy with his wife Priscilla 1 (because Claudius had  
commanded all And he continued there a year and six

months, teaching the word of God

the Jews to depart from Rome); and he

among them.

came to them.

12

3 When Gallio was proconsul of Achaia,

So, because he was of the same trade,

the Jews with one accord rose up

he stayed with them and worked; for by

against Paul and brought him to the

occupation they were tentmakers.

judgment seat,

4And he reasoned in the synagogue 3saying, "This fellow persuades men to

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every Sabbath, and persuaded both

worship God contrary to the law."

Jews and Greeks.

14

5 And when Paul was about to open his

When Silas and Timothy had come

mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, "If it

from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by

were a matter of wrongdoing or wicked

the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that

crimes, O Jews, there would be reason

Jesus is the Christ.

why I should bear with you.

6But when they opposed him and 5But if it is a question of words and

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blasphemed, he shook his garments

names and your own law, look to it

and said to them, "Your blood be upon

yourselves; for I do not want to be a

your own heads; I am clean. From now

judge of such matters."

on I will go to the Gentiles."

<sup>16</sup>And he drove them from the judgment

<sup>7</sup>And he departed from there and

seat.

entered the house of a certain man

named Justus, one who worshiped God, <sup>1 2 7 6</sup>So he began to speak boldly in the Then all the Greeks took Sosthenes,

the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla

before the judgment seat. But Gallio heard him, they took him aside and

took no notice of these things. explained to him the way of God more

accurately.

<sup>1'</sup> So Paul still remained a good while.

<sup>2 7</sup>

Then he took leave of the brethren and And when he desired to cross to

sailed for Syria, and Priscilla and Aquila Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting

were with him. He had his hair cut off at the disciples to receive him; and when

Cenchrea, for he had taken a vow. he arrived, he greatly helped those who

had believed through grace;

<sup>1 '</sup> And he came to Ephesus, and left them there; but he himself entered the <sup>2 8</sup> or he vigorously refuted the Jews synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. publicly, showing from the Scriptures

that Jesus is the Christ.

20 When they asked him to stay a longer time with them, he did not consent,

1 9 And it happened, while Apollos

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but took leave of them, saying, "I must was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed

by all means keep this coming feast in through the upper regions, came to Jerusalem; but I will return again to you, Ephesus. And finding some disciples God willing." And he sailed from

Ephesus. 2

he said to them, "Did you receive the

2 Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they 2 And when he had landed at Caesarea, said to him, "We have not so much as

and gone up and greeted the church, he heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." went down to Antioch.

3

2 And he said to them, "Into what then 3 After he had spent some time there,

were you baptized?" So they said, "Into

he departed and went over the region of John's baptism." Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. 4

Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized

2 with a baptism of repentance, saying to 4 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, the people that they should believe on

born at Alexandria, an eloquent man Him who would come after him, that is,

and mighty in the Scriptures, came to on Christ Jesus." Ephesus.

2 baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

5This man had been instructed in the 5When they heard this, they were

way of the Lord; and being fervent in

spirit, he spoke and taught accurately 6And when Paul had laid hands on them,

the things of the Lord, though he knew the Holy Spirit came upon them, and

only the baptism of John. they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

7Now the men were about twelve in all. and prevailed against them, so that they

fled out of that house naked and

8 wounded. And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months,

1 7

reasoning and persuading concerning This became known both to all Jews

the things of the kingdom of God. and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and

fear fell on them all, and the name of the

'But when some were hardened and did Lord Jesus was magnified.

not believe, but spoke evil of the Way 8And many who had believed came

before the multitude, he departed from 1 them and withdrew the disciples, confessing and telling their deeds. reasoning daily in the school of



Tyrannus. <sup>1</sup> ' Also, many of those who had practiced

<sup>1</sup> burned them in the sight of all. And they

0And this continued for two years, so magic brought their books together and

that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word counted up the value of them, and it

of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Greeks.

<sup>2</sup> 0So the word of the Lord grew mightily

<sup>1</sup>1

Now God worked unusual miracles by and prevailed.

the hands of Paul,

<sup>2</sup> 1

When these things were accomplished,

<sup>1</sup>2 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he

were brought from his body to the sick, had passed through Macedonia and

and the diseases left them and the evil Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying,

spirits went out of them. "After I have been there, I must also see

Rome."

<sup>1</sup>3

Then some of the itinerant Jewish

exorcists took it upon themselves to call <sup>2</sup> So he sent into Macedonia two of the name of the Lord Jesus over those those who ministered to

him, Timothy

who had evil spirits, saying, "We and Erastus, but he himself stayed in  
exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul Asia for a time. preaches."

23And about that time there arose a

14

Also there were seven sons of Sceva, great commotion about the  
Way.

a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

24

For a certain man named Demetrius, a

15And the evil spirit answered and said, silversmith, who made silver  
shrines of

"Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who Diana, brought no small  
profit to the

are you?" craftsmen.

1 2 6Then the man in whom the evil spirit 5He called them together  
with the was leaped on them, overpowered them, workers of similar  
occupation, and said:

"Men, you know that we have our And Alexander motioned with his  
hand,

prosperity by this trade. and wanted to make his defense to the

people.

26Moreover you see and hear that not

34

only at Ephesus, but throughout almost But when they found out that  
he was a

all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and Jew, all with one voice cried out for

turned away many people, saying that about two hours, "Great is Diana of the

they are not gods which are made with Ephesians!" hands.

2 So not only is this trade of ours in the crowd, he said: "Men of Ephesus,

7 35And when the city clerk had quieted

danger of falling into disrepute, but also what man is there who does not know

the temple of the great goddess Diana that the city of the Ephesians is temple

may be despised and her magnificence guardian of the great goddess Diana,

destroyed, whom all Asia and the world and of the image which fell down from

worship." Zeus?

2 3 ' Now when they heard this, they were 6Therefore, since these things cannot full of wrath and cried out, saying, be denied, you ought to be quiet and do

"Great is Diana of the Ephesians!" nothing rashly.

2' So the whole city was filled with 37For you have brought these men here

confusion, and rushed into the theater who are neither robbers of temples nor

with one accord, having seized Gaius blasphemers of your goddess.  
and Aristarchus, Macedonians, Paul's

travel companions. 38Therefore, if Demetrius and his fellow

30And when Paul wanted to go in to the craftsmen have a case against  
anyone,

the courts are open and there are

people, the disciples would not allow proconsuls. Let them bring  
charges

him. against one another.

31 3' But if you have any other inquiry to

Then some of the officials of Asia, who

were his friends, sent to him pleading make, it shall be determined in  
the

that he would not venture into the lawful assembly. theater.

4 0For we are in danger of being called in

32 question for today's uproar, there being Some therefore cried one  
thing and

some another, for the assembly was no reason which we may give to  
confused, and most of them did not account for this disorderly  
gathering."

know why they had come together.

4 1And when he had said these things, he

33And they drew Alexander out of the dismissed the assembly.  
multitude, the Jews putting him forward.

he fell down from the third story and was

2 taken up dead. OAfter the uproar had ceased, Paul

called the disciples to himself, embraced 10But Paul went down, fell on him, and them, and departed to go to Macedonia.

embracing him said, "Do not trouble  
2 yourselves, for his life is in him."

Now when he had gone over that

region and encouraged them with many 1 Now when he had come up, had words, he came to Greece

broken bread and eaten, and talked a

hand stayed three months. And when long while, even till daybreak, he departed. the Jews plotted against him as he was

about to sail to Syria, he decided to 1 2And they brought the young man in return through Macedonia.

alive, and they were not a little

4 comforted. And Sopater of Berea accompanied

him to Asia--also Aristarchus and 1 3Then we went ahead to the ship and Secundus of the Thessalonians, and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy, and sailed to Assos, there intending to take

Tychicus and Trophimus of Asia. Paul on board; for so he had given

orders, intending himself to go on foot.

5These men, going ahead, waited for us 4 at Troas. 1 And when he met us at Assos, we took

him on board and came to Mitylene.

<sup>6</sup>But we sailed away from Philippi after <sup>5</sup>We sailed from there, and the next day

the Days of Unleavened Bread, and in <sup>1</sup> five days joined them at Troas, where came opposite Chios. The following day

we stayed seven days. we arrived at Samos and stayed at

Trogyllium. The next day we came to

<sup>7</sup> Miletus. Now on the first day of the week, when

the disciples came together to break <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>For Paul had decided to sail past bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his Ephesus, so that he would not have to

message until midnight. spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying

to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the

<sup>8</sup> Day of Pentecost. There were many lamps in the upper

room where they were gathered <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and together.

called for the elders of the church.

man named Eutychus, who was sinking And in a window sat a certain young <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>And when they had come to him, he into a deep sleep. He was overcome by said to them: "You know, from the first

sleep; and as Paul continued speaking, day that I came to Asia, in what manner

I always lived among you, <sup>19</sup>serving the Lord with all humility, with shepherd the church of God which He

many tears and trials which happened to purchased with His own blood. me by the plotting of the Jews;

2 ' For I know this, that after my departure

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how I kept back nothing that was savage wolves will come in among you,

helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and not sparing the flock. taught you publicly and from house to

house, 30

Also from among yourselves men will

2 draw away the disciples after 1 estifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, rise up, speaking perverse things, to

repentance toward God and faith toward themselves. our Lord Jesus Christ.

31 Therefore watch, and remember that

22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit

for three years I did not cease to warn

to Jerusalem, not knowing the things everyone night and day with tears. that will happen to me there,

32 'So now, brethren, I commend you to

23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in God and to the word of His grace, which

every city, saying that chains and is able to build you up and give you an

tribulations await me. inheritance among all those who are

sanctified.

24

But none of these things move me; nor

do I count my life dear to myself, so that I have coveted no one's silver or gold

I may finish my race with joy, and the or apparel. ministry which I received from the Lord

Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the Son, you yourselves know that these

grace of God. hands have provided for my necessities,

and for those who were with me.

25 And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the Son have shown you in every way, by kingdom of God, will see my face no laboring like this, that you must support

more. the weak. And remember the words of

the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more

26 blessed to give than to receive." 6Therefore I testify to you this day that I

am innocent of the blood of all men. 36And when he had said these things, he

27 knelt down and prayed with them all.

For I have not shunned to declare to

you the whole counsel of God. 7Then they all wept freely, and fell on

28Therefore take heed to yourselves and Paul's neck and kissed him, to all the flock, among which the Holy

Spirit has made you overseers, to 38sorrowing most of all for the words



which he spoke, that they would see his face no more. And they accompanied 9Now this man had four virgin daughters him to the ship. who prophesied.

10And as we stayed many days, a

2 1 certain prophet named Agabus came Now it came to pass, that when

down from Judea.

we had departed from them and set sail,

running a straight course we came to 1 When he had come to us, he took Cos, the following day to Rhodes, and from there to Patara. Paul's belt, bound his own hands and

feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit,

2 "So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the And finding a ship sailing over to

man who owns this belt, and deliver him

Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail.

into the hands of the Gentiles."

3When we had sighted Cyprus, we 1 2Now when we heard these things, both passed it on the left, sailed to Syria, and we and those from that place pleaded landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to with him not to go up to Jerusalem. unload her cargo.

13Then Paul answered, "What do you

4And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days. They told Paul through the mean by weeping and breaking my

Spirit not to go up to Jerusalem. heart? For I am ready not only to be

bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for

5 the name of the Lord Jesus."

When we had come to the end of those

days, we departed and went on our way; <sup>1</sup> 4 So when he would not be persuaded, and they all accompanied us, with wives we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord and children, till we were out of the city. be done." And we knelt down on the shore and

prayed. <sup>1</sup> 5 And after those days we packed and

<sup>6</sup> went up to Jerusalem. When we had taken our leave of one

another, we boarded the ship, and they <sup>6</sup> Also some of the disciples from

returned home. <sup>1</sup>

Caesarea went with us and brought with

<sup>7</sup> them a certain Mnason of Cyprus, an And when we had finished our voyage

from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, early disciple, with whom we were to

greeted the brethren, and stayed with lodge. them one day.

<sup>1</sup> 7

And when we had come to Jerusalem,

<sup>8</sup> the brethren received us gladly. On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to

Caesarea, and entered the house of On the following day Paul went in with <sup>18</sup>

Philip the evangelist, who was one of us to James, and all the elders

were

the seven, and stayed with him. present.

19When he had greeted them, he told in expiration of the days of  
purification, at

detail those things which God had done which time an offering should  
be made

among the Gentiles through his ministry. for each one of them.

22 07

And when they heard it, they glorified Now when the seven days  
were

the Lord. And they said to him, "You see, almost ended, the Jews from  
Asia,

brother, how many myriads of Jews seeing him in the temple, stirred  
up the

there are who have believed, and they whole crowd and laid hands on  
him, are all zealous for the law;

28

crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is

21

but they have been informed about the man who teaches all men

you that you teach all the Jews who are everywhere against the  
people, the law,

among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, and this place; and furthermore  
he also

saying that they ought not to circumcise brought Greeks into the  
temple and has

their children nor to walk according to defiled this holy place." the  
customs.

22

What then? The assembly must Trophimus the Ephesian with him in the

certainly meet, for they will hear that you city, whom they supposed that Paul had

have come. brought into the temple.)

23Therefore do what we tell you: We 30And all the city was disturbed; and the

have four men who have taken a vow. people ran together, seized Paul, and

dragged him out of the temple; and

24 immediately the doors were shut.

Take them and be purified with them,

and pay their expenses so that they may 31Now as they were seeking to kill him,

shave their heads, and that all may

know that those things of which they news came to the commander of the

were informed concerning you are garrison that all Jerusalem was in an

nothing, but that you yourself also walk uproar. orderly and keep the law.

32He immediately took soldiers and

25But concerning the Gentiles who centurions, and ran down to them.  
And

believe, we have written and decided when they saw the commander and the

that they should observe no such thing, soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. except that they should keep

themselves from things offered to idols, 33Then the commander came near and from blood, from things strangled, and took him, and commanded him to be

from sexual immorality." bound with two chains; and he asked

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6Then Paul took the men, and the next day he was and what he had done.

day, having been purified with them, 34And some among the multitude cried

entered the temple to announce the one thing and some another. So when

he could not ascertain the truth because of the multitude, he said to Gamaliel, taught according to the

of the tumult, he commanded him to be strictness of our fathers' law, and was

taken into the barracks. zealous toward God as you all are today.

3 4 5

When he reached the stairs, he had to 1 persecuted this Way to the death,

be carried by the soldiers because of binding and delivering into prisons both

the violence of the mob. men and women,

36 s

For the multitude of the people as also the high priest bears me

followed after, crying out, "Away with witness, and all the council of the elders,

him!" from whom I also received letters to the

brethren, and went to Damascus to

37 bring in chains even those who were

Then as Paul was about to be led into

the barracks, he said to the commander, there to Jerusalem to be punished. "May I speak to you?" He replied, "Can

you speak Greek? 6 Now it happened, as I journeyed and

came near Damascus at about noon,

38Are you not the Egyptian who some suddenly a great light from heaven

time ago stirred up a rebellion and led shone around me. the four thousand assassins out into the

wilderness?" 7And I fell to the ground and heard a

voice saying to me, "Saul, Saul, why are

39 you persecuting Me?' But Paul said, "I am a Jew from Tarsus, in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city; and I

implore you, permit me to speak to the 8So I answered, "Who are You, Lord?' people." And He said to me, "I am Jesus of

Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.'

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So when he had given him permission,

Paul stood on the stairs and motioned "'And those who were with me indeed

with his hand to the people. And when saw the light and were afraid, but they

there was a great silence, he spoke to did not hear the voice of Him

who spoke

them in the Hebrew language, saying, to me.

1 0 So I said, "What shall I do, Lord?" And

22 Brethren and fathers, hear my the Lord said to me, "Arise and go into

Damascus, and there you will be told all defense before you now."

things which are appointed for you to do.'

And when they heard that he spoke to

them in the Hebrew language, they kept 11 And since I could not see for the glory all the more silent. Then he said: of that light, being led by the hand of

3 those who were with me, I came into "I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Damascus. Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the 1 2 2 §2

'Then a certain Ananias, a devout man And they listened to him until this word,

according to the law, having a good and then they raised their voices and

testimony with all the Jews who dwelt said, "Away with such a fellow from the

there, earth, for he is not fit to live!"

came to me; and he stood and said to Them, as they cried out and tore off

me, "Brother Saul, receive your sight.' their clothes and threw dust into the air,

And at that same hour I looked up at

him. 2 4the commander ordered him to be

1 he should be examined under scourging,

4Then he said, "The God of our fathers brought into the barracks, and said that

has chosen you that you should know so that he might know why they shouted

His will, and see the Just One, and hear so against him. the voice of His mouth.

25And as they bound him with thongs,

15For you will be His witness to all men Paul said to the centurion who stood by,

of what you have seen and heard. "Is it lawful for you to scourge a man

who is a Roman, and uncondemned?"

16And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your 2 6When the centurion heard that, he sins, calling on the name of the Lord.' went and told the commander, saying,

"Take care what you do, for this man is

17 Now it happened, when I returned to a Roman."

Jerusalem and was praying in the

temple, that I was in a trance Then the commander came and said



to him, "Tell me, are you a Roman?" He

<sup>1</sup> said, "Yes." ' and saw Him saying to me, "Make

haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, <sup>8</sup>The commander answered,  
"With a

for they will not receive your testimony <sup>2</sup> concerning Me.' large sum I  
obtained this citizenship."

And Paul said, "But I was born a

<sup>1</sup>' So I said, "Lord, they know that in citizen." every synagogue I  
imprisoned and beat

those who believe on You. <sup>2</sup>' Then immediately those who were

about to examine him withdrew from

<sup>20</sup>And when the blood of Your martyr him; and the commander was  
also

Stephen was shed, I also was standing afraid after he found out that  
he was a

by consenting to his death, and Roman, and because he had bound  
him.

guarding the clothes of those who were <sup>0</sup>The next day, because he  
wanted to

killing him.' <sup>3</sup>

know for certain why he was accused by

<sup>21</sup> the Jews, he released him from his

Then He said to me, "Depart, for I will

send you far from here to the Gentiles." bonds, and commanded the  
chief priests and all their council to appear, <sup>8</sup>For Sadducees say that  
there is no and brought Paul down and set him resurrection--and no  
angel or spirit; but

before them. the Pharisees confess both.

Then there arose a loud outcry. And the  
2 scribes of the Pharisees' party arose 3Then Paul, looking earnestly at  
the council, said, "Men and brethren, I and protested, saying, "We find  
no evil

in this man; but if a spirit or an angel has  
have lived in all good conscience before  
spoken to him, let us not fight against  
God until this day."

God."

2And the high priest Ananias 0Now when there arose a great 1  
commanded those who stood by him to  
dissension, the commander, fearing lest  
strike him on the mouth.

Paul might be pulled to pieces by them,  
3Then Paul said to him, "God will strike commanded the soldiers to go  
down

and take him by force from among them,  
you, you whitewashed wall! For you sit and bring him into the  
barracks. to judge me according to the law, and

do you command me to be struck 11But the following night the Lord  
stood contrary to the law?" by him and said, "Be of good cheer, 4 Paul;  
for as you have testified for Me in

And those who stood by said, "Do you Jerusalem, so you must also bear

revile God's high priest?"

witness at Rome."

<sup>5</sup>Then Paul said, "I did not know, <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> And when it was day, some of the

brethren, that he was the high priest; for Jews banded together and bound

it is written, "You shall not speak evil of

themselves under an oath, saying that

a ruler of your people."

they would neither eat nor drink till they

<sup>6</sup> had killed Paul.

But when Paul perceived that one part

were Sadducees and the other <sup>13</sup>Now there were more than forty who Pharisees, he cried out in the council,

had formed this conspiracy.

"Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the

son of a Pharisee; concerning the hope <sup>14</sup>They came to the chief priests and and resurrection of the dead I am being elders, and said, "We have bound judged!" ourselves under a great oath that we will <sup>7</sup> eat nothing until we have killed Paul.

And when he had said this, a

dissension arose between the Pharisees <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>Now you, therefore, together with the and the Sadducees; and the assembly council,

suggest to the commander that was divided.

he be brought down to you tomorrow, as  
though you were going to make further inquiries concerning him; but  
we are spearmen to go to Caesarea at the third  
ready to kill him before he comes near." hour of the night;

12 64

So when Paul's sister's son heard of and provide mounts to set Paul  
on,  
their ambush, he went and entered the and bring him safely to Felix  
the  
barracks and told Paul. governor."

12 75

Then Paul called one of the centurions He wrote a letter in the  
following  
to him and said, "Take this young man manner: to the commander, for  
he has something  
to tell him." 26 Claudius Lysias, To the most excellent  
governor Felix: Greetings.

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So he took him and brought him to the  
commander and said, "Paul the prisoner 27 This man was seized by the  
Jews and called me to him and asked me to bring was about to be  
killed by them. Coming  
this young man to you. He has with the troops I rescued him, having  
something to say to you." learned that he was a Roman.

12 9Then the commander took him by the hand, and when I wanted to know the reason, he went aside, and asked privately, they accused him, I brought him before

"What is it that you have to tell me?" their council.

22 0 And he said, "The Jews have agreed 'I found out that he was accused to ask that you bring Paul down to the concerning questions of their law, but

council tomorrow, as though they were had nothing charged against him

going to inquire more fully about him. deserving of death or chains.

21 0And when it was told me that the Jews

But do not yield to them, for more than 3

forty of them lie in wait for him, men who lay in wait for the man, I sent him

have bound themselves by an oath that immediately to you, and also they will neither eat nor drink till they commanded his accusers to state

have killed him; and now they are ready, before you the charges against him.

waiting for the promise from you." Farewell.

23 2 So the commander let the young man 1Then the soldiers, as they were depart, and commanded him, "Tell no commanded, took Paul and brought him

one that you have revealed these things by night to Antipatris. to me."

3 2The next day they left the horsemen to

23And he called for two centurions,

go on with him, and returned to the

saying, "Prepare two hundred soldiers, barracks. seventy horsemen, and two hundred 33When they came to Caesarea and had 7But the commander Lysias came by delivered the letter to the governor, they and with great violence took him out of

also presented Paul to him. our hands,

34 8

And when the governor had read it, he commanding his accusers to come to

asked what province he was from. And you. By examining him yourself you may

when he understood that he was from ascertain all these things of which we

Cilicia, accuse him."

35he said, "I will hear you when your 'And the Jews also assented, accusers also have come." And he maintaining that these things were so.

commanded him to be kept in Herod's

Praetorium. 1 0Then Paul, after the governor had

nodded to him to speak, answered:

"Inasmuch as I know that you have been

24Now after five days Ananias the for many years a judge of this nation, I

high priest came down with the elders do the more cheerfully answer for

myself,

and a certain orator named Tertullus.

These gave evidence to the governor <sup>1</sup>because you may ascertain that it is

against Paul. <sup>1</sup>

no more than twelve days since I went

<sup>2</sup> up to Jerusalem to worship.

And when he was called upon,

Tertullus began his accusation, saying: <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>And they neither found me in the "Seeing that through you we enjoy great peace, and prosperity is being brought temple disputing with anyone nor

to this nation by your foresight, inciting the crowd, either in the

synagogues or in the city.

Owe accept it always and in all places, <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Nor can they prove the things of which most noble Felix, with all thankfulness.

they now accuse me.

<sup>4</sup>Nevertheless, not to be tedious to you <sup>4</sup>But this I confess to you, that

<sup>1</sup>

any further, I beg you to hear, by your

courtesy, a few words from us. according to the Way which they call a

sect, so I worship the God of my fathers,

<sup>5</sup> believing all things which are written in

For we have found this man a plague, a

the Law and in the Prophets.

creator of dissension among all the

Jews throughout the world, and all have hope in God, which they  
ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.

themselves also accept, that there will

be a resurrection of the dead, both of

He even tried to profane the temple,

the just and the unjust.

and we seized him, and wanted to judge

him according to our law.

This being so, I myself always strive to Now as he reasoned  
about have a conscience without offense righteousness, self-control,  
and the

toward God and men. judgment to come, Felix was afraid and

answered, "Go away for now; when I

Now after many years I came to bring have a convenient time I  
will call for

alms and offerings to my nation, you."

Meanwhile he also hoped that money

' in the midst of which some Jews from

Asia found me purified in the temple, would be given him by Paul,  
that he

neither with a mob nor with tumult. might release him. Therefore he  
sent for

him more often and conversed with him.



1' They ought to have been here before you to object if they had anything But after two years Porcius Festus 2 7

against me. succeeded Felix; and Felix, wanting to

do the Jews a favor, left Paul bound.

20

Or else let those who are here

themselves say if they found any

wrongdoing in me while I stood before 25 Now when Festus had come to

the council, the province, after three days he went

up from Caesarea to Jerusalem.

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unless it is for this one statement

which I cried out, standing among them, 2 Then the high priest and the chief men "Concerning the resurrection of the dead of the Jews informed him against Paul;

I am being judged by you this day." and they petitioned him,

22 b But when Felix heard these things, asking a favor against him, that he

having more accurate knowledge of the would summon him to Jerusalem--while

Way, he adjourned the proceedings and they lay in ambush along the road to kill

said, "When Lysias the commander him. comes down, I will make a decision on

your case." 4 But Festus answered that Paul should 2 be kept at Caesarea, and that he

3 So he commanded the centurion to himself was going there shortly.

keep Paul and to let him have liberty,

and told him not to forbid any of his 5 Therefore," he said, "let those who friends to provide for or visit him. have authority among you go down with

2 me and accuse this man, to see if there

4And after some days, when Felix came is any fault in him."

with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish,

he sent for Paul and heard him 6And when he had remained among

concerning the faith in Christ. them more than ten days, he went down

to Caesarea. And the next day, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded saying: "There is a certain man left a

Paul to be brought. prisoner by Felix,

7 15

When he had come, the Jews who had about whom the chief priests and the

come down from Jerusalem stood about elders of the Jews informed me, when I

and laid many serious complaints was in Jerusalem, asking for a judgment

against Paul, which they could not prove, against him.

8 1 6

while he answered for himself, "Neither To them I answered, "It is not the

against the law of the Jews, nor against custom of the Romans to

deliver any

the temple, nor against Caesar have I man to destruction before the accused

offended in anything at all." meets the accusers face to face, and

has opportunity to answer for himself

'But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a concerning the charge against him.' favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you

willing to go up to Jerusalem and there <sup>1</sup> 7Therefore when they had come be judged before me concerning these together, without any delay, the next day

things?" I sat on the judgment seat and

commanded the man to be brought in.

<sup>10</sup>So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be

<sup>18</sup>When the accusers stood up, they judged. To the Jews I have done no brought no accusation against him of

wrong, as you very well know. such things as I supposed,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>

For if I am an offender, or have ' but had some questions against him

committed anything deserving of death, about their own religion and about a

I do not object to dying; but if there is certain Jesus, who had died, whom Paul

nothing in these things of which these affirmed to be alive. men accuse me, no one can deliver me

to them. I appeal to Caesar." <sup>2</sup> 0And because I was uncertain of such

questions, I asked whether he was

<sup>12</sup> Then Festus, when he had conferred willing to go to Jerusalem and

there be

with the council, answered, "You have judged concerning these matters. appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you

shall go!" <sup>21</sup>But when Paul appealed to be

reserved for the decision of Augustus, I

13

And after some days King Agrippa and commanded him to be kept till I could

Bernice came to Caesarea to greet send him to Caesar." Festus.

<sup>2</sup> Then Agrippa said to Festus, "I also

<sup>14</sup>When they had been there many days, would like to hear the man myself."

Festus laid Paul's case before the king, "Tomorrow," he said, "you shall hear

him."

<sup>23</sup>So the next day, when Agrippa and do with the Jews. Therefore I beg you to

Bernice had come with great pomp, and hear me patiently. had entered the auditorium with the

commanders and the prominent men of <sup>4</sup> My manner of life from my youth, the city, at Festus' command Paul was which was spent from the beginning

brought in. among my own nation at Jerusalem, all

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<sup>4</sup>And Festus said: "King Agrippa and all the Jews know.

the men who are here present with us, <sup>5</sup>They knew me from the first, if they you see this man about whom the whole were willing to testify, that according to

assembly of the Jews petitioned me, the strictest sect of our religion I lived a

both at Jerusalem and here, crying out Pharisee. that he was not fit to live any longer.

6 And now I stand and am judged for the

25 But when I found that he had hope of the promise made by God to our

committed nothing deserving of death, fathers. and that he himself had appealed to

Augustus, I decided to send him. 7

To this promise our twelve tribes,

2 earnestly serving God night and day, 6a have nothing certain to write to my

hope to attain. For this hope's sake,

lord concerning him. Therefore I have King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews.

brought him out before you, and

especially before you, King Agrippa, so 8

Why should it be thought incredible by

that after the examination has taken you that God raises the dead? place I may have something to write.

2 "Indeed, I myself thought I must do 7 For it seems to me unreasonable to many things contrary to the name of send a prisoner and not to specify the Jesus of Nazareth. charges against him."

10This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having

26Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You received authority from the chief priests;

are permitted to speak for yourself." So and when they were put to death, I cast

Paul stretched out his hand and my vote against them. answered for himself:

<sup>1</sup> And I punished them often in every

<sup>2</sup> I think myself happy, King Agrippa, synagogue and compelled them to

because today I shall answer for myself blaspheme; and being exceedingly

before you concerning all the things of enraged against them, I persecuted

which I am accused by the Jews, them even to foreign cities.

3

especiallly because you are expert in all  
customs and questions which have to

<sup>12</sup> §§

While thus occupied, as I journeyed to throughout all the region of Judea, and

Damascus with authority and then to the Gentiles, that they should  
commission from the chief priests, repent, turn to God, and do works

befitting repentance.

<sup>h</sup> at midday, O king, along the road I

<sup>2</sup> 1

saw a light from heaven, brighter than For these reasons the Jews  
seized me

the sun, shining around me and those in the temple and tried to kill  
me. who journeyed with me.

2 2Therefore, having obtained help from

14And when we all had fallen to the God, to this day I stand,  
witnessing both

ground, I heard a voice speaking to me to small and great, saying no  
other

and saying in the Hebrew language, things than those which the  
prophets

"Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting and Moses said would come--Me?  
It is hard for you to kick against the

goads.' 23that the Christ would suffer, that He

would be the first to rise from the dead,

15 So I said, "Who are You, Lord?" And and would proclaim light to the  
Jewish

He said, "I am Jesus, whom you are people and to the Gentiles."  
persecuting.

2 4

Now as he thus made his defense,

16But rise and stand on your feet; for I Festus said with a loud voice,  
"Paul, you

have appeared to you for this purpose, are beside yourself! Much  
learning is

to make you a minister and a witness driving you mad!" both of the  
things which you have seen

and of the things which I will yet reveal 2 5

But he said, "I am not mad, most noble

to you. Festus, but speak the words of truth and

reason.

17a will deliver you from the Jewish

people, as well as from the Gentiles, to 2 6For the king, before whom I also speak whom I now send you, freely, knows these things; for I am

convinced that none of these things

1' to open their eyes, in order to turn escapes his attention, since this thing

them from darkness to light, and from was not done in a corner. the power of Satan to God, that they

may receive forgiveness of sins and an 27

King Agrippa, do you believe the

inheritance among those who are prophets? I know that you do believe."

sanctified by faith in Me.'

2' Then Agrippa said to Paul, "You

1'" Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not almost persuade me to become a disobedient to the heavenly vision, Christian."

2 2 0 but declared first to those in ' And Paul said, "I would to God that not Damascus and in Jerusalem, and only you, but also all who hear me today,

might become both almost and OThere the centurion found an altogether such as I am, except for Alexandrian ship sailing to Italy, and he

these chains." put us on board.

3 7 0

When he had said these things, the When we had sailed slowly many days,

king stood up, as well as the governor and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, the



and Bernice and those who sat with wind not permitting us to proceed, we

them; sailed under the shelter of Crete off

Salmone.

31

and when they had gone aside, they talked among themselves, saying, "This sPassing it with difficulty, we came to a man is doing nothing deserving of death place called Fair Havens, near the city or chains." of Lasea.

32 Then Agrippa said to Festus, "This 'Now when much time had been spent,

man might have been set free if he had and sailing was now dangerous not appealed to Caesar." because the Fast was already over,

Paul advised them,

10saying, "Men, I perceive that this

2 7And when it was decided that we

voyage will end with disaster and much should sail to Italy, they delivered Paul

loss, not only of the cargo and ship, but and some other prisoners to one named

also our lives."

Julius, a centurion of the Augustan

Regiment. 1

Nevertheless the centurion was more

<sup>2</sup> persuaded by the helmsman and the

So, entering a ship of Adramyttium, we

owner of the ship than by the things

put to sea, meaning to sail along the

spoken by Paul.

coasts of Asia. Aristarchus, a

Macedonian of Thessalonica, was with <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>And because the harbor was not us.

suitable to winter in, the majority

<sup>3</sup>And the next day we landed at Sidon. advised to set sail from there also, if by

any means they could reach Phoenix, a

And Julius treated Paul kindly and gave

harbor of Crete opening toward the

him liberty to go to his friends and

southwest and northwest, and winter

receive care.

there.

<sup>4</sup>When we had put to sea from there, we <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> When the south wind blew softly,

sailed under the shelter of Cyprus,

supposing that they had obtained their

because the winds were contrary.

desire, putting out to sea, they sailed

5 close by Crete.

And when we had sailed over the sea

which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we

came to Myra, a city of Lycia.

1 2 4 4saying, "Do not be afraid, Paul; you But not long after, a  
tempestuous head

wind arose, called Euroclydon. must be brought before Caesar; and

indeed God has granted you all those

15 who sail with you.'

So when the ship was caught, and

could not head into the wind, we let her 5Therefore take heart, men,  
for I

drive. 2

believe God that it will be just as it was

16 told me.

And running under the shelter of an

island called Clauda, we secured the

skiff with difficulty. 2 6However, we must run aground on a

certain island."

17When they had taken it on board, they used cables to undergird the  
ship; and Now when the fourteenth night had 2 7

fearing lest they should run aground on come, as we were driven up  
and down

the Syrtis Sands, they struck sail and so in the Adriatic Sea, about midnight the

were driven. sailors sensed that they were drawing

near some land.

18And because we were exceedingly tempest-tossed, the next day they

2 8And they took soundings and found it lightened the ship. to be twenty fathoms; and when they

had gone a little farther, they took

19 soundings again and found it to be

On the third day we threw the ship's

tackle overboard with our own hands. fifteen fathoms.

2 ' Then, fearing lest we should run

0Now when neither sun nor stars 2

appeared for many days, and no small aground on the rocks, they dropped four

tempest beat on us, all hope that we anchors from the stern, and prayed for

would be saved was finally given up. day to come.

21 30And as the sailors were seeking to

But after long abstinence from food,

then Paul stood in the midst of them and escape from the ship, when they had let

said, "Men, you should have listened to down the skill into the sea, under

me, and not have sailed from Crete and pretense of putting out anchors from the

incurred this disaster and loss. prow,

2 31 Paul said to the centurion and the

And now I urge you to take heart, for

there will be no loss of life among you, soldiers, "Unless these men stay in the

but only of the ship. ship, you cannot be saved."

2 32 3 For there stood by me this night an Then the soldiers cut away  
the ropes

angel of the God to whom I belong and of the skiff and let it fall off.  
whom I serve, 33 And as day was about to dawn, Paul 4 2 And the  
soldiers' plan was to kill the implored them all to take food, saying,  
prisoners, lest any of them should swim

"Today is the fourteenth day you have away and escape. waited and  
continued without food, and

eaten nothing. 43

But the centurion, wanting to save

3 commanded that those who could swim

4 Therefore I urge you to take Paul, kept them from their purpose, and  
nourishment, for this is for your survival, should jump overboard first  
and get to

since not a hair will fall from the head of land, any of you."

44

3 some on parts of the ship. And so it was

5 And when he had said these things, he and the rest, some on boards  
and

took bread and gave thanks to God in that they all escaped safely to land. the presence of them all; and when he

had broken it he began to eat.

3 28Now when they had escaped, they 6 Then they were all encouraged, and then found out that the island was called also took food themselves. Malta.

37And in all we were two hundred and 2 And the natives showed us unusual seventy-six persons on the ship. kindness; for they kindled a fire and

38 made us all welcome, because of the So when they had eaten enough, they rain that was falling and because of the

lightened the ship and threw out the cold. wheat into the sea.

3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle 9 3

When it was day, they did not of sticks and laid them on the fire, a recognize the land; but they observed a viper came out because of the heat, and

bay with a beach, onto which they fastened on his hand. planned to run the ship if possible.

4

0And they let go the anchors and left 4 So when the natives saw the creature

hanging from his hand, they said to one them in the sea, meanwhile loosing the another, "No doubt this man is a

rudder ropes; and they hoisted the murderer, whom, though he has  
mainsail to the wind and made for shore. escaped the sea, yet justice  
does not

allow to live."

4 1

But striking a place where two seas  
met, they ran the ship aground; and the 5But he shook off the creature  
into the prow stuck fast and remained fire and suffered no harm.  
immovable, but the stern was being

broken up by the violence of the waves. 6However, they were  
expecting that he

would swell up or suddenly fall down  
dead. But after they had looked for a long time and saw no harm come  
to him, When Paul saw them, he thanked God

they changed their minds and said that and took courage. he was a  
god.

16Now when we came to Rome, the

7In that region there was an estate of the centurion delivered the  
prisoners to the

leading citizen of the island, whose captain of the guard; but Paul was  
name was Publius, who received us and permitted to dwell by himself  
with the

entertained us courteously for three soldier who guarded him. days.

1 7And it came to pass after three days

8And it happened that the father of that Paul called the leaders of the  
Jews

Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. together. So when they had  
come

Paul went in to him and prayed, and he together, he said to them:

"Men and

laid his hands on him and healed him. brethren, though I have done nothing

against our people or the customs of our

'So when this was done, the rest of fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner

those on the island who had diseases from Jerusalem into the hands of the

also came and were healed. Romans,

11 0They also honored us in many ways; ' who, when they had examined me,

and when we departed, they provided wanted to let me go, because there was

such things as were necessary. no cause for putting me to death.

11 1 ' But when the Jews spoke against it, I After three months we sailed in an Alexandrian ship whose figurehead was was compelled to appeal to Caesar, not

the Twin Brothers, which had wintered that I had anything of which to accuse

at the island. my nation.

12 0For this reason therefore I have called 2And landing at Syracuse, we stayed three days. for you, to see you and speak with you,

because for the hope of Israel I am

1 bound with this chain." 3From there we circled round and



reached Rhegium. And after one day 2 1Then they said to him, "We  
neither the south wind blew; and the next day we came to Puteoli,  
received letters from Judea concerning

you, nor have any of the brethren who  
14 came reported or spoken any evil of you.

where we found brethren, and were  
invited to stay with them seven days. 2 2But we desire to hear from  
you what And so we went toward Rome.

you think; for concerning this sect, we  
1 know that it is spoken against 5And from there, when the brethren  
everywhere."

heard about us, they came to meet us

as far as Appii Forum and Three Inns.

2 2 7 3So when they had appointed him a For the hearts of this people  
have

day, many came to him at his lodging, to grown dull. Their ears are  
hard of

whom he explained and solemnly hearing, And their eyes they have  
testified of the kingdom of God, closed, Lest they should see with their  
persuading them concerning Jesus from eyes and hear with their ears,  
Lest they

both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, should understand with their  
hearts and

from morning till evening. turn, So that I should heal them."

2 2 4And some were persuaded by the " Therefore let it be known to  
you that

things which were spoken, and some the salvation of God has been sent to

disbelieved. the Gentiles, and they will hear it!"

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So when they did not agree among ' And when he had said these words,

themselves, they departed after Paul the Jews departed and had a great

had said one word: "The Holy Spirit dispute among themselves. spoke rightly through Isaiah the prophet

to our fathers, 0 3Then Paul dwelt two whole years in his

own rented house, and received all who

26saying, "Go to this people and say: came to him,

"Hearing you will hear, and shall not

understand; And seeing you will see, 31preaching the kingdom of God and

and not perceive; teaching the things which concern the

Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, no

one forbidding him.

# 1st Letter of Apostle Peter

believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To

the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, 9 receiving the end of your faith--the

salvation of your souls.

Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1 0

2 of this salvation the prophets have

elect according to the foreknowledge of

inquired and searched carefully, who

God the Father, in sanctification of the

Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of prophesied of the grace that would

the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you come to you,

and peace be multiplied. 1searching what, or what manner of

1

3Blessed be the God and Father of our time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His beforehand the sufferings of Christ and abundant mercy has begotten us again the glories that would follow. to a living hope through the resurrection

of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>To them it was revealed that, not to  
<sup>4</sup> themselves, but to us they were to an inheritance incorruptible and  
ministering the things which now have  
undefiled and that does not fade away,  
reserved in heaven for you, been reported to you through those who  
have preached the gospel to you by the  
<sup>s</sup> Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things  
who are kept by the power of God which angels desire to look into.  
through faith for salvation ready to be

revealed in the last time. <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Therefore gird up the loins of your <sup>6</sup> mind,  
be sober, and rest your hope fully

In this you greatly rejoice, though now upon the grace that is to be  
brought to

for a little while, if need be, you have you at the revelation of Jesus  
Christ;

been grieved by various trials,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

<sup>7</sup> as obedient children, not conforming

that the genuineness of your faith, yourselves to the former lusts, as in  
your

being much more precious than gold ignorance; that perishes, though  
it is tested by fire,

may be found to praise, honor, and glory <sup>15</sup>

but as He who called you is holy, you  
at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

also be holy in all your conduct,

'whom having not seen you love. <sup>16</sup>because it is written, "Be holy, for I am Though now you do not see Him, yet holy."

<sup>17</sup>

And if you call on the Father, who

each one's work, conduct yourselves deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil throughout the time of your stay here in without partiality judges according to <sup>2</sup>Therefore, laying aside all malice, all

speaking,

fear;

<sup>2</sup>as newborn babes, desire the pure milk

<sup>1</sup> ' knowing that you were not redeemed

of the word, that you may grow thereby,

with corruptible things, like silver or gold,

from your aimless conduct received by Gif indeed you have tasted that the Lord

tradition from your fathers,

is gracious.

<sup>1</sup>' but with the precious blood of Christ,

<sup>4</sup> Coming to Him as to a living stone,

as of a lamb without blemish and

without spot. rejected indeed by men, but chosen by

God and precious,

20He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was syou also, as living stones, are being

manifest in these last times for you built up a spiritual house, a holy  
priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices

2 acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1

who through Him believe in God, who

raised Him from the dead and gave Him 6 Therefore it is also  
contained in the glory, so that your faith and hope are in Scripture,  
"Behold, I lay in Zion A chief God. cornerstone, elect, precious,  
And he 2 who believes on Him will by no means 2

Since you have purified your souls in

be put to shame."

obeying the truth through the Spirit in

sincere love of the brethren, love one 7Therefore, to you who believe,  
He is another fervently with a pure heart, precious; but to those who  
are

2 disobedient, "The stone which the 3having been born again, not of  
builders rejected Has become the chief  
corruptible seed but incorruptible,  
cornerstone,"

through the word of God which lives and  
abides forever, 8

and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of

2 offense." They stumble, being 4 because "All flesh is as grass, And all  
disobedient to the word, to which they the glory of man as the flower  
of the also were appointed. grass. The grass withers, And its flower

falls away, 'But you are a chosen generation, a

2 royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own 5But the word of the LORD  
endures

special people, that you may proclaim  
forever." Now this is the word which by

the praises of Him who called you out of  
the gospel was preached to you.

darkness into His marvelous light;

1 2 0who once were not a people but are 0For what credit is it if, when  
you are now the people of God, who had not beaten for your faults,  
you take it

obtained mercy but now have obtained patiently? But when you do  
good and

mercy. suffer, if you take it patiently, this is

commendable before God.

11Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and

2 1

pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which For to this you were called,  
because

war against the soul, Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an

example, that you should follow His

<sup>12</sup>having your conduct honorable among steps:

the Gentiles, that when they speak

against you as evildoers, they may, by <sup>24</sup>Who committed no sin, Nor was your good works which they observe, deceit found in His mouth"; glorify God in the day of visitation.

<sup>23</sup>who, when He was reviled, did not

<sup>13</sup>Therefore submit yourselves to every revile in return; when He suffered, He

ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, did not threaten, but committed Himself

whether to the king as supreme, to Him who judges righteously;

<sup>1 2 4</sup>

or to governors, as to those who are who Himself bore our sins in His own

sent by him for the punishment of body on the tree, that we, having died to

evildoers and for the praise of those sins, might live for righteousness-- by

who do good. whose stripes you were healed.

<sup>1 2 5</sup>

For this is the will of God, that by doing For you were like sheep going astray,

good you may put to silence the but have now returned to the Shepherd

ignorance of foolish men-- and Overseer of your souls.



as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak

for vice, but as bondservants of God. 3Wives, likewise, be submissive to

1 your own husbands, that even if some 7Honor all people. Love the

do not obey the word, they, without a

brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. word, may be won by the conduct of

their wives,

18Servants, be submissive to your

masters with all fear, not only to the 2 when they observe your chaste conduct good and gentle, but also to the harsh. accompanied by fear.

1 ' For this is commendable, if because of 3Do not let your adornment be merely

conscience toward God one endures outward--arranging the hair, wearing

grief, suffering wrongfully. gold, or putting on fine apparel--4 1 rather let it be the hidden person of the 3And who is he who will harm you if you heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a become followers of what is good? gentle and quiet spirit, which is very

precious in the sight of God. 14But even if you should suffer for

righteousness' sake, you are blessed.

5For in this manner, in former times, the "And do not be afraid of their threats,

holy women who trusted in God also nor be troubled." adorned themselves, being submissive

to their own husbands, 1 5But sanctify the Lord God in your

hearts, and always be ready to give a

6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him defense to everyone who asks you a

lord, whose daughters you are if you do reason for the hope that is in you, with

good and are not afraid with any terror. meekness and fear;

7 1 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them 6having a good conscience, that when with understanding, giving honor to the they defame you as evildoers, those

wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as who revile your good conduct in Christ

being heirs together of the grace of life, may be ashamed. that your prayers may not be hindered.

17

For it is better, if it is the will of God, to

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

having compassion for one another;

love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be 18For Christ also suffered once for sins, courteous; the just for the unjust, that He might

bring us to God, being put to death in

'not returning evil for evil or reviling for the flesh but made alive by the Spirit,

reviling, but on the contrary blessing,

knowing that you were called to this, 1 ' by whom also He went and preached that you may inherit a blessing. to the spirits in prison,

10For "He who would love life And see 0who formerly were

disobedient, when

2

good days, Let him refrain his tongue once the Divine longsuffering  
waited in

from evil, And his lips from speaking the days of Noah, while the ark  
was

deceit. being prepared, in which a few, that is,

eight souls, were saved through water.

11

Let him turn away from evil and do

good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. 21 There is also an antitype  
which now

saves us--baptism (not the removal of

12

For the eyes of the LORD are on the the filth of the flesh, but the  
answer of a

righteous, And His ears are open to their good conscience toward  
God), through

prayers; But the face of the LORD is the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
against those who do evil."

29 2

who has gone into heaven and is at Be hospitable to one another  
without

the right hand of God, angels and grumbling. authorities and powers  
having been

made subject to Him. 10 As each one has received a gift,

minister it to one another, as good

stewards of the manifold grace of God.

4Therefore, since Christ suffered for

1 1 anyone speaks, let him speak as the

us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with

the same mind, for he who has suffered oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let

in the flesh has ceased from sin, him do it as with the ability which God

supplies, that in all things God may be

2 glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom

that he no longer should live the rest of

belong the glory and the dominion

his time in the flesh for the lusts of men,

forever and ever. Amen.

but for the will of God.

3For we have spent enough of our past 1 2Beloved, do not think it strange

lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles-- concerning the fiery trial which is to try

when we walked in lewdness, lusts, you, as though some strange thing

happened to you;

drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties,

and abominable idolatries. 13but rejoice to the extent that you 4 partake of Christ's sufferings, that when

In regard to these, they think it strange

His glory is revealed, you may also be

that you do not run with them in the

glad with exceeding joy.

same flood of dissipation, speaking evil

of you. <sup>14</sup> you are reproached for the name of <sup>5</sup> Christ, blessed are you,  
for the Spirit of

They will give an account to Him who is

glory and of God rests upon you. On

ready to judge the living and the dead.

their part He is blasphemed, but on your

<sup>6</sup> part He is glorified.

For this reason the gospel was

preached also to those who are dead, <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a  
that they might be judged according to

men in the flesh, but live according to murderer, a thief, an evildoer,  
or as a

God in the spirit. busybody in other people's matters.

<sup>1 6</sup> et if anyone suffers as a Christian, let

<sup>7</sup> But the end of all things is at hand;

him not be ashamed, but let him glorify

therefore be serious and watchful in

God in this matter.

your prayers.

8 For the time has come for judgment to And above all things have  
fervent love 17

begin at the house of God; and if it  
for one another, for "love will cover a  
begins with us first, what will be the end  
multitude of sins."

of those who do not obey the gospel of 6Therefore humble yourselves  
under the

God? mighty hand of God, that He may exalt

you in due time,

1' Now "If the righteous one is scarcely saved, Where will the ungodly  
and the 7casting all your care upon Him, for He sinner appear?" cares  
for you.

1 8 ' Therefore let those who suffer Be sober, be vigilant; because your  
according to the will of God commit their adversary the devil walks  
about like a

souls to Him in doing good, as to a roaring lion, seeking whom he may  
faithful Creator. devour.

'Resist him, steadfast in the faith,

5The elders who are among you I knowing that the same sufferings  
are

experienced by your brotherhood in the  
exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a  
world.

witness of the sufferings of Christ, and

also a partaker of the glory that will be <sup>1</sup> 0But may the God of all  
grace, who revealed:

called us to His eternal glory by Christ

<sup>2</sup> Jesus, after you have suffered a while,

Shepherd the flock of God which is

perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle

among you, serving as overseers, not

you.

by compulsion but willingly, not for

dishonest gain but eagerly; <sup>1</sup> To Him be the glory and the dominion

<sup>3</sup>nor as being lords over those entrusted forever and ever. Amen.

to you, but being examples to the flock; <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>By Silvanus, our faithful  
brother as I

<sup>4</sup> consider him, I have written to you and when the Chief Shepherd  
appears,

you will receive the crown of glory that briefly, exhorting and  
testifying that this

is the true grace of God in which you

does not fade away.

stand.

<sup>5</sup>Likewise you younger people, submit <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> She who is in Babylon, elect together

yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you

be submissive to one another, and be with you, greets you; and so  
does Mark

my son.

clothed with humility, for "God resists

the proud, But gives grace to the 1 4Greet one another with a kiss of  
love. humble."

Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus.

Amen.

## 1st Letter of Apostle John

'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and  
to cleanse

1 us from all unrighteousness. That which was from the beginning,

which we have heard, which we have 1 0 we say that we have not  
sinned, we seen with our eyes, which we have

make Him a liar, and His word is not in

looked upon, and our hands have

us.

handled, concerning the Word of life--

2the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and  
declare to 2My little children, these things I write

you that eternal life which was with the to you, so that you may not  
sin. And if

Father and was manifested to us-- anyone sins, we have an Advocate



with

the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

3that which we have seen and heard we

declare to you, that you also may have 2And He Himself is the propitiation for fellowship with us; and truly our our sins, and not for ours only but also

fellowship is with the Father and with for the whole world. His Son Jesus Christ.

3Now by this we know that we know Him,

4 And these things we write to you that if we keep His commandments. your joy may be full.

4 He who says, "I know Him," and does

5This is the message which we have not keep His commandments, is a liar,

heard from Him and declare to you, that and the truth is not in him. God is light and in Him is no darkness at

all. 5But whoever keeps His word, truly the

love of God is perfected in him. By this

6If we say that we have fellowship with we know that we are in Him. Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and

do not practice the truth. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought

himself also to walk just as He walked.

7But if we walk in the light as He is in the

light, we have fellowship with one 7Brethren, I write no new commandment another, and the blood of Jesus Christ to you, but an old commandment which

His Son cleanses us from all sin. you have had from the beginning. The

old commandment is the word which

'If we say that we have no sin, we you heard from the beginning.  
deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in

us.

81 Again, a new commandment I write to 6For all that is in the  
world--the lust of you, which thing is true in Him and in the flesh, the  
lust of the eyes, and the

you, because the darkness is passing pride of life--is not of the Father  
but is of

away, and the true light is already the world. shining.

1 7

And the world is passing away, and

'He who says he is in the light, and the lust of it; but he who does the  
will of

hates his brother, is in darkness until God abides forever. now.

1 8

1 as you have heard that the Antichrist is

0He who loves his brother abides in the Little children, it is the last  
hour; and

light, and there is no cause for stumbling coming, even now many  
antichrists

in him. have come, by which we know that it is

the last hour.

11

But he who hates his brother is in

darkness and walks in darkness, and 1 ' They went out from us, but  
they were does not know where he is going, not of us; for if they had  
been of us, they

because the darkness has blinded his would have continued with us;  
but they

eyes. went out that they might be made

manifest, that none of them were of us.

<sup>12</sup> write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>But you have an anointing from the name's sake. Holy One, and you know all things.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> write to you, fathers, Because you <sup>1a</sup> have not written to you because you have known Him who is from the do not know the truth, but because you

beginning. I write to you, young men, know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Because you have overcome the wicked

one. I write to you, little children, <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>Who is a liar but he who denies that Because you have known the Father. Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who

denies the Father and the Son.

<sup>14</sup> have written to you, fathers, Because

you have known Him who is from the <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Whoever denies the Son does not beginning. I have written to you, young have the Father either; he who

men, Because you are strong, and the acknowledges the Son has the Father

word of God abides in you, And you also. have overcome the wicked one.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore let that abide in you which

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or the things in

you heard from the beginning. If what

the world. If anyone loves the world, the you heard from the beginning abides in

love of the Father is not in him. you, you also will abide in the Son

and

in the Father.

25 And this is the promise that He has And you know that He was  
manifested

promised us--eternal life. to take away our sins, and in Him there

is no sin.

26 These things I have written to you concerning those who try to  
deceive you. 6 Whoever abides in Him does not sin.

Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor

27 known Him.

But the anointing which you have

received from Him abides in you, and

you do not need that anyone teach you; 7 Little children, let no one  
deceive you. but as the same anointing teaches you He who practices  
righteousness is

concerning all things, and is true, and is righteous, just as He is  
righteous. not a lie, and just as it has taught you,

you will abide in Him. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil

2 purpose the Son of God was manifested,

8 And now, little children, abide in Him, has sinned from the  
beginning. For this

that when He appears, we may have that He might destroy the works  
of the

confidence and not be ashamed before devil. Him at His coming.

2 not sin, for His seed remains in him; and

9 you know that He is righteous, you 9Whoever has been born of God does

know that everyone who practices he cannot sin, because he has been righteousness is born of Him. born of God.

1 0 n this the children of God and the

3Behold what manner of love the children of the devil are manifest:

Whoever does not practice

Father has bestowed on us, that we

righteousness is not of God, nor is he

should be called children of God!

Therefore the world does not know us, who does not love his brother.

because it did not know Him. 1 1For this is the message that you heard 2 from the beginning, that we should love

Beloved, now we are children of God;

one another,

and it has not yet been revealed what

we shall be, but we know that when He 1 2not as Cain who was of the wicked is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. one and murdered his brother. And why

did he murder him? Because his works

3And everyone who has this hope in Him were evil and his brother's righteous.

purifies himself, just as He is pure. 13Do not marvel, my brethren, if

the 4 world hates you.

Whoever commits sin also commits

lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness. 14We know that we have passed from

death to life, because we love the

2 4

brethren. He who does not love his Now he who keeps His brother abides in death. commandments abides in Him, and He

in him. And by this we know that He

15Whoever hates his brother is a abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has

murderer, and you know that no given us. murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

16

By this we know love, because He laid 4Beloved, do not believe every spirit,

down His life for us. And we also ought but test the spirits, whether they are of

to lay down our lives for the brethren. God; because many false prophets have

gone out into the world.

17 But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: up his heart from him, how does the Every spirit that confesses that Jesus

love of God abide in him? Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

18My little children, let us not love in h

and every spirit that does not confess

word or in tongue, but in deed and in that Jesus Christ has come in  
the flesh

truth. is not of God. And this is the spirit of the

1 coming, and is now already in the world.

9And by this we know that we are of the Antichrist, which you have  
heard was

truth, and shall assure our hearts before

Him. 4 You are of God, little children, and have

overcome them, because He who is in

20For if our heart condemns us, God is you is greater than he who is in  
the

greater than our heart, and knows all world. things.

5 They are of the world. Therefore they

21Beloved, if our heart does not speak as of the world, and the world  
condemn us, we have confidence hears them. toward God.

6 We are of God. He who knows God

22 And whatever we ask we receive from hears us; he who is not of  
God does not

Him, because we keep His hear us. By this we know the spirit of  
commandments and do those things truth and the spirit of error.  
that are pleasing in His sight.

2 love is of God; and everyone who loves

3And this is His commandment: that we 7Beloved, let us love one

another, for

should believe on the name of His Son is born of God and knows God.  
Jesus Christ and love one another, as

He gave us commandment. <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know

God, for God is love.

'In this the love of God was manifested <sup>1</sup>' We love Him because He first  
loved us. toward us, that God has sent His only

begotten Son into the world, that we <sup>2</sup> 0 someone says, "I love God,"  
and might live through Him. hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who

does not love his brother whom he has

<sup>1</sup> 0 n this is love, not that we loved God,

seen, how can he love God whom he

but that He loved us and sent His Son to has not seen? be the  
propitiation for our sins.

<sup>2</sup> 1

<sup>1</sup> Him: that he who loves God must love

1BeLoved, if God so loved us, we also And this commandment we have  
from

ought to love one another. his brother also.

<sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time. If

we love one another, God abides in us, <sup>5</sup>Whoever believes that Jesus  
is the and His love has been perfected in us.

Christ is born of God, and everyone who

<sup>1</sup> loves Him who begot also loves him <sup>3</sup>By this we know that we abide  
in Him,



who is begotten of Him.

and He in us, because He has given us  
of His Spirit. 2

By this we know that we love the

1 children of God, when we love God and 4 And we have seen and  
testify that the keep His commandments.

Father has sent the Son as Savior of the  
world. 3For this is the love of God, that we keep

1 His commandments. And His 5Whoever confesses that Jesus is the  
commandments are not burdensome.

Son of God, God abides in him, and he  
in God. 4

For whatever is born of God overcomes

1 the world. And this is the victory that has 6And we have known and  
believed the

overcome the world--our faith.

love that God has for us. God is love,  
and he who abides in love abides in 5

Who is he who overcomes the world,  
God, and God in him.

but he who believes that Jesus is the

1 Son of God? 7 Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the 6

This is He who came by water and day of judgment; because as He is, so blood--Jesus Christ; not only by water, are we in this world.

but by water and blood. And it is the

1 Spirit who bears witness, because the 8 There is no fear in love; but perfect

Spirit is truth.

love casts out fear, because fear

involves torment. But he who fears has 7 For there are three that bear witness in not been made perfect in love.

heaven: the Father, the Word, and the

Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

8 1 And there are three that bear witness 5 And if we know that He hears us, on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the whatever we ask, we know that we have

blood; and these three agree as one. the petitions that we have asked of Him.

'If we receive the witness of men, the 1 6 anyone sees his brother sinning a witness of God is greater; for this is the sin which does not lead to death, he will

witness of God which He has testified of ask, and He will give him life for those

His Son. who commit sin not leading to death.

There is sin leading to death. I do not

10He who believes in the Son of God say that he should pray about  
that.

has the witness in himself; he who does 7All unrighteousness is sin,  
and there is

not believe God has made Him a liar, 1 because he has not believed  
the sin not leading to death. testimony that God has given of His Son.

1 ' We know that whoever is born of God

11

And this is the testimony: that God has does not sin; but he who has  
been born

given us eternal life, and this life is in of God keeps himself, and the  
wicked

His Son. one does not touch him.

1 1 2

He who has the Son has life; he who ' We know that we are of God,  
and the

does not have the Son of God does not whole world lies under the  
sway of the

have life. wicked one.

1 2 30

These things I have written to you who And we know that the Son  
of God has

believe in the name of the Son of God, come and has given us an that  
you may know that you have eternal understanding, that we may  
know Him

life, and that you may continue to who is true; and we are in Him who is

believe in the name of the Son of God. true, in His Son Jesus Christ.  
This is the

true God and eternal life.

<sup>14</sup>Now this is the confidence that we

<sup>2</sup> 1

have in Him, that if we ask anything Little children, keep yourselves  
from

according to His will, He hears us. idols. Amen.

# The letter of brother James to the Dispersed Brethren

11

For no sooner has the sun risen with a  
burning heat than it withers the grass; its

1 flower falls, and its beautiful appearance James, a bondservant of  
God and of

perishes. So the rich man also will fade

the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve away in his pursuits. tribes which  
are scattered abroad:

Greetings. 12Blessed is the man who endures 2 temptation; for when he  
has been

My brethren, count it all joy when you

approved, he will receive the crown of

fall into various trials, life which the Lord has promised to

3knowing that the testing of your faith those who love Him.

produces patience. 13Let no one say when he is tempted, "I 4 am  
tempted by God"; for God cannot be

But let patience have its perfect work, tempted by evil, nor does He  
Himself

that you may be perfect and complete, tempt anyone. lacking nothing.

14

5 But each one is tempted when he is

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask drawn away by his own desires and

of God, who gives to all liberally and enticed. without reproach, and it will be given to

him. 15Then, when desire has conceived, it <sup>6</sup> gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, grown, brings forth death.

for he who doubts is like a wave of the

sea driven and tossed by the wind. 16Do not be deceived, my beloved <sup>7</sup> brethren.

For let not that man suppose that he

will receive anything from the Lord; 17Every good gift and every perfect gift <sup>8</sup> is from above, and comes down from

he is a double-minded man, unstable in the Father of lights, with whom there is

all his ways. no variation or shadow of turning.

Let the lowly brother glory in his 18Of His own will He brought us forth by

exaltation, the word of truth, that we might be a

kind of firstfruits of His creatures.

10

but the rich in his humiliation, because

as a flower of the field he will pass away. 1' So then, my beloved brethren, let

every man be swift to hear, slow to

speaking, slow to wrath;

2 0 or the wrath of man does not produce hand you pay attention to

the one

the righteousness of God. wearing the fine clothes and say to him,

"You sit here in a good place," and say

21Therefore lay aside all filthiness and to the poor man, "You stand there," or,

overflow of wickedness, and receive "Sit here at my footstool," with meekness the implanted word,

which is able to save your souls. 4 have you not shown partiality among

yourselves, and become judges with evil

22 thoughts?

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

5Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God

23For if anyone is a hearer of the word not chosen the poor of this world to be

and not a doer, he is like a man rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom observing his natural face in a mirror; which He promised to those who love

Him?

24 or he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of 6 But you have dishonored the poor man.

man he was. Do not the rich oppress you and drag

you into the courts?

25But he who looks into the perfect law

7 Do they not blaspheme that noble

of liberty and continues in it, and is not a

forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, name by which you are called? this one will be blessed in what he does.

8 If you really fulfill the royal law

26 anyone among you thinks he is according to the Scripture, "You shall

religious, and does not bridle his tongue love your neighbor as yourself," you do

but deceives his own heart, this one's well; religion is useless.

'but if you show partiality, you commit

2 7 ure and undefiled religion before God sin, and are convicted by the law as

and the Father is this: to visit orphans transgressors.

and widows in their trouble, and to keep 0For whoever shall keep the whole law,

oneself unspotted from the world. 1

and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty  
of all.

our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, 2My brethren, do not hold the faith of 1 For He who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." with partiality. Now if you do not commit adultery, but 2 you do murder, you have become a

For if there should come into your transgressor of the law.

assembly a man with gold rings, in fine

apparel, and there should also come in

a poor man in filthy clothes, 1 2 2 3And the Scripture was fulfilled which So speak and so do as those who will



be judged by the law of liberty. says, "Abraham believed God, and it  
was accounted to him for

13For judgment is without mercy to the righteousness." And he was  
called the

one who has shown no mercy. Mercy friend of God. triumphs over  
judgment.

2 4 ou see then that a man is justified by  
14 works, and not by faith only.

What does it profit, my brethren, if  
someone says he has faith but does not  
have works? Can faith save him? 2 5Likewise, was not Rahab the  
harlot

also justified by works when she  
15 a brother or sister is naked and received the messengers and sent  
them  
destitute of daily food, out another way?

16 6For as the body without the spirit is

2

and one of you says to them, "Depart  
in peace, be warmed and filled," but you dead, so faith without works  
is dead also.  
do not give them the things which are  
needed for the body, what does it profit?

3My brethren, let not many of you  
17Thus also faith by itself, if it does not  
become teachers, knowing that we shall

have works, is dead. receive a stricter judgment.

128 But someone will say, "You have faith, For we all stumble in many things. If and I have works." Show me your faith anyone does not stumble in word, he is

without your works, and I will show you a perfect man, able also to bridle the

my faith by my works. whole body.

19You believe that there is one God. You 3Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths

do well. Even the demons believe--and that they may obey us, and we turn their

tremble! whole body.

20But do you want to know, O foolish

4 Look also at ships: although they are so

man, that faith without works is dead? large and are driven by fierce winds,

they are turned by a very small rudder

21 wherever the pilot desires.

Was not Abraham our father justified

by works when he offered Isaac his son

on the altar? 5 Even so the tongue is a little member

and boasts great things. See how great

22 a forest a little fire kindles!

Do you see that faith was working

together with his works, and by works

faith was made perfect? <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of

iniquity. The tongue is so set among our

members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of  
nature; to yield, full of mercy and good fruits,

and it is set on fire by hell. without partiality and without hypocrisy.

<sup>7 1</sup> For every kind of beast and bird, of <sup>8</sup>Now the fruit of righteousness  
is sown reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed in peace by those who  
make peace. and has been tamed by mankind.

<sup>8</sup>But no man can tame the tongue. It is <sup>4</sup>Where do wars and fights  
come from

an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

among you? Do they not come from

your desires for pleasure that war in

'With it we bless our God and Father, your members? and with it we  
curse men, who have

been made in the similitude of God. <sup>2</sup>

You lust and do not have. You murder

<sup>1</sup> and covet and cannot obtain. You fight

<sup>0</sup> Out of the same mouth proceed and war. Yet you do not have  
because

blessing and cursing. My brethren, you do not ask. these things ought  
not to be so.

### 3

<sup>1</sup> You ask and do not receive, because <sup>1</sup>Does a spring send forth fresh  
water

you ask amiss, that you may spend it on

and bitter from the same opening? your pleasures.

12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, bear 4Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Thus not know that friendship with the world is

no spring yields both salt water and enmity with God? Whoever therefore

fresh. wants to be a friend of the world makes

himself an enemy of God.

13Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that 5Or do you think that the Scripture says his works are done in the meekness of in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us

wisdom. yearns jealously"?

14 6But He gives more grace. Therefore He

But if you have bitter envy and self-

seeking in your hearts, do not boast and says: "God resists the proud,  
But gives

lie against the truth. grace to the humble."

17 5 This wisdom does not descend from Therefore submit to God.  
Resist the above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. devil and he will  
flee from you.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, 8Draw near to God and He  
will draw confusion and every evil thing are there. near to you.  
Cleanse your hands, you

sinners; and purify your hearts, you

17But the wisdom that is from above is double-minded.

first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing 'Lament and mourn and weep! Let your 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your laughter be turned to mourning and your garments are moth-eaten. joy to gloom.

1 Humble yourselves in the sight of the their corrosion will be a witness against

0 3Your gold and silver are corroded, and

Lord, and He will lift you up. you and will eat your flesh like fire. You  
have heaped up treasure in the last

11 days.

Do not speak evil of one another,

brethren. He who speaks evil of a

brother and judges his brother, speaks 4Indeed the wages of the laborers who evil of the law and judges the law. But if mowed your fields, which you kept back

you judge the law, you are not a doer of by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the

the law but a judge. reapers have reached the ears of the

Lord of Sabaoth.

12

There is one Lawgiver, who is able to

save and to destroy. Who are you to 5You have lived on the earth in pleasure judge another? and luxury; you have fattened your

hearts as in a day of slaughter.

13Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a 6You have condemned, you have

city, spend a year there, buy and sell, murdered the just; he does not resist

and make a profit"; you.

17 4whereas you do not know what will Therefore be patient,  
brethren, until the

happen tomorrow. For what is your life? coming of the Lord. See how the farmer

It is even a vapor that appears for a little waits for the precious fruit of the earth,

time and then vanishes away. waiting patiently for it until it receives the

early and latter rain.

15 nstead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." 8You also be patient. Establish your

hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at

16But now you boast in your arrogance. hand.

All such boasting is evil.

'Do not grumble against one another,

17Therefore, to him who knows to do brethren, lest you be condemned.

good and does not do it, to him it is sin. Behold, the Judge is standing at the

door!

10My brethren, take the prophets, who

5Come now, you rich, weep and howl

spoke in the name of the Lord, as an

for your miseries that are coming upon example of suffering and  
patience. you!

11 1 Indeed we count them blessed who 6 Confess your trespasses to  
one endure. You have heard of the another, and pray for one another,  
that

perseverance of Job and seen the end you may be healed. The  
effective,

intended by the Lord--that the Lord is fervent prayer of a righteous  
man avails

very compassionate and merciful. much.

11 2 7 But above all, my brethren, do not Elijah was a man with a  
nature like swear, either by heaven or by earth or ours, and he prayed  
earnestly that it

with any other oath. But let your "Yes" would not rain; and it did not  
rain on the

be "Yes," and your "No," "No," lest you land for three years and six  
months. fall into judgment.

1 ' And he prayed again, and the heaven

13 s anyone among you suffering? Let gave rain, and the earth  
produced its

him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him fruit. sing psalms.

1 ' Brethren, if anyone among you

14 s anyone among you sick? Let him wanders from the truth, and  
someone

call for the elders of the church, and let turns him back, then pray  
over him, anointing him with

oil in the name of the Lord. 20 et him know that he who turns a

sinner from the error of his way will save

15 And the prayer of faith will save the a soul from death and cover a

sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And of sins. if he has committed  
sins, he will be  
forgiven.



## The letter of brother Jude to his brother James

strange flesh, are set forth as an  
example, suffering the vengeance of  
1 eternal fire. Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

and brother of James, To those who are sLikewise also these dreamers  
defile the called, sanctified by God the Father, and flesh, reject  
authority, and speak evil of preserved in Jesus Christ: dignitaries.

2Mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to 'Yet Michael the archangel,  
in you.

contending with the devil, when he

3BeLoved, while I was very diligent to disputed about the body of  
Moses,

dared not bring against him a reviling

write to you concerning our common accusation, but said, "The Lord  
rebuke

salvation, I found it necessary to write to you!" you exhorting you to  
contend earnestly

for the faith which was once for all 10But these speak evil of whatever  
they delivered to the saints.

do not know; and whatever they know

4 naturally, like brute beasts, in these

For certain men have crept in unnoticed, things they corrupt  
themselves.

who long ago were marked out for this

condemnation, ungodly men, who turn 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the grace of our God into lewdness and the way of Cain, have run greedily in the deny the only Lord God and our Lord error of Balaam for profit, and perished Jesus Christ. in the rebellion of Korah.

5 But I want to remind you, though you 2 These are spots in your love feasts,

1

once knew this, that the Lord, having

saved the people out of the land of while they feast with you without fear,

serving only themselves. They are

Egypt, afterward destroyed those who

clouds without water, carried about by

did not believe.

the winds; late autumn trees without fruit,

6 twice dead, pulled up by the roots;

And the angels who did not keep their

proper domain, but left their own abode, 13 raging waves of the sea, foaming up He has reserved in everlasting chains

their own shame; wandering stars for

under darkness for the judgment of the

great day; whom is reserved the blackness of

darkness forever.

7as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the 4 cities around them in a similar manner <sup>1</sup> Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam,

to these, having given themselves over prophesied about these men also, to sexual immorality and gone after saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with <sup>2</sup> 0But you, beloved, building yourselves ten thousands of His saints, up on your most holy faith, praying in

the Holy Spirit,

<sup>15</sup> execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all <sup>2</sup> 1

keep yourselves in the love of God,

their ungodly deeds which they have looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus

committed in an ungodly way, and of all Christ unto eternal life. the harsh things which ungodly sinners

have spoken against Him." <sup>2</sup> And on some have compassion,

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup>These are grumblers, complainers, making a distinction;

walking according to their own lusts; and <sup>2</sup> 3but others save with fear, pulling them they mouth great swelling words, out of the fire, hating even the garment

flattering people to gain advantage. defiled by the flesh.

<sup>17</sup> But you, beloved, remember the words <sup>24</sup>

Now to Him who is able to keep you

which were spoken before by the from stumbling, And to present you apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: faultless Before the presence of His

glory with exceeding joy,

<sup>1'</sup> how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who

would walk <sup>2</sup> 5 To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, according to  
their own ungodly lusts. Be glory and majesty, Dominion and

power, Both now and forever. Amen.

<sup>1</sup> These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the  
Spirit.

# 1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

'For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we  
1 had to you, and how you turned to God Paul, Silvanus, and  
Timothy, To the

from idols to serve the living and true  
church of the Thessalonians in God the God, Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ: Grace

to you and peace from God our Father 1 0and to wait for His Son  
from heaven, and the Lord Jesus Christ. whom He raised from the  
dead, even 2 Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to

We give thanks to God always for you come.

all, making mention of you in our  
prayers,

3remembering without ceasing your 2 For you yourselves know,  
brethren,

work of faith, labor of love, and patience that our coming to you was  
not in vain.

of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the

sight of our God and Father, 2But even after we had suffered before

and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as

4 you know, we were bold in our God to knowing, beloved brethren,  
your

election by God. speak to you the gospel of God in much

conflict.

5For our gospel did not come to you in 3For our exhortation did not come from

word only, but also in power, and in the

Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as error or uncleanness, nor was it in

you know what kind of men we were deceit. among you for your sake.

4 But as we have been approved by God

6 to be entrusted with the gospel, even so And you became followers of us and of

the Lord, having received the word in we speak, not as pleasing men, but God

much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit, who tests our hearts.

7 5For neither at any time did we use so that you became examples to all in Macedonia and Achaia who believe. flattering words, as you know, nor a

cloak for covetousness--God is witness.

8For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth, not only in Macedonia 6 Nor did we seek glory from men, either

and Achaia, but also in every place. from you or from others, when we might

Your faith toward God has gone out, so have made demands as apostles of

that we do not need to say anything. Christ.

7 1 But we were gentle among you, just as 5who killed both the Lord Jesus and a nursing mother cherishes her own their own prophets, and have children. persecuted us; and they do not please

God and are contrary to all men,

8So, affectionately longing for you, we were well pleased to impart to you not 1 6 or bidding us to speak to the Gentiles only the gospel of God, but also our own that they may be saved, so as always to

lives, because you had become dear to fill up the measure of their sins; but

uS. wrath has come upon them to the

uttermost.

'For you remember, brethren, our labor 7But we, brethren, having been taken

and toil; for laboring night and day, that 1 we might not be a burden to any of you, away from you for a short time in

we preached to you the gospel of God. presence, not in heart, endeavored

more eagerly to see your face with great

10 ou are witnesses, and God also, how desire. devoutly and justly and blamelessly we

behaved ourselves among you who 18Therefore we wanted to come to you-- believe; even I, Paul, time and again--but Satan

hindered us.

11

as you know how we exhorted, and

comforted, and charged every one of 1' For what is our hope, or joy, or crown you, as a father does his own children, of rejoicing? Is it not even you in the

presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His

12 hat you would walk worthy of God coming?

who calls you into His own kingdom and 0For you are our glory and

joy. glory. 2

13For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you 3Therefore, when we could no longer

received the word of God which you endure it, we thought it good to be left in

heard from us, you welcomed it not as Athens alone, the word of men, but as it is in truth, the

word of God, which also effectively 2

and sent Timothy, our brother and

works in you who believe.

minister of God, and our fellow laborer

1 in the gospel of Christ, to establish you 4 For you, brethren, became imitators of and encourage you concerning your the churches of God which are in Judea faith, in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered

the same things from your own 3that no one should be shaken by these

countrymen, just as they did from the

afflictions; for you yourselves know that

Judeans,

we are appointed to this.

4For, in fact, we told you before when and Father at the coming of our Lord

we were with you that we would suffer Jesus Christ with all His saints. tribulation, just as it happened, and you

know.



5 4Finally then, brethren, we urge and

For this reason, when I could no longer

exhort in the Lord Jesus that you should  
endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest

abound more and more, just as you  
by some means the tempter had

received from us how you ought to walk  
tempted you, and our labor might be in

and to please God;  
vain.

2 for you know what commandments we  
6But now that Timothy has come to us

gave you through the Lord Jesus.  
from you, and brought us good news of

your faith and love, and that you always 3For this is the will of God,  
your have good remembrance of us, greatly sanctification: that you  
should abstain desiring to see us, as we also to see from sexual  
immorality; you--

7 that each of you should know how to 4

therefore, brethren, in all our affliction

and distress we were comforted possess his own vessel in  
sanctification

concerning you by your faith. and honor,

For now we live, if you stand fast in the s not in passion of lust, like the Gentiles

Lord. who do not know God;

6 that no one should take advantage of

'For what thanks can we render to God

for you, for all the joy with which we and defraud his brother in this matter,

rejoice for your sake before our God, because the Lord is the avenger of all

such, as we also forewarned you and

1 testified. Onight and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what 7

For God did not call us to uncleanness,

is lacking in your faith?

but in holiness.

11 Now may our God and Father Himself, 8

Therefore he who rejects this does not

and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our

reject man, but God, who has also given

way to you.

us His Holy Spirit.

And may the Lord make you increase 'But concerning brotherly love  
you have

and abound in love to one another and

no need that I should write to you, for

to all, just as we do to you,

you yourselves are taught by God to

<sup>1</sup> love one another; <sup>3</sup> so that He may establish your hearts blameless  
in holiness before our God <sup>10</sup>and indeed you do so toward all the  
brethren who are in all Macedonia. But <sup>5</sup>But concerning the times and  
the

we urge you, brethren, that you increase

seasons, brethren, you have no need

more and more;

that I should write to you.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> hat you also aspire to lead a quiet life,

<sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know perfectly that

to mind your own business, and to work

the day of the Lord so comes as a thief

with your own hands, as we

in the night.

commanded you,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For when they say, "Peace and safety!" <sup>2</sup> hat you may walk  
properly toward

then sudden destruction comes upon  
those who are outside, and that you  
them, as labor pains upon a pregnant  
may lack nothing. woman. And they shall not escape.

<sup>13</sup>But I do not want you to be ignorant,

<sup>4</sup> But you, brethren, are not in darkness,  
brethren, concerning those who have  
so that this Day should overtake you as  
fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others  
a thief.

who have no hope.

<sup>1</sup> For if we believe that Jesus died and <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>You are all sons of light and  
sons of the

day. We are not of the night nor of  
rose again, even so God will bring with  
darkness.

Him those who sleep in Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> For this we say to you by the word of <sup>5</sup> <sup>6</sup>Therefore let us not sleep, as  
others do,

but let us watch and be sober.

the Lord, that we who are alive and

remain until the coming of the Lord will <sup>7</sup> by no means precede those  
who are For those who sleep, sleep at night,

asleep. and those who get drunk are drunk at

night.

<sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of <sup>8</sup>But let us who are of the day be sober,

an archangel, and with the trumpet of putting on the breastplate of faith and

God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. love, and as a helmet the hope of

salvation.

<sup>17</sup>

Then we who are alive and remain 'For God did not appoint us to wrath, but

shall be caught up together with them in

the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. to obtain salvation through our Lord

And thus we shall always be with the Jesus Christ,

Lord. <sup>10</sup>who died for us, that whether we wake

<sup>18</sup>Therefore comfort one another with or sleep, we should live together with

these words. Him.

<sup>1 1</sup> 1Therefore comfort each other and ' Do not quench the Spirit.

edify one another, just as you also are

doing. <sup>2 0</sup>Do not despise prophecies.

<sup>1 2</sup> 2 And we urge you, brethren, to <sup>1</sup>Test all things; hold fast what is good. recognize those who labor among you,

and are over you in the Lord and <sup>2</sup> 2 Abstain from every form of evil.  
admonish you,

<sup>2</sup> 3 Now may the God of peace Himself

<sup>h</sup> and to esteem them very highly in love

for their work's sake. Be at peace sanctify you completely; and may  
your

whole spirit, soul, and body be

among yourselves.

preserved blameless at the coming of

<sup>1</sup> our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those  
who are unruly, comfort the <sup>2</sup> 4

He who calls you is faithful, who also

fainthearted, uphold the weak, be

will do it.

patient with all.

<sup>2</sup> 5 Brethren, pray for us.

<sup>15</sup>

See that no one renders evil for evil to

anyone, but always pursue what is good <sup>2</sup> 6 Greet all the brethren with  
a holy kiss. both for yourselves and for all.

<sup>1</sup> 7 charge you by the Lord that this <sup>6</sup> 2

Rejoice always,

epistle be read to all the holy brethren.

<sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

<sup>1</sup> with you. Amen. <sup>8</sup>in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

# 2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Thessalonica

"These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the

1 presence of the Lord and from the glory Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the

of His power,

church of the Thessalonians in God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: 1 0when He comes, in that Day, to be 2 glorified in His saints and to be admired

Grace to you and peace from God our among all those who believe, because

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

our testimony among you was believed.

3We are bound to thank God always for 1 1Therefore we also pray always for you you, brethren, as it is fitting, because that our God would count you worthy of your faith grows exceedingly, and the this calling, and fulfill all the good love of every one of you all abounds pleasure of His goodness and the work toward each other, of faith with power,

4so that we ourselves boast of you 2

1 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

among the churches of God for your may be glorified in you, and you in Him,

patience and faith in all your according to the grace of our God and persecutions and tribulations that you the Lord Jesus Christ. endure,



which is manifest evidence of the

2Now, brethren, concerning the

righteous judgment of God, that you

may be counted worthy of the kingdom coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our

of God, for which you also suffer; gathering together to Him, we ask you,

2 not to be soon shaken in mind or

6since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble troubled, either by spirit or by word or by

you, letter, as if from us, as though the day of

Christ had come.

7and to give you who are troubled rest 3Let no one deceive you by any means;

with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed

from heaven with His mighty angels, for that Day will not come unless the

falling away comes first, and the man of

8 sin is revealed, the son of perdition, in flaming fire taking vengeance on

those who do not know God, and on 4 who opposes and exalts himself above those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. all that is called God or that is worshiped,

so that he sits as God in the temple of

God, showing himself that he is God.

51 Do you not remember that when I was 5Therefore, brethren, stand fast and still with you I told you these things? hold the traditions which you were

taught, whether by word or our epistle.

6And now you know what is restraining,

1 6

that he may be revealed in his own time. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ

Himself, and our God and Father, who

7 has loved us and given us everlasting For the mystery of lawlessness is

already at work; only He who now consolation and good hope by grace,

restrains will do so until He is taken out

of the way. 1 7comfort your hearts and establish you

in every good word and work.

'And then the lawless one will be

revealed, whom the Lord will consume

with the breath of His mouth and destroy 3Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the

with the brightness of His coming. word of the Lord may run swiftly and be

glorified, just as it is with you,

'The coming of the lawless one is

according to the working of Satan, with 2 and that we may be delivered from all power, signs, and lying wonders, unreasonable and wicked men; for not

all have faith.

10

and with all unrighteous deception

among those who perish, because they 3But the Lord is faithful, who will

did not receive the love of the truth, that establish you and guard you from the

they might be saved. evil one.

11 And for this reason God will send them 4And we have confidence in the Lord strong delusion, that they should believe concerning you, both that you do and

the lie, will do the things we command you.

12 hat they all may be condemned who

5Now may the Lord direct your hearts

did not believe the truth but had into the love of God and into the pleasure in unrighteousness. patience of Christ.

13But we are bound to give thanks to

6 But we command you, brethren, in the

God always for you, brethren beloved by name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you

the Lord, because God from the withdraw from every brother who walks

beginning chose you for salvation disorderly and not according to the through sanctification by the Spirit and tradition which he received from us. belief in the truth,

4 which He called you by our gospel, 7For you yourselves know how you

ought to follow us, for we were not

for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord disorderly among you; Jesus Christ.

8 1 nor did we eat anyone's bread free of 3But as for you, brethren, do not grow charge, but worked with labor and toil weary in doing good. night and day, that we might not be a

burden to any of you, 14And if anyone does not obey our word

in this epistle, note that person and do

'not because we do not have authority, not keep company with him, that he may

but to make ourselves an example of be ashamed. how you should follow us.

15 et do not count him as an enemy, but

10For even when we were with you, we admonish him as a brother.

commanded you this: If anyone will not

work, neither shall he eat. 1 6Now may the Lord of peace Himself

1 The Lord be with you all. 1For we hear that there are some who give you peace always in every way.

walk among you in a disorderly manner,

not working at all, but are busybodies. 1 7The salutation of Paul with my own

hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so

Now those who are such we command I write.

and exhort through our Lord Jesus

Christ that they work in quietness and 18The grace of our Lord Jesus  
Christ be eat their own bread. with you all. Amen.

# Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Galatia

10

For do I now persuade men, or God?

Or do I seek to please men? For if I still

1 pleased men, I would not be a Paul, an apostle (not from men nor

bondservant of Christ.

through man, but through Jesus Christ

and God the Father who raised Him 1 1But I make known to you,  
brethren, from the dead),

that the gospel which was preached by

2 me is not according to man.

and all the brethren who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia: 1 2For I neither received it from man, nor

3Grace to you and peace from God the was I taught it, but it came  
through the

revelation of Jesus Christ.

Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,

13For you have heard of my former  
4who gave Himself for our sins, that He

conduct in Judaism, how I persecuted  
might deliver us from this present evil

the church of God beyond measure and  
age, according to the will of our God and tried to destroy it. Father,

14

s And I advanced in Judaism beyond  
to whom be glory forever and ever. many of my contemporaries in my  
own

Amen.

nation, being more exceedingly zealous  
6 for the traditions of my fathers.

1 marvel that you are turning away so  
soon from Him who called you in the 1 5But when it pleased God, who  
grace of Christ, to a different gospel, separated me from my mother's  
womb

7 and called me through His grace,  
which is not another; but there are  
some who trouble you and want to 1 6

to reveal His Son in me, that I might  
pervert the gospel of Christ.

preach Him among the Gentiles, I did  
8 not immediately confer with flesh and  
But even if we, or an angel from blood,

heaven, preach any other gospel to you

than what we have preached to you, let <sup>1</sup> 7nor did I go up to  
Jerusalem to those him be accursed.

who were apostles before me; but I went

to Arabia, and returned again to

'As we have said before, so now I say Damascus. again, if anyone  
preaches any other

gospel to you than what you have <sup>18</sup>

Then after three years I went up to

received, let him be accursed.

Jerusalem to see Peter, and remained

with him fifteen days.

<sup>1</sup> s 9But I saw none of the other apostles to whom we did not yield  
submission

except James, the Lord's brother. even for an hour, that the truth of  
the

gospel might continue with you.

<sup>20</sup>(Now concerning the things which I write to you, indeed, before  
God, I do <sup>6</sup>But from those who seemed to be not lie.) something--  
whatever they were, it

makes no difference to me; God shows

<sup>21</sup>Afterward I went into the regions of personal favoritism to no man--  
for those

Syria and Cilicia. who seemed to be something added

nothing to me.

<sup>22</sup> And I was unknown by face to the <sup>7</sup> churches of Judea which were  
in Christ. But on the contrary, when they saw that



the gospel for the uncircumcised had

23But they were hearing only, "He who been committed to me, as the  
gospel for

the circumcised was to Peter

formerly persecuted us now preaches

the faith which he once tried to destroy." 8 (for He who worked  
effectively in Peter

24And they glorified God in me.

for the apostleship to the circumcised

also worked effectively in me toward the

Gentiles),

2Then after fourteen years I went up 'and when James, Cephas, and  
John,

again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, and who seemed to be pillars,  
perceived the

also took Titus with me. grace that had been given to me, they

gave me and Barnabas the right hand of

2And I went up by revelation, and fellowship, that we should go to the

communicated to them that gospel Gentiles and they to the  
circumcised.

which I preach among the Gentiles, but

privately to those who were of reputation, 1 0They desired only that  
we should lest by any means I might run, or had remember the poor,  
the very thing which

run, in vain. I also was eager to do.

3<sup>1</sup> Yet not even Titus who was with me, Now when Peter had come to Antioch, being a Greek, was compelled to be I withstood him to his face, because he

circumcised. was to be blamed;

4<sup>1</sup> And this occurred because of false 2 or before certain men came from brethren secretly brought in (who came James, he would eat with the Gentiles;

in by stealth to spy out our liberty which but when they came, he withdrew and

we have in Christ Jesus, that they might separated himself, fearing those who

bring us into bondage), were of the circumcision.

13 And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even TO foolish Galatians! Who has Barnabas was carried away with their

bewitched you that you should not obey

hypocrisy.

the truth, before whose eyes Jesus

1 Christ was clearly portrayed among you 4 But when I saw that they were not as crucified?

straightforward about the truth of the

gospel, I said to Peter before them all, 2

This only I want to learn from you: Did

"If you, being a Jew, live in the manner

you receive the Spirit by the works of

of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do the law, or by the hearing of faith? you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?

1 3Are you so foolish? Having begun in 5 We who are Jews by nature,  
and not the Spirit, are you now being made sinners of the Gentiles,  
perfect by the flesh?

16knowing that a man is not justified by

4 Have you suffered so many things in

the works of the law but by faith in Jesus vain--if indeed it was in  
vain? Christ, even we have believed in Christ

Jesus, that we might be justified by faith 5Therefore He who supplies  
the Spirit to in Christ and not by the works of the you and works  
miracles among you, law; for by the works of the law no flesh does He  
do it by the works of the law, or shall be justified. by the hearing of  
faith?--

1 7 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are  
found 6just as Abraham "believed God, and it

sinners, is Christ therefore a minister of was accounted to him for

righteousness."

sin? Certainly not!

1 Therefore know that only those who are

8For if I build again those things which I 7

of faith are sons of Abraham.

destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

9For I through the law died to the law 8And the Scripture, foreseeing  
that God

would justify the Gentiles by faith,  
that I might live to God.

preached the gospel to Abraham

2 beforehand, saying, "In you all the 0a have been crucified with  
Christ; it is

nations shall be blessed."

no longer I who live, but Christ lives in

me; and the life which I now live in the 'So then those who are of faith  
are

flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,

blessed with believing Abraham.

who loved me and gave Himself for me.

2

1a do not set aside the grace of God; for 1 0For as many as are of the  
works of the

law are under the curse; for it is written,  
if righteousness comes through the law,

"Cursed is everyone who does not  
then Christ died in vain."

continue in all things which are written in come to whom the promise  
was made;

the book of the law, to do them." and it was appointed through angels

by

the hand of a mediator.

11

But that no one is justified by the law

2 0

in the sight of God is evident, for "the Now a mediator does not mediate for

just shall live by faith." one only, but God is one.

1 2 2 1 s the law then against the promises of

Yet the law is not of faith, but "the man

who does them shall live by them." God? Certainly not! For if there had

been a law given which could have

13Christ has redeemed us from the given life, truly righteousness would

curse of the law, having become a curse have been by the law.

for us (for it is written, "Cursed is 2But the Scripture has confined all everyone who hangs on a tree" ), 2

under sin, that the promise by faith in

14 hat the blessing of Abraham might Jesus Christ might be given to those

come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, who believe. that we might receive the promise of the

Spirit through faith. 2 3But before faith came, we were kept

under guard by the law, kept for the faith

<sup>15</sup>Brethren, I speak in the manner of which would afterward be revealed. men: Though it is only a man's covenant,

yet if it is confirmed, no one annuls or <sup>2</sup> 4

Therefore the law was our tutor to  
adds to it. bring us to Christ, that we might be  
justified by faith.

<sup>16</sup>

Now to Abraham and his Seed were

<sup>2</sup> 5

the promises made. He does not say, But after faith has come, we are  
no

"And to seeds," as of many, but as of longer under a tutor. one, "And to  
your Seed," who is Christ.

<sup>2</sup> 6For you are all sons of God through

<sup>17</sup>And this I say, that the law, which was faith in Christ Jesus.

four hundred and thirty years later,

cannot annul the covenant that was <sup>2</sup> 7For as many of you as were  
baptized confirmed before by God in Christ, that it into Christ have  
put on Christ. should make the promise of no effect.

<sup>2</sup> 8

<sup>1</sup> There is neither Jew nor Greek, there <sup>8</sup>For if the inheritance is of the  
law, it is

is neither slave nor free, there is neither  
no longer of promise; but God gave it to male nor female; for you are  
all one in

Abraham by promise. Christ Jesus.

<sup>19</sup>What purpose then does the law if you are Christ's, then you are

2 ' And

serve? It was added because of Abraham's seed, and heirs according to transgressions, till the Seed should the promise.

1 I am afraid for you, lest I have labored

4 Now I say that the heir, as long as he for you in vain.

is a child, does not differ at all from a 1 2 Brethren, I urge you to become like me, slave, though he is master of all,

for I became like you. You have not

2 injured me at all.

but is under guardians and stewards

until the time appointed by the father. 1 3 ou know that because of physical

3 Even so we, when we were children, infirmity I preached the gospel to you at

the first.

were in bondage under the elements of

the world. 1 4 And my trial which was in my flesh you 4 did not despise or reject, but you

But when the fullness of the time had

received me as an angel of God, even

come, God sent forth His Son, born of a

woman, born under the law, as Christ Jesus.

<sup>1</sup> 5What then was the blessing you

sto redeem those who were under the

enjoyed? For I bear you witness that, if

law, that we might receive the adoption

as sons. possible, you would have plucked out

your own eyes and given them to me.

<sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has <sup>6</sup>Have I therefore become your enemy

<sup>1</sup>

sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your

hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" because I tell you the truth?

<sup>1</sup> 7

<sup>7</sup> They zealously court you, but for no

Therefore you are no longer a slave but

good; yes, they want to exclude you,

a son, and if a son, then an heir of God

through Christ. that you may be zealous for them.

<sup>18</sup>But it is good to be zealous in a good

<sup>8</sup>But then, indeed, when you did not know God, you served those which by thing always, and not only when I am

nature are not gods. present with you.

<sup>1</sup> ' My little children, for whom I labor in



'But now after you have known God, or

birth again until Christ is formed in you,  
rather are known by God, how is it that

you turn again to the weak and beggarly 2 Oa would like to be present  
with you now elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?  
and to change my tone; for I have

doubts about you.

10 You observe days and months and 2 seasons and years. Tell me, you  
who desire to be under 1

the law, do you not hear the law?

22

For it is written that Abraham had two  
sons: the one by a bondwoman, the 5Stand fast therefore in the liberty  
by  
other by a freewoman.

which Christ has made us free, and do

2 not be entangled again with a yoke of 3 But he who was of the  
bondwoman bondage.

was born according to the flesh, and he  
of the freewoman through promise, 2

Indeed I, Paul, say to you that if you

2 become circumcised, Christ will profit 4 which things are symbolic.  
For these you nothing.

are the two covenants: the one from

Mount Sinai which gives birth to 3And I testify again to every man  
who

bondage, which is Hagar--

becomes circumcised that he is a debtor

2 to keep the whole law. 5 or this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and  
corresponds to Jerusalem which 4

You have become estranged from  
now is, and is in bondage with her

Christ, you who attempt to be justified  
children--

by law; you have fallen from grace.

26but the Jerusalem above is free, which

5For we through the Spirit eagerly wait  
is the mother of us all.

for the hope of righteousness by faith.

27 For it is written: "Rejoice, O barren, 6 For in Christ Jesus neither  
circumcision You who do not bear! Break forth and nor  
uncircumcision avails anything, but

shout, You who are not in labor! For the

faith working through love.

desolate has many more children Than

she who has a husband." 7

You ran well. Who hindered you from

2 obeying the truth?

' Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are

children of promise. 8 This persuasion does not come from

2 Him who calls you. '

But, as he who was born according to  
the flesh then persecuted him who was 9 born according to the Spirit,  
even so it is A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

now. 1 0a have confidence in you, in the Lord,

30 Nevertheless what does the Scripture that you will have no other  
mind; but he

who troubles you shall bear his

say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her

son, for the son of the bondwoman shall judgment, whoever he is.

not be heir with the son of the 11 And I, brethren, if I still preach  
freewoman."

circumcision, why do I still suffer

31 persecution? Then the offense of the So then, brethren, we are not  
children

of the bondwoman but of the free. cross has ceased.

1 2 2 could wish that those who trouble you 2

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy,

would even cut themselves off! peace, longsuffering, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness,

<sup>13</sup>For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>gentleness, self-control. Against such opportunity for the flesh, but through there is no law. love serve one another.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

And those who are Christ's have

<sup>14</sup>

For all the law is fulfilled in one word, crucified the flesh with its passions and

even in this: "You shall love your desires. neighbor as yourself."

<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup> we live in the Spirit, let us also walk

<sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, in the Spirit. beware lest you be consumed by one

another! <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>Let us not become conceited,

provoking one another, envying one

<sup>16a</sup> say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you another. shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup>For the flesh lusts against the Spirit,

<sup>6</sup>Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any

and the Spirit against the flesh; and trespass, you who are spiritual restore

these are contrary to one another, so such a one in a spirit of gentleness,

that you do not do the things that you

considering yourself lest you also be

wish. tempted.

<sup>1</sup>' But if you are led by the Spirit, you are Bear one another's burdens,  
and so

2

not under the law. fulfill the law of Christ.

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are evident, <sup>3</sup>For if anyone thinks  
himself to be

which are: adultery, fornication, something, when he is nothing, he  
uncleanness, lewdness, deceives himself.

<sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, <sup>4</sup> But let each one examine  
his own work, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish and then he will  
have rejoicing in himself

ambitions, dissensions, heresies, alone, and not in another.

<sup>21</sup>envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, <sup>5</sup> For each one shall bear his  
own load. and the like; of which I tell you

beforehand, just as I also told you in <sup>6</sup>Let him who is taught the word  
share in

time past, that those who practice such

all good things with him who teaches.

things will not inherit the kingdom of

God.

<sup>71</sup> Do not be deceived, God is not <sup>3</sup>For not even those who are  
mocked; for whatever a man sows, that circumcised keep the law, but  
they

he will also reap. desire to have you circumcised that they  
may boast in your flesh.

8For he who sows to his flesh will of the

1 4

flesh reap corruption, but he who sows But God forbid that I should  
boast

to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap except in the cross of our Lord  
Jesus

everlasting life. Christ, by whom the world has been

crucified to me, and I to the world.

'And let us not grow weary while doing 5For in Christ Jesus neither

good, for in due season we shall reap if 1 we do not lose heart.  
circumcision nor uncircumcision avails

anything, but a new creation.

10Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially  
to those 1 6And as many as walk according to this who are of the  
household of faith. rule, peace and mercy be upon them,

and upon the Israel of God.

11

See with what large letters I have

17

written to you with my own hand! From now on let no one trouble  
me, for

I bear in my body the marks of the Lord

12 Jesus.

As many as desire to make a good

showing in the flesh, these would

compel you to be circumcised, only that 18Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus they may not suffer persecution for the Christ be with your spirit. Amen. cross of Christ.

# 1st Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

10

Now I plead with you, brethren, by the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you

1 all speak the same thing, and that there Paul, called to be an apostle  
of Jesus

be no divisions among you, but that you  
Christ through the will of God, and be perfectly joined together in the  
same

Sosthenes our brother, mind and in the same judgment.

2To the church of God which is at 1

1 For it has been declared to me

Corinth, to those who are sanctified in concerning you, my brethren,  
by those

Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all of Chloe's household, that  
there are

who in every place call on the name of contentions among you. Jesus  
Christ our Lord, both theirs and

ours: 12Now I say this, that each of you says,

3Grace to you and peace from God our "I am of Paul," or "I am of  
Apollos," or "I

am of Cephas," or "I am of Christ."



Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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4 s Christ divided? Was Paul crucified

1 thank my God always concerning you

for you? Or were you baptized in the

for the grace of God which was given to

name of Paul?

you by Christ Jesus,

14a thank God that I baptized none of you

that you were enriched in everything by except Crispus and Gaius,  
Him in all utterance and all knowledge,

1 5 est anyone should say that I had

even as the testimony of Christ was baptized in my own name.  
confirmed in you,

1 6 es, I also baptized the household of

7so that you come short in no gift,

Stephanas. Besides, I do not know

eagerly waiting for the revelation of our

whether I baptized any other.

Lord Jesus Christ,

1 7For Christ did not send me to baptize,

8who will also confirm you to the end,

but to preach the gospel, not with

that you may be blameless in the day of

wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ

our Lord Jesus Christ.

should be made of no effect.

God is faithful, by whom you were <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For the message of the cross is

called into the fellowship of His Son,

foolishness to those who are perishing,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

but to us who are being saved it is the

power of God.

<sup>19</sup>For it is written: "I will destroy the chosen, and the things which are  
not, to

wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing bring to nothing the things  
that are, the understanding of the prudent."

<sup>2</sup> ' that no flesh should glory in His

<sup>20</sup>

Where is the wise? Where is the presence.

scribe? Where is the disputer of this

age? Has not God made foolish the <sup>30</sup> But of Him you are in Christ  
Jesus, wisdom of this world? who became for us wisdom from God--

<sup>2</sup> and redemption--

1For since, in the wisdom of God, the and righteousness and sanctification

world through wisdom did not know God,

it pleased God through the foolishness 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, of the message preached to save those let him glory in the LORD." who believe.

22For Jews request a sign, and Greeks 2 And I, brethren, when I came to you, seek after wisdom;

did not come with excellence of speech

2 or of wisdom declaring to you the 3but we preach Christ crucified, to the

testimony of God.

Jews a stumbling block and to the

Greeks foolishness, 2

For I determined not to know anything

2 among you except Jesus Christ and Him 4

but to those who are called, both Jews crucified.

and Greeks, Christ the power of God

and the wisdom of God. Al was with you in weakness, in fear, and

2 in much trembling. 5Because the foolishness of God is

God is stronger than men. And my speech and my preaching were wiser than men, and the weakness of 4

not with persuasive words of human

2 wisdom, but in demonstration of the 6 For you see your calling,  
brethren, that

Spirit and of power,

not many wise according to the flesh,

not many mighty, not many noble, are s that your faith should not be  
in the called. wisdom of men but in the power of God.

27 But God has chosen the foolish things 6 of the world to put to shame  
the wise, However, we speak wisdom among

and God has chosen the weak things of those who are mature, yet not  
the

the world to put to shame the things wisdom of this age, nor of the  
rulers of

this age, who are coming to nothing.

which are mighty;

2' and the base things of the world and the things which are despised  
God has 7 1 But we speak the wisdom of God in a 6 For "who has known  
the mind of the mystery, the hidden wisdom which God LORD that he  
may instruct Him?" But

ordained before the ages for our glory, we have the mind of Christ.

swich none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they  
would 3 And I, brethren, could not speak to

not have crucified the Lord of glory.

you as to spiritual people but as to

carnal, as to babes in Christ.

'But as it is written: "Eye has not seen,

nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the 2

1 fed you with milk and not with solid

heart of man The things which God has

food; for until now you were not able to

prepared for those who love Him."

receive it, and even now you are still not

1 able; 0But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the  
Spirit 3

for you are still carnal. For where there

searches all things, yes, the deep things

are envy, strife, and divisions among

of God.

you, are you not carnal and behaving

1 like mere men? 1 For what man knows the things of a man except  
the spirit of the man which 4

For when one says, "I am of Paul," and

is in him? Even so no one knows the

another, "I am of Apollos," are you not

things of God except the Spirit of God.

carnal?

Now we have received, not the spirit of <sup>5</sup>

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos,  
the world, but the Spirit who is from God,

but ministers through whom you  
that we might know the things that have

believed, as the Lord gave to each one?  
been freely given to us by God.

<sup>1</sup> I I planted, Apollos watered, but God <sup>3</sup> These things we also speak,  
not in

words which man's wisdom teaches but gave the increase. which the  
Holy Spirit teaches, <sup>7</sup> comparing spiritual things with spiritual. So then  
neither he who plants is

anything, nor he who waters, but God

<sup>14</sup> who gives the increase.

But the natural man does not receive

the things of the Spirit of God, for they <sup>8</sup> are foolishness to him; nor  
can he know Now he who plants and he who waters

them, because they are spiritually are one, and each one will receive  
his

discerned. own reward according to his own labor.

<sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, For we are God's fellow  
workers; you

yet he himself is rightly judged by no are God's field, you are God's  
building.

one.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 0According to the grace of God which <sup>0</sup>and again, "The LORD knows the was given to me, as a wise master thoughts of the wise, that they are

builder I have laid the foundation, and futile." another builds on it. But let each one

take heed how he builds on it. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Therefore let no one boast in men. For

all things are yours:

<sup>1</sup>1

For no other foundation can anyone

lay than that which is laid, which is <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or Jesus Christ. the world or life or death, or things

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup>Now if anyone builds on this present or things to come--all are yours.

foundation with gold, silver, precious <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>And you are Christ's, and Christ is stones, wood, hay, straw, God's.

<sup>1</sup>3 each one's

work will become clear; for

the Day will declare it, because it will be <sup>4</sup>Let a man so consider us, as revealed by fire; and the fire will test

servants of Christ and stewards of the

each one's work, of what sort it is.

mysteries of God.

<sup>1</sup>4 anyone's work which he has built on

<sup>2</sup> Moreover it is required in stewards that

it endures, he will receive a reward.

one be found faithful.

<sup>15</sup> anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I

should be judged by you or by a human

yet so as through fire.

court. In fact, I do not even judge myself.

<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are the <sup>4</sup> temple of God and that the Spirit of God For I know of nothing against myself,

dwells in you? yet I am not justified by this; but He who

judges me is the Lord.

<sup>17</sup> anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of <sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing before the time,

God is holy, which temple you are. until the Lord comes, who will both bring

to light the hidden things of darkness

<sup>1</sup> and reveal the counsels of the hearts. <sup>8</sup>Let no one deceive himself. If anyone

Then each one's praise will come from

among you seems to be wise in this age, God. let him become a fool that he may

become wise. <sup>6</sup>

Now these things, brethren, I have



<sup>1</sup> figuratively transferred to myself and ' For

the wisdom of this world is Apollos for your sakes, that you may foolishness with God. For it is written,

learn in us not to think beyond what is

"He catches the wise in their own

written, that none of you may be puffed craftiness";

up on behalf of one against the other.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> For who makes you differ from <sup>6</sup> Therefore I urge you, imitate me. another? And what do you have that you

did not receive? Now if you did indeed <sup>17</sup>

For this reason I have sent Timothy to

receive it, why do you boast as if you you, who is my beloved and faithful son

had not received it? in the Lord, who will remind you of my

ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in

<sup>8</sup> You are already full! You are already every church. rich! You have reigned as kings without

us--and indeed I could wish you did <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>

Now some are puffed up, as though I

reign, that we also might reign with you! were not coming to you.

For I think that God has displayed us, <sup>1</sup> ' But I will come to you shortly, if the

the apostles, last, as men condemned to Lord wills, and I will know, not the word

death; for we have been made a of those who are puffed up, but the

spectacle to the world, both to angels power. and to men.

20For the kingdom of God is not in word

10

We are fools for Christ's sake, but you but in power.

are wise in Christ! We are weak, but you

are strong! You are distinguished, but 2 1What do you want? Shall I  
come to we are dishonored! you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of

1 gentleness? 1To the present hour we both hunger and thirst, and we  
are poorly clothed,

and beaten, and homeless.

5It is actually reported that there is

12And we labor, working with our own sexual immorality among you,  
and such

sexual immorality as is not even named

hands. Being reviled, we bless; being

among the Gentiles--that a man has his

persecuted, we endure;

father's wife!

13 being defamed, we entreat. We have 2

And you are puffed up, and have not

been made as the filth of the world, the

rather mourned, that he who has done

offscouring of all things until now.

this deed might be taken away from

1 among you. 4a do not write these things to shame

you, but as my beloved children I warn 3For I indeed, as absent in  
body but you. present in spirit, have already judged

1 (as though I were present) him who has 5For though you might have  
ten

so done this deed.

thousand instructors in Christ, yet you

do not have many fathers; for in Christ 4

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Jesus I have begotten you through the

when you are gathered together, along

gospel.

with my spirit, with the power of our Lord 13But those who are  
outside God judges. Jesus Christ, Therefore "put away from yourselves  
the

evil person."

sdeliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his  
spirit

may be saved in the day of the Lord 6Dare any of you, having a  
matter Jesus.

against another, go to law before the

unrighteous, and not before the saints?

6Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven  
leavens the 2

Do you not know that the saints will  
whole lump?

judge the world? And if the world will be  
7 judged by you, are you unworthy to  
Therefore purge out the old leaven, that judge the smallest matters?  
you may be a new lump, since you truly  
are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our 3

Do you not know that we shall judge  
Passover, was sacrificed for us.

angels? How much more, things that  
pertain to this life?

'Therefore let us keep the feast, not with  
old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice 4

If then you have judgments concerning  
and wickedness, but with the

things pertaining to this life, do you  
unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

appoint those who are least esteemed  
by the church to judge?

'I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep  
company with sexually immoral people. 5

1 say this to your shame. Is it so, that

1 there is not a wise man among you, not 0 Yet I certainly did not  
mean with the even one, who will be able to judge

sexually immoral people of this world, or between his brethren? with the covetous, or extortioners, or

idolaters, since then you would need to 6But brother goes to law against brother,

go out of the world.

and that before unbelievers!

11But now I have written to you not to

7Now therefore, it is already an utter

keep company with anyone named a

failure for you that you go to law against

brother, who is sexually immoral, or

covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a accept wrong? Why do you not rather let one another. Why do you not rather

drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to yourselves be cheated? eat with such a person.

1 For what have I to do with judging 2 8No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat,

and you do these things to your

those also who are outside? Do you not

brethren!

judge those who are inside?

'Do you not know that the unrighteous

will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor who commits sexual immorality sins

idolaters, nor adulterers, nor against his own body. homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1' Or do you not know that your body is

10

nor thieves, nor covetous, nor the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in

drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners you, whom you have from God, and you

will inherit the kingdom of God. are not your own?

1 2 10

And such were some of you. But you For you were bought at a price;

were washed, but you were sanctified, therefore glorify God in your body and in

but you were justified in the name of the your spirit, which are God's. Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

12All things are lawful for me, but all

7Now concerning the things of which

things are not helpful. All things are you wrote to me: It is good for a man not

lawful for me, but I will not be brought

to touch a woman.

under the power of any.

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3Foods for the stomach and the 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual

immorality, let each man have his own  
stomach for foods, but God will destroy  
wife, and let each woman have her own  
both it and them. Now the body is not for  
husband.

sexual immorality but for the Lord, and

the Lord for the body. 3Let the husband render to his wife the  
1 affection due her, and likewise also the 4

And God both raised up the Lord and  
wife to her husband.  
will also raise us up by His power.

1 Do you not know that your bodies are her own body, but the  
husband does.

5 4 The wife does not have authority over

members of Christ? Shall I then take the And likewise the husband  
does not have

members of Christ and make them authority over his own body, but  
the wife

members of a harlot? Certainly not! does.

16 Or do you not know that he who is 5Do not deprive one another  
except with joined to a harlot is one body with her? consent for a  
time, that you may give

For "the two," He says, "shall become yourselves to fasting and prayer;

and

one flesh." come together again so that Satan does

1 not tempt you because of your lack of 7 But he who is joined to the Lord is one self-control.

spirit with Him.

1 6But I say this as a concession, not as a

' Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that commandment.

a man does is outside the body, but he 7 1 For I wish that all men were even as I 6For how do you know, O wife, whether myself. But each one has his own gift you will save your husband? Or how do

from God, one in this manner and you know, O husband, whether you will

another in that. save your wife?

8 1 7

But I say to the unmarried and to the But as God has distributed to each

widows: It is good for them if they one, as the Lord has called each one,

remain even as I am; so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the

churches.

'but if they cannot exercise self-control, 8Was anyone called while circumcised?

let them marry. For it is better to marry 1 than to burn with passion. Let him not become uncircumcised.

Was anyone called while



<sup>10</sup>Now to the married I command, yet not uncircumcised? Let him not be

I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart circumcised. from her husband.

<sup>1</sup> Circumcision is nothing and

<sup>11</sup> uncircumcision is nothing, but keeping

But even if she does depart, let her

remain unmarried or be reconciled to the commandments of God is what

her husband. And a husband is not to matters.

divorce his wife. <sup>0</sup>Let each one remain in the same

<sup>2</sup>

<sup>12</sup> calling in which he was called.

But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If

any brother has a wife who does not

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

believe, and she is willing to live with Were you called while a slave? Do not

him, let him not divorce her. be concerned about it; but if you can be

made free, rather use it.

<sup>13</sup>

And a woman who has a husband who <sup>2</sup>For he who is called in the Lord while

does not believe, if he is willing to live <sup>2</sup> with her, let her not divorce him. a slave is the Lord's freedman. Likewise

he who is called while free is Christ's

<sup>14</sup>For the unbelieving husband is slave.

sanctified by the wife, and the 3 of you were bought at a price; do not

unbelieving wife is sanctified by the 2 husband; otherwise your children would become slaves of men. be unclean, but now they are holy.

24 Brethren, let each one remain with

15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him be in that state in which he was called.

depart; a brother or a sister is not under

bondage in such cases. But God has 2 5 Now concerning virgins: I have no commandment from the Lord; yet I give

judgment as one whom the Lord in His

mercy has made trustworthy.

26 I suppose therefore that this is good 35 And this I say for your own profit, not

because of the present distress--that it may be that I may put a leash on you, but for

is good for a man to remain as he is: what is proper, and that you may serve

the Lord without distraction.

27

Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek

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to be loosed. Are you loosed from a wife? But if any man thinks he is behaving

as a wife? Do not seek a wife. Improperly toward his virgin, if she is

past the flower of youth, and thus it must

2 be, let him do what he wishes. He does not. But even if you do marry,

you have not

sinned; and if a virgin marries, she has not sin; let them marry. not  
sinned. Nevertheless such will have

37

trouble in the flesh, but I would spare Nevertheless he who stands  
steadfast you. in his heart, having no necessity, but

has power over his own will, and has so

<sup>2</sup> determined in his heart that he will keep ' But this I say, brethren,  
the time is

short, so that from now on even those his virgin, does well.

they had none, <sup>38</sup> So then he who gives her in marriage who have  
wives should be as though

does well, but he who does not give her

<sup>30</sup> those who weep as though they did in marriage does better. not  
weep, those who rejoice as though

they did not rejoice, those who buy as <sup>3'</sup> A wife is bound by law as  
long as her

though they did not possess, husband lives; but if her husband dies,

she is at liberty to be married to whom

<sup>31</sup> she wishes, only in the Lord. and those who use this world as not  
misusing it. For the form of this world is

passing away. <sup>4</sup> <sup>0</sup> But she is happier if she remains as

she is, according to my judgment--and I

<sup>32</sup> But I want you to be without care. He think I also have the Spirit of  
God. who is unmarried cares for the things of

the Lord--how he may please the Lord.

33But he who is married cares about the idols: We know that we all have 8Now concerning things offered to

things of the world--how he may please knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but

his wife. love edifies.

3 2 4 There is a difference between a wife And if anyone thinks that he knows and a virgin. The unmarried woman anything, he knows nothing yet as he

cares about the things of the Lord, that ought to know. she may be holy both in body and in

spirit. But she who is married cares 3But if anyone loves God, this one is

about the things of the world--how she

known by Him.

may please her husband.

4 1 Therefore concerning the eating of 3Therefore, if food makes my brother things offered to idols, we know that an stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest

idol is nothing in the world, and that I make my brother stumble. there is no other God but one.

5For even if there are so-called gods, 9Am I not an apostle? Am I not free?

whether in heaven or on earth (as there Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord?

are many gods and many lords), Are you not my work in the Lord?

6yet for us there is one God, the Father, If I am not an apostle to others, yet

of whom are all things, and we for Him; doubtless I am to you. For you are the

and one Lord Jesus Christ, through seal of my apostleship in the Lord. whom are all things, and through whom

we live. 3

My defense to those who examine me

7 is this:

However, there is not in everyone that

knowledge; for some, with 4

Do we have no right to eat and drink?

consciousness of the idol, until now eat

it as a thing offered to an idol; and their 5 Do we have no right to take along a conscience, being weak, is defiled.

believing wife, as do also the other

8 apostles, the brothers of the Lord, and But food does not commend us to God;

for neither if we eat are we the better, Cephas?

nor if we do not eat are we the worse. 6 Or is it only Barnabas and I who have

'But beware lest somehow this liberty of no right to refrain from working?

yours become a stumbling block to 7 Who ever goes to war at his own those who are weak.

expense? Who plants a vineyard and

10For if anyone sees you who have does not eat of its fruit? Or who tends a

knowledge eating in an idol's flock and does not drink of the milk of  
temple, will  
the flock?

not the conscience of him who is weak

be emboldened to eat those things 8Do I say these things as a mere  
man? offered to idols?

Or does not the law say the same also?

11

And because of your knowledge shall  
the weak brother perish, for whom 'For it is written in the law of  
Moses,  
Christ died? "You shall not muzzle an ox while it

treads out the grain." Is it oxen God is

12 concerned about?

But when you thus sin against the

brethren, and wound their weak 10Or does He say it altogether for our  
conscience, you sin against Christ.

sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written, that he who plows  
should plow may not abuse my authority in the

in hope, and he who threshes in hope gospel. should be partaker of his  
hope.

1 have made myself a servant to all, that I

1 we have sown spiritual things for you, 1' For though I am free from all men, I

is it a great thing if we reap your might win the more; material things?

2 0

1 that I might win Jews; to those who are

2 others are partakers of this right over and to the Jews I became as a Jew,

you, are we not even more? under the law, as under the law, that I Nevertheless we have not used this might win those who are under the law;

right, but endure all things lest we hinder

the gospel of Christ. 2 1

to those who are without law, as

1 toward God, but under law toward

3Do you not know that those who without law (not being without law minister the holy things eat of the things Christ ), that I might win those who are

of the temple, and those who serve at without law; the altar partake of the offerings of the

altar? 2 to the weak I became as weak, that I

might win the weak. I have become all

14

Even so the Lord has commanded that things to all men, that I might by all

those who preach the gospel should live means save some. from the gospel.

Now this I do for the gospel's sake,

15

But I have used none of these things, that I may be partaker of it with you.

nor have I written these things that it

should be done so to me; for it would be 2 4

Do you not know that those who run in

better for me to die than that anyone a race all run, but one receives the

should make my boasting void. prize? Run in such a way that you may

1

6For if I preach the gospel, I have obtain it.

nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid 2 5And everyone who competes for the upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not prize is temperate in all things. Now they

preach the gospel! do it to obtain a perishable crown, but

we for an imperishable crown.

17

For if I do this willingly, I have a

reward; but if against my will, I have 26Therefore I run thus: not with been entrusted with a stewardship. uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who

beats the air.

1' What is my reward then? That when I preach the gospel, I may present the 2 7

But I discipline my body and bring it



gospel of Christ without charge, that I into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should <sup>1</sup> ~~0~~nor complain, as some of them also become disqualified. complained, and were destroyed by the

destroyer.

<sup>1</sup> Now all these things happened to <sup>1</sup> ~~1~~

OMoreover, brethren, I do not want

them as examples, and they were

you to be unaware that all our fathers

written for our admonition, upon whom

were under the cloud, all passed

the ends of the ages have come.

through the sea,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> 2Therefore let him who thinks he stands

all were baptized into Moses in the

take heed lest he fall.

cloud and in the sea,

C <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you all ate the same spiritual food, except such as is common to man; but

<sup>4</sup> God is faithful, who will not allow you to

and all drank the same spiritual drink. be tempted beyond what you are able,

For they drank of that spiritual Rock that but with the temptation will also make

followed them, and that Rock was Christ. the way of escape, that you may be able

to bear it.

5But with most of them God was not well

pleased, for their bodies were scattered 14Therefore, my beloved, flee from in the wilderness. idolatry.

6Now these things became our 1 5a speak as to wise men; judge for examples, to the intent that we should yourselves what I say. not lust after evil things as they also

lusted. 1 6The cup of blessing which we bless, is 7 it not the communion of the blood of

And do not become idolaters as were Christ? The bread which we break, is it

some of them. As it is written, "The not the communion of the body of people sat down to eat and drink, and Christ? rose up to play."

17For we, though many, are one bread

8Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as and one body; for we all partake of that

some of them did, and in one day one bread. twenty-three thousand fell;

1 8observe Israel after the flesh: Are not

'nor let us tempt Christ, as some of those who eat of the sacrifices partakers

them also tempted, and were destroyed of the altar? by serpents;

1' What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is

anything?

20Rather, that the things which the 30But if I partake with thanks,  
why am I

Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to evil spoken of for the food over  
which I

demons and not to God, and I do not give thanks? want you to have  
fellowship with

demons. 3 1Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or

whatever you do, do all to the glory of

21

You cannot drink the cup of the Lord God.

and the cup of demons; you cannot

partake of the Lord's table and of the 32

Give no offense, either to the Jews or

table of demons. to the Greeks or to the church of God,

22 Adj Or do we provoke the Lord to ust as I also please all men in all  
jealousy? Are we stronger than He? things, not seeking my own profit,  
but

2 saved. 3All things are lawful for me, but not all the profit of many,  
that they may be

things are helpful; all things are lawful

for me, but not all things edify.

2 1 1 Imitate me, just as I also imitate 4 Let no one seek his own,  
but each one Christ. the other's well-being.

5Eat whatever is sold in the meat 2 Now I praise you, brethren, that  
you

remember me in all things and keep the

market, asking no questions for conscience' sake; traditions just as I  
delivered them to you.

fullness." 6F LORD's, or "the earth is the and all its every man is  
Christ, the head of woman 2 3But I want you to know that the head of

is man, and the head of Christ is God.

2 7 any of those who do not believe

4 Every man praying or prophesying,

invites you to dinner, and you desire to

having his head covered, dishonors his

go, eat whatever is set before you,

head.

asking no question for conscience' sake.

8But if anyone says to you, "This was 5But every woman who prays or

prophesies with her head uncovered

offered to idols," do not eat it for the dishonors her head, for that is  
one and

sake of the one who told you, and for the same as if her head were  
shaved.

conscience' sake; for "the earth is the

LORD's, and all its fullness." 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her

2 also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a "

Conscience," I say, not your own, but woman to be shorn or shaved,  
let her be

that of the other. For why is my liberty covered. judged by another  
man's conscience?

7 1 For a man indeed ought not to cover 8For first of all, when you  
come his head, since he is the image and together as a church, I hear  
that there

glory of God; but woman is the glory of are divisions among you, and  
in part I

man. believe it.

8 1 For man is not from woman, but woman ' For there must also be  
factions among from man. you, that those who are approved may

be recognized among you.

'Nor was man created for the woman,

but woman for the man. 2 0Therefore when you come together in

one place, it is not to eat the Lord's

10For this reason the woman ought to Supper.

have a symbol of authority on her head, 1For in eating, each one takes  
his own

because of the angels. 2

supper ahead of others; and one is

11 hungry and another is drunk. Nevertheless, neither

is man

independent of woman, nor woman

independent of man, in the Lord. What! Do you not have houses to eat  
22

and drink in? Or do you despise the

12For as woman came from man, even church of God and shame those  
who

so man also comes through woman; but have nothing? What shall I  
say to you?

all things are from God. Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise  
you.

13 Judge among yourselves. Is it proper 2 for a woman to pray to God  
with her For I received from the Lord that which 3

head uncovered? I also delivered to you: that the Lord

Jesus on the same night in which He

14 was betrayed took bread;

Does not even nature itself teach you

that if a man has long hair, it is a 2 4and when He had given thanks,  
He dishonor to him?

broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My

1 body which is broken for you; do this in 5But if a woman has long  
hair, it is a

remembrance of Me."

glory to her; for her hair is given to her

for a covering. 25 n the same manner He also took the 16 cup after supper, saying, "This cup is

But if anyone seems to be contentious,

the new covenant in My blood. This do,

we have no such custom, nor do the

as often as you drink it, in remembrance

churches of God.

of Me."

17Now in giving these instructions I do 6For as often as you eat this bread and

2

not praise you, since you come together drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's

not for the better but for the worse.

death till He comes.

27Therefore whoever eats this bread or 3Therefore I make known to you that no

drinks this cup of the Lord in an one speaking by the Spirit of God calls

unworthy manner will be guilty of the Jesus accursed, and no one can say

body and blood of the Lord. that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy

Spirit.

2' But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the 4 There are diversities of gifts, but the cup. same Spirit.

25 ' For he who eats and drinks in an There are differences of

ministries, but unworthy manner eats and drinks the same Lord.  
judgment to himself, not discerning the

Lord's body. <sup>6</sup> And there are diversities of activities,

<sup>30</sup>For this reason many are weak and but it is the same God who  
works all in

all.

sick among you, and many sleep.

<sup>7</sup> But the manifestation of the Spirit is

<sup>31</sup>For if we would judge ourselves, we given to each one for the profit  
of all:

would not be judged.

<sup>8</sup> for to one is given the word of wisdom

<sup>32</sup>But when we are judged, we are through the Spirit, to another the  
word of

chastened by the Lord, that we may not knowledge through the same  
Spirit, be condemned with the world.

'to another faith by the same Spirit, to

<sup>33</sup>Therefore, my brethren, when you another gifts of healings by the  
same come together to eat, wait for one Spirit, another.

<sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to

<sup>34</sup>But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at another prophecy, to another  
discerning

home, lest you come together for of spirits, to another different kinds  
of

judgment. And the rest I will set in order tongues, to another the  
interpretation of

when I come. tongues.



1 1But one and the same Spirit works all

1 these things, distributing to each one 2Now concerning spiritual gifts,

brethren, I do not want you to be individually as He wills.

ignorant: 1 2For as the body is one and has many

2 members, but all the members of that You know that you were Gentiles,

one body, being many, are one body, so  
carried away to these dumb idols,

also is Christ.

however you were led.

13For by one Spirit we were all baptized unrepresentable parts have  
greater

into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, modesty, whether slaves or free--and have all

been made to drink into one Spirit. 2 4

but our representable parts have no

need. But God composed the body,

14

For in fact the body is not one member having given greater honor to that part

but many. which lacks it,

1 2 5 5 the foot should say, "Because I am that there should be no schism in the not a hand, I am not of the body," is it body, but that the

members should have

therefore not of the body? the same care for one another.

1 2 6

And if the ear should say, "Because I And if one member suffers, all the

am not an eye, I am not of the body," is members suffer with it; or if one member

it therefore not of the body? is honored, all the members rejoice with

17) the whole body were an eye, where

27

would be the hearing? If the whole were Now you are the body of Christ, and

hearing, where would be the smelling? members individually.

1 2 ' But now God has set the members, 8And God has appointed these in the each one of them, in the body just as He church: first apostles, second prophets,

pleased. third teachers, after that miracles, then

gifts of healings, helps, administrations,

1 varieties of tongues. ' And if they were all one member, where would the body be?

2 ' Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are

20But now indeed there are many all teachers? Are all workers of members, yet one body. miracles?

21 30Do all have gifts of healings? Do all

And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I  
have no need of you"; nor again the speak with tongues? Do all  
interpret?

head to the feet, "I have no need of 31But earnestly desire the best  
gifts. And

you."

yet I show you a more excellent way.

22

No, much rather, those members of  
the body which seem to be weaker are  
necessary. 1 3Though I speak with the tongues

2 of men and of angels, but have not love, 3And those members of the  
body which

I have become sounding brass or a  
we think to be less honorable, on these clanging cymbal. we bestow  
greater honor; and our 2And though I have the gift of prophecy, but  
then I shall know just as I also am

and understand all mysteries and all known. knowledge, and though I  
have all faith,

so that I could remove mountains, but 13And now abide faith, hope,  
love, these have not love, I am nothing. three; but the greatest of these  
is love.

3

And though I bestow all my goods to

feed the poor, and though I give my 1 4Pursue love, and desire  
spiritual body to be burned, but have not love, it

profits me nothing. gifts, but especially that you may

prophecy.

4Love suffers long and is kind; love does

2 For he who speaks in a tongue does

not envy; love does not parade itself, is

not puffed up; not speak to men but to God, for no one

understands him; however, in the spirit

s he speaks mysteries.

does not behave rudely, does not seek

its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; 3But he who prophesies  
speaks

in the truth; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices to men. 6  
edification and exhortation and comfort

4He who speaks in a tongue edifies

7bears all things, believes all things,

himself, but he who prophesies edifies

hopes all things, endures all things.

the church.

Love never fails. But whether there are 5

1 wish you all spoke with tongues, but  
prophecies, they will fail; whether there  
even more that you prophesied; for he  
are tongues, they will cease; whether  
who prophesies is greater than he who  
there is knowledge, it will vanish away.  
speaks with tongues, unless indeed he  
interprets, that the church may receive  
'For we know in part and we prophesy edification. in part.

1 6But now, brethren, if I come to you 0 But when that which is  
perfect has speaking with tongues, what shall I profit  
come, then that which is in part will be you unless I speak to you  
either by  
done away. revelation, by knowledge, by

prophesying, or by teaching?

11

When I was a child, I spoke as a child,  
I understood as a child, I thought as a 7Even things without life,  
whether flute child; but when I became a man, I put or harp, when  
they make a sound,  
away childish things. unless they make a distinction in the

sounds, how will it be known what is

12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but piped or played?  
then face to face. Now I know in part, 8 1 For if the trumpet makes an  
uncertain 8 thank my God I speak with tongues sound, who will

prepare for battle? more than you all;

'So likewise you, unless you utter by the <sup>1</sup> yet in the church I would rather speak tongue words easy to understand, how five words with my understanding, that I

will it be known what is spoken? For you may teach others also, than ten

will be speaking into the air. thousand words in a tongue.

<sup>1 2 0</sup> Brethren, do not be children in There are, it may be, so many kinds of

languages in the world, and none of understanding; however, in malice be

them is without significance. babes, but in understanding be mature.

<sup>1 2 1</sup> Therefore, if I do not know the <sup>1</sup> n the law it is written: "With men of meaning of the language, I shall be a other tongues and other lips I will speak

foreigner to him who speaks, and he to this people; And yet, for all that, they

who speaks will be a foreigner to me. will not hear Me," says the Lord.

<sup>1 2 22</sup> Therefore tongues are for a sign, not

Even so you, since you are zealous for

spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification to those who believe but to unbelievers;

of the church that you seek to excel. but prophesying is not for unbelievers

but for those who believe.

13Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 23Therefore if the whole church comes

together in one place, and all speak with

14 tongues, and there come in those who

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit

prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. are uninformed or unbelievers, will they

not say that you are out of your mind?

15What is the conclusion then? I will pray

2 4But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever

with the spirit, and I will also pray with

the understanding. I will sing with the or an uninformed person comes in, he is

spirit, and I will also sing with the convinced by all, he is convicted by all.

understanding. 5And thus the secrets of his heart are

2

16o therwise, if you bless with the spirit, revealed; and so, falling down on his

how will he who occupies the place of face, he will worship God and report that

the uninformed say "Amen" at your God is truly among you.

giving of thanks, since he does not 6How is it then, brethren? Whenever

understand what you say? 2

you come together, each of you has a

17For you indeed give thanks well, but psalm, has a teaching, has a  
tongue,

the other is not edified. has a revelation, has an interpretation.

Let all things be done for edification.

2 7 anyone speaks in a tongue, let there 38But if anyone is ignorant,  
let him be

be two or at the most three, each in turn, ignorant. and let one  
interpret.

2 But if there is no interpreter, let him to prophesy, and do not forbid  
to speak

8 3' Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly

keep silent in church, and let him speak with tongues. to himself and  
to God.

40Let all things be done decently and in

29Let two or three prophets speak, and order.

let the others judge.

30But if anything is revealed to another 1 5Moreover, brethren, I  
declare to who sits by, let the first keep silent.

you the gospel which I preached to you,

31 which also you received and in which For you can all prophesy one  
by one, you stand,

that all may learn and all may be



encouraged. 2

by which also you are saved, if you

32And the spirits of the prophets are hold fast that word which I  
preached to

you--unless you believed in vain.

subject to the prophets.

3For I delivered to you first of all that

33For God is not the author of confusion which I also received: that  
Christ died

but of peace, as in all the churches of for our sins according to the  
Scriptures,

the saints.

4 and that He was buried, and that He

34Let your women keep silent in the rose again the third day  
according to the

churches, for they are not permitted to Scriptures, speak; but they are  
to be submissive, as

the law also says. s

and that He was seen by Cephas, then

35And if they want to learn something, let by the twelve.

them ask their own husbands at home; 6After that He was seen by  
over five

for it is shameful for women to speak in

hundred brethren at once, of whom the

church. greater part remain to the present, but

Or did the word of God come originally  
from you? Or was it you only that it 7After that He was seen by James,  
then reached? by all the apostles.

37 anyone thinks himself to be a

8Then last of all He was seen by me  
prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge also, as by one born out of  
due time.

that the things which I write to you are  
the commandments of the Lord.

'For I am the least of the apostles, who 2 0But now Christ is risen from  
the dead, am not worthy to be called an apostle, and has become the  
firstfruits of those

because I persecuted the church of God. who have fallen asleep.

1 2 01

But by the grace of God I am what I For since by man came death,  
by Man  
am, and His grace toward me was not in also came the resurrection of  
the dead.  
vain; but I labored more abundantly than  
they all, yet not I, but the grace of God 2 For as in Adam all die, even  
so in which was with me. Christ all shall be made alive.

1 2 1Therefore, whether it was I or they, so 3But each one in his own  
order: Christ we preach and so you believed. the firstfruits, afterward

those who are

Christ's at His coming.

12Now if Christ is preached that He has

been raised from the dead, how do 2 4Then comes the end, when He  
some among you say that there is no delivers the kingdom to God the  
Father,

resurrection of the dead? when He puts an end to all rule and all

1

3But if there is no resurrection of the authority and power.

dead, then Christ is not risen. 2 5For He must reign till He has put all

enemies under His feet.

14

And if Christ is not risen, then our

preaching is empty and your faith is also 26The last enemy that will be  
destroyed empty. is death.

1 2 5 Yes, and we are found false witnesses 7For "He has put all things  
under His of God, because we have testified of feet." But when He says  
"all things are

God that He raised up Christ, whom He put under Him," it is evident  
that He who

did not raise up--if in fact the dead do put all things under Him is  
excepted.

not rise.

2 8Now when all things are made subject

16For if the dead do not rise, then Christ

to Him, then the Son Himself will also be

is not risen. subject to Him who put all things under

7And if Christ is not risen, your faith is Him, that God may be all in all.

futile; you are still in your sins! 2 ' Otherwise, what will they do who are

1 rise at all? Why then are they baptized

8Then also those who have fallen baptized for the dead, if the dead do not

asleep in Christ have perished. for the dead?

1' If in this life only we have hope in 30And why do we stand in jeopardy

Christ, we are of all men the most every hour? pitiable.

31 affirm, by the boasting in you which I 42So also is the resurrection of the dead. have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. The body is sown in corruption, it is

raised in incorruption.

32 in the manner of men, I have fought

43

with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in

is it to me? If the dead do not rise, "Let glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised

us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!" in power.

33 44

Do not be deceived: "Evil company It is sown a natural body, it is raised a

corrupts good habits." spiritual body. There is a natural body,  
and there is a spiritual body.

34Awake to righteousness, and do not <sup>5</sup> sin; for some do not have  
the knowledge And so it is written, "The first man of God. I speak this  
to your shame. Adam became a living being." The last

Adam became a life-giving spirit.

35But someone will say, "How are the  
dead raised up? And with what body do <sup>4</sup> <sup>6</sup>However, the spiritual is  
not first, but they come?" the natural, and afterward the spiritual.

36Foolish one, what you sow is not made <sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup>The first man was of the  
earth, <sup>1</sup>made alive unless it dies. of dust; the second Man is the Lord  
from

heaven.

37

And what you sow, you do not sow  
that body that shall be, but mere grain-- <sup>4</sup> ' As was the man of dust, so  
also are perhaps wheat or some other grain. those who are made of  
dust; and as is

the heavenly Man, so also are those

38But God gives it a body as He pleases, who are heavenly. and to  
each seed its own body.

<sup>4</sup> ' And as we have borne the image of

<sup>3</sup>9All flesh is not the same flesh, but the man of dust, we shall also  
bear the

there is one kind of flesh of men, image of the heavenly Man.

another flesh of animals, another of fish, 50Now this I say, brethren,  
that flesh and

and another of birds.

blood cannot inherit the kingdom of

4 0 God; nor does corruption inherit

There are also celestial bodies and  
terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the incorruption.

celestial is one, and the glory of the 1Behold, I tell you a mystery: We  
shall

terrestrial is another. 5

not all sleep, but we shall all be

41There is one glory of the sun, another changed--

glory of the moon, and another glory of 2 n a moment, in the  
twinkling of an eye,

the stars; for one star differs from 5 another star in glory. at the last  
trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised 4But  
if it is fitting that I go also, they will incorruptible, and we shall be  
changed. go with me.

5 5 3For this corruptible must put on Now I will come to you when I  
pass

incorruption, and this mortal must put on through Macedonia (for I  
am passing

immortality. through Macedonia).

So when this corruptible has put on And it may be that I will  
remain, or even

incorruption, and this mortal has put on spend the winter with you,  
that you may

immortality, then shall be brought to send me on my journey,  
wherever I go.

pass the saying that is written: "Death is

swallowed up in victory." 7For I do not wish to see you now on the

way; but I hope to stay a while with you,

55 O Death, where is your sting? O

if the Lord permits.

Hades, where is your victory?"

5 Pentecost. 6The sting of death is sin, and the 'But I will tarry in  
Ephesus until

strength of sin is the law.

'For a great and effective door has

57But thanks be to God, who gives us opened to me, and there are  
many

the victory through our Lord Jesus adversaries. Christ.

1 0

And if Timothy comes, see that he

58Therefore, my beloved brethren, be may be with you without fear;  
for he

steadfast, immovable, always does the work of the Lord, as I also do.  
abounding in the work of the Lord,

knowing that your labor is not in vain in 1 1Therefore let no one  
despise him. But the Lord. send him on his journey in peace, that

he may come to me; for I am waiting for

him with the brethren.

16 Now concerning the collection for

the saints, as I have given orders to the Now concerning our brother  
Apollos, I<sup>12</sup>

churches of Galatia, so you must do strongly urged him to come to  
you with

also: the brethren, but he was quite unwilling

to come at this time; however, he will

<sup>2</sup> come when he has a convenient time.

On the first day of the week let each

one of you lay something aside, storing<sup>1</sup> 3 Watch, stand fast in the  
faith, be brave, up as he may prosper, that there be no collections  
when I come. be strong.

3 And when I come, whomever you<sup>1</sup> 4 Let all that you do be done with  
love.

approve by your letters I will send to

bear your gift to Jerusalem.

<sup>15</sup> urge you, brethren--you know the Lord, with the church that is in  
their

household of Stephanas, that it is the house. firstfruits of Achaia, and  
that they have

devoted themselves to the ministry of<sup>2</sup> 0 All the brethren greet you.  
Greet one the saints-- another with a holy kiss.

<sup>16</sup> hat you also submit to such, and to<sup>21</sup> The salutation with my own



everyone who works and labors with US. Paul's.

1 2 7a am glad about the coming of 2 anyone does not love the Lord  
Jesus Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus, Christ, let him be  
accursed. O Lord,

for what was lacking on your part they come! supplied.

2 3

1 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

' For they refreshed my spirit and yours. with you.

Therefore acknowledge such men.

2 4

1 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus.

' The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila Amen.

and Priscilla greet you heartily in the

# 2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Corinth

beyond measure, above strength, so

that we despaired even of life.

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by

the will of God, and Timothy our brother, <sup>9</sup>Yes, we had the sentence of death in

To the church of God which is at Corinth, ourselves, that we should not trust in

with all the saints who are in all Achaia: ourselves but in God who raises the

dead,

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our O

<sup>1</sup> who delivered us from so great a

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

death, and does deliver us; in whom we

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our trust that He will still deliver us,

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies <sup>1</sup> by you also helping together in prayer for and God of all comfort, us, that thanks may be given by many <sup>4</sup> persons on our behalf for the gift

who comforts us in all our tribulation, granted to us through many.

that we may be able to comfort those

who are in any trouble, with the comfort <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>For our boasting is this: the testimony with which we ourselves are comforted of our conscience that we conducted by God. ourselves in the world in simplicity and <sup>5</sup> godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom

For as the sufferings of Christ abound but by the grace of God, and more

in us, so our consolation also abounds abundantly toward you. through Christ.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For we are not writing any other things

<sup>6</sup>Now if we are afflicted, it is for your to you than what you read or understand.

consolation and salvation, which is Now I trust you will understand, even to

effective for enduring the same the end sufferings which we also suffer. Or if we

are comforted, it is for your consolation <sup>14</sup>(as also you have understood us in and salvation. part), that we are your boast as you also <sup>7</sup> are ours, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

And our hope for you is steadfast,

because we know that as you are <sup>15</sup>And in this confidence I intended to partakers of the sufferings, so also you

come to you before, that you might have

will partake of the consolation.

a second benefit--

'For we do not want you to be ignorant, <sup>16</sup>to pass by way of you to Macedonia, brethren, of our trouble which came to to come again from Macedonia to you, us in Asia: that we were burdened and be helped by you on my way to <sup>2</sup>For if I make you sorrowful, then who is Judea. he who makes me glad but the one who

is made sorrowful by me?

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, when I was planning this,

3

did I do it lightly? Or the things I plan, do And I wrote this very thing to you, lest,

I plan according to the flesh, that with when I came, I should have sorrow over

me there should be Yes, Yes, and No, those from whom I ought to have joy,

No? having confidence in you all that my joy

is the joy of you all.

<sup>18</sup>But as God is faithful, our word to you was not Yes and No. <sup>4</sup> For out of much affliction and anguish

of heart I wrote to you, with many tears,

<sup>1</sup> not that you should be grieved, but that ' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who

was preached among you by us--by me, you might know the love which I have so

Silvanus, and Timothy--was not Yes and abundantly for you. No, but in Him was Yes.

<sup>5</sup> But if anyone has caused grief, he has

<sup>20</sup>For all the promises of God in Him are not grieved me, but all of you to some

Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of extent--not to be too severe.

God through us. 6This

punishment which was inflicted by

21 the majority is sufficient for such a man,

Now He who establishes us with you

in Christ and has anointed us is God,

7 so that, on the contrary, you ought

22 rather to forgive and comfort him, lest

who also has sealed us and given us

the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee. perhaps such a one be  
swallowed up

with too much sorrow.

23Moreover I call God as witness against my soul, that to spare you I  
came no 8 Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your

more to Corinth. love to him.

24 For to this end I also wrote, that I might

Not that we have dominion over your

faith, but are fellow workers for your joy; put you to the test, whether  
you are

for by faith you stand. obedient in all things.

1 0Now whom you forgive anything, I also

2But I determined this within myself, forgive. For if indeed I have  
forgiven

anything, I have forgiven that one for

that I would not come again to you in your sakes in the presence of  
Christ, sorrow.

11 est Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1 4 2 And we have such trust through Christ Furthermore, when I came to Troas to preach Christ's gospel, and a door was toward God. opened to me by the Lord,

1 to think of anything as being from

3 had no rest in my spirit, because I did 5Not that we are sufficient of ourselves

not find Titus my brother; but taking my ourselves, but our sufficiency is from

leave of them, I departed for Macedonia. God,

1 6 4

Now thanks be to God who always who also made us sufficient as leads us in triumph in Christ, and ministers of the new covenant, not of the

through us diffuses the fragrance of His letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills,

knowledge in every place. but the Spirit gives life.

1 7 5For we are to God the fragrance of But if the ministry of death, written and

Christ among those who are being engraved on stones, was glorious, so

saved and among those who are that the children of Israel could not look

perishing. steadily at the face of Moses because of

the glory of his countenance, which

16 To the one we are the aroma of death glory was passing away,  
leading to death, and to the other the

aroma of life leading to life. And who is show will the ministry of the  
Spirit not be sufficient for these things? more glorious?

17 For we are not, as so many, peddling 'For if the ministry of  
condemnation had

the word of God; but as of sincerity, but glory, the ministry of  
righteousness

as from God, we speak in the sight of exceeds much more in glory.  
God in Christ.

1 0

For even what was made glorious had  
no glory in this respect, because of the

3 Do we begin again to commend glory that excels.

ourselves? Or do we need, as some 1 1 For if what is passing away was  
others, epistles of commendation to you or letters of commendation  
from you? glorious, what remains is much more

glorious.

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;  
Therefore, since we have such hope, 1 2

we use great boldness of speech--

3 Clearly you are an epistle of Christ, 1 3 ministered by us, written not  
with ink but unlike Moses, who put a veil over his

by the Spirit of the living God, not on face so that the children of

Israel could

tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, not look steadily at the end of what was

that is, of the heart. passing away.

15 4

But their minds were blinded. For until For we do not preach ourselves, but

this day the same veil remains unlifted Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves

in the reading of the Old Testament, your bondservants for Jesus' sake. because the veil is taken away in Christ.

6 For it is the God who commanded light

15

But even to this day, when Moses is to shine out of darkness, who has shone

read, a veil lies on their heart. in our hearts to give the light of the

knowledge of the glory of God in the

16 face of Jesus Christ.

Nevertheless when one turns to the

Lord, the veil is taken away.

7But we have this treasure in earthen

17Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where vessels, that the excellence of the

the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. power may be of God and not of us.

18But we all, with unveiled face, We are hard-pressed on every side, yet



beholding as in a mirror the glory of the not crushed; we are perplexed, but not

Lord, are being transformed into the in despair; same image from glory to glory, just as

by the Spirit of the Lord. 9persecuted, but not forsaken; struck

down, but not destroyed--

4Therefore, always carrying about in the body the 10

since we have this

ministry, as we have received mercy, we dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of

Jesus also may be manifested in our

do not lose heart.

body.

2But we have renounced the hidden 1 things of shame, not walking in

1 For we who live are always delivered

craftiness nor handling the word of God to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of

deceitfully, but by manifestation of the Jesus also may be manifested in our

truth commending ourselves to every mortal flesh.

man's conscience in the sight of God. 1 2So then death is working in us, but life 3 in you.

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is

veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>1</sup> 3And since we have the same spirit of <sup>4</sup> faith, according to what is written, "I

whose minds the god of this age has

believed and therefore I spoke," we also

blinded, who do not believe, lest the

light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, believe and therefore speak,

who is the image of God, should shine <sup>1</sup> 4knowing that He who raised up the on them.

Lord Jesus will also raise us up with

Jesus, and will present us with you.

<sup>15</sup>For all things are for your sakes, that <sup>6</sup>So we are always confident, knowing

grace, having spread through the many, that while we are at home in the body

may cause thanksgiving to abound to we are absent from the Lord. the glory of God.

<sup>7</sup>For we walk by faith, not by sight.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, <sup>8</sup>We are confident, yes, well pleased yet the inward man is being renewed rather to be absent from the body and to

day by day. be present with the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for

<sup>9</sup> Therefore we make it our aim, whether

a moment, is working for us a far more present or absent, to be well pleasing to

exceeding and eternal weight of glory, Him.

18while we do not look at the things 0For we must all appear before the

1

which are seen, but at the things which judgment seat of Christ, that each one

are not seen. For the things which are may receive the things done in the body,

seen are temporary, but the things according to what he has done, whether

which are not seen are eternal. good or bad.

11Knowing, therefore, the terror of the

5For we know that if our earthly house, Lord, we persuade men; but we are well

this tent, is destroyed, we have a known to God, and I also trust are well

building from God, a house not made known in your consciences. with hands, eternal in the heavens.

1 2

For we do not commend ourselves

2 again to you, but give you opportunity to For in this we groan, earnestly desiring

to be clothed with our habitation which is boast on our behalf, that you may have

from heaven, an answer for those who boast in

appearance and not in heart.

Gif indeed, having been clothed, we shall 1 3For if we are beside

ourselves, it is for not be found naked.

God; or if we are of sound mind, it is for

4 you. For we who are in this tent groan, being

burdened, not because we want to be 1 4For the love of Christ compels us, unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. because we judge thus: that if One died

for all, then all died;

5Now He who has prepared us for this 5 very thing is God, who also has given us 1 and He died for all, that those who live

the Spirit as a guarantee. should live no longer for themselves, but

for Him who died for them and rose

again.

16Therefore, from now on, we regard no 3We give no offense in anything, that our

one according to the flesh. Even though ministry may not be blamed. we have known Christ according to the

flesh, yet now we know Him thus no 4 But in all things we commend ourselves longer. as ministers of God: in much patience,

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7Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,

a new creation; old things have passed sin stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, away; behold, all things have become in labors, in sleeplessness, in fastings;

new.

8Now all things are of God, who has <sup>6</sup> by purity, by knowledge, by

longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy

reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Spirit, by sincere love, Christ,  
and has given us the ministry of

reconciliation, <sup>7</sup>

by the word of truth, by the power of

<sup>1</sup> God, by the armor of righteousness on ' that is, that God was in  
Christ the right hand and on the left,

reconciling the world to Himself, not

imputing their trespasses to them, and <sup>8</sup>

by honor and dishonor, by evil report

has committed to us the word of

and good report; as deceivers, and yet

reconciliation.

true;

<sup>20</sup>Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were  
pleading 'as unknown, and yet well known; as

through us: we implore you on Christ's dying, and behold we live; as  
chastened,

and yet not killed;

behalf, be reconciled to God.

<sup>2</sup> as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as

<sup>1</sup>For He made Him who knew no sin to <sup>1</sup> 0

poor, yet making many rich; as having  
be sin for us, that we might become the  
nothing, and yet possessing all things.  
righteousness of God in Him.

11

O Corinthians! We have spoken  
openly to you, our heart is wide open.  
6We then, as workers together with

Him also plead with you not to receive 12You are not restricted by us,  
but you the grace of God in vain. are restricted by your own  
affections.

2For He says: "In an acceptable time I 3

1 Now in return for the same (I speak as  
have heard you, And in the day of to children), you also be open.  
salvation I have helped you." Behold,

now is the accepted time; behold, now is 14Do not be unequally yoked  
together the day of salvation. with unbelievers. For what fellowship

has righteousness with lawlessness?

And what communion has light with 5For indeed, when we came to  
darkness? Macedonia, our bodies had no rest, but

we were troubled on every side. Outside

15And what accord has Christ with were conflicts, inside were fears.  
Belial? Or what part has a believer with  
an unbeliever? 6 Nevertheless God, who comforts the

downcast, comforted us by the coming

16 of Titus,

And what agreement has the temple of

God with idols? For you are the temple

of the living God. As God has said: "I will <sup>7</sup>and not only by his coming, but also by dwell in them And walk among them. I the consolation with which he was

will be their God, And they shall be My comforted in you, when he told us of

people." your earnest desire, your mourning,

your zeal for me, so that I rejoiced even

17Therefore "Come out from among more.

them And be separate, says the Lord.

Do not touch what is unclean, And I will <sup>8</sup>For even if I made you sorry with my receive you." letter, I do not regret it; though I did

regret it. For I perceive that the same

1 epistle made you sorry, though only for ' I will be a Father to you, And you shall

be My sons and daughters, Says the a while. LORD Almighty."

'Now I rejoice, not that you were made

sorry, but that your sorrow led to

7Therefore, having these promises, repentance. For you were made sorry in

a godly manner, that you might suffer

beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from

loss from us in nothing.

all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,

perfecting holiness in the fear of God. <sup>1</sup> 0For godly sorrow produces  
repentance <sup>2</sup> leading to salvation, not to be regretted;

Open your hearts to us. We have but the sorrow of the world produces  
wronged no one, we have corrupted no death. one, we have cheated  
no one.

I For observe this very thing, that you <sup>1</sup>1

I do not say this to condemn; for I have

sorrowed in a godly manner: What  
said before that you are in our hearts, to  
diligence it produced in you, what  
die together and to live together.

clearing of yourselves, what indignation,

<sup>4</sup> what fear, what vehement desire, what

Great is my boldness of speech toward zeal, what vindication! In all  
things you

you, great is my boasting on your behalf. proved yourselves to be  
clear in this

I am filled with comfort. I am matter. exceedingly joyful in all our  
tribulation.

<sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>2</sup>Therefore, although I wrote to you, I And not only as we had  
hoped, but they

did not do it for the sake of him who had first gave themselves to the  
Lord, and

done the wrong, nor for the sake of him then to us by the will of God.  
who suffered wrong, but that our care

for you in the sight of God might appear <sup>6</sup> So we urged Titus, that as



he had to you. begun, so he would also complete this

grace in you as well.

13Therefore we have been comforted in

your comfort. And we rejoiced 7But as you abound in everything--in exceedingly more for the joy of Titus, faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all

because his spirit has been refreshed by diligence, and in your love for us--see

you all. that you abound in this grace also.

14 For if in anything I have boasted to him 8 I speak not by commandment, but I am about you, I am not ashamed. But as we testing the sincerity of your love by the

spoke all things to you in truth, even so diligence of others. our boasting to Titus was found true.

1 For you know the grace of our Lord 5 And his affections are greater for you Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, as he remembers the obedience of you yet for your sakes He became poor, that all, how with fear and trembling you you through His poverty might become received him. rich.

11 0 6Therefore I rejoice that I have And in this I give advice: It is to your confidence in you in everything. advantage not only to be doing what you

began and were desiring to do a year

ago;

8Moreover, brethren, we make known

to you the grace of God bestowed on 1 but now you also must complete the the churches of Macedonia: doing of it; that as there was a readiness

to desire it, so there also may be a

2 completion out of what you have. that in a great trial of affliction  
the abundance of their joy and their deep

1 2

poverty abounded in the riches of their For if there is first a willing  
mind, it is

liberality. accepted according to what one has,

and not according to what he does not

3For I bear witness that according to have.

their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, 3For I do not mean that  
others should

they were freely willing, 1

be eased and you burdened;

4imploping us with much urgency that we

14

would receive the gift and the fellowship but by an equality, that now  
at this

of the ministering to the saints. time your abundance may supply their

lack, that their abundance also may inquired about, they are  
messengers of

supply your lack--that there may be the churches, the glory of Christ.  
equality.

2 4Therefore show to them, and before

15

As it is written, "He who gathered the churches, the proof of your  
love and

much had nothing left over, and he who of our boasting on your

behalf. gathered little had no lack."

16 But thanks be to God who puts the 9Now concerning the ministering to

same earnest care for you into the heart the saints, it is superfluous for me to

of Titus. write to you;

17 For he not only accepted the 2 for I know your willingness, about which exhortation, but being more diligent, he I boast of you to the Macedonians, that

went to you of his own accord. Achaia was ready a year ago; and your

1 zeal has stirred up the majority. 8And we have sent with him the brother

whose praise is in the gospel throughout 3Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our all the churches, boasting of you should be in vain in this 1 respect, that, as I said, you may be

9

and not only that, but who was also ready;  
chosen by the churches to travel with us  
with this gift, which is administered by 4

lest if some Macedonians come with  
us to the glory of the Lord Himself and

me and find you unprepared, we (not to  
to show your ready mind, mention you!) should be ashamed of

Oavoiding this: that anyone should this confident boasting.

blame us in this lavish gift which is 5Therefore I thought it necessary  
to administered by us--exhort the brethren to go to you ahead

2 of time, and prepare your generous gift 1providing honorable things,  
not only in

beforehand, which you had previously

the sight of the Lord, but also in the promised, that it may be ready as  
a

sight of men. matter of generosity and not as a

grudging obligation.

22And we have sent with them our brother whom we have often  
proved 6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly diligent in many things,  
but now much will also reap sparingly, and he who

more diligent, because of the great sows bountifully will also reap  
bountifully.

confidence which we have in you.

7 So let each one give as he purposes in

23 anyone inquires about Titus, he is

his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity;

my partner and fellow worker for God loves a cheerful giver.  
concerning you. Or if our brethren are 8 2 And God is able to make all  
grace But I beg you that when I am present I abound toward you, that  
you, always may not be bold with that confidence by

having all sufficiency in all things, may which I intend to be bold  
against some,

have an abundance for every good work. who think of us as if we  
walked

'As it is written: "He has dispersed

3

abroad, He has given to the poor; His For though we walk in the flesh,  
we do righteousness endures forever." not war according to the flesh.

1 4 0 Now may He who supplies seed to the For the weapons of our  
warfare are not

sower, and bread for food, supply and carnal but mighty in God for  
pulling

multiply the seed you have sown and down strongholds, increase the  
fruits of your righteousness,

s casting down arguments and every

11

while you are enriched in everything high thing that exalts itself  
against the

for all liberality, which causes knowledge of God, bringing every  
thanksgiving through us to God. thought into captivity to the  
obedience of

Christ,

12

For the administration of this service hand being ready to punish all  
not only supplies the needs of the saints,

but also is abounding through many disobedience when your  
obedience is

thanksgivings to God, fulfilled.

while, through the proof of this ministry, Do you look at things according to the

they glorify God for the obedience of outward appearance? If anyone is

your confession to the gospel of Christ, convinced in himself that he is Christ's,

and for your liberal sharing with them let him again consider this in himself,

and all men, that just as he is Christ's, even so we

are Christ's.

14

and by their prayer for you, who long

for you because of the exceeding grace 8For even if I should boast somewhat of God in you. more about our authority, which the Lord

gave us for edification and not for your

15Thanks be to God for His destruction, I shall not be ashamed--  
indescribable gift!

'lest I seem to terrify you by letters.

1 0 'For his letters," they say, "are weighty

1 ONow I, Paul, myself am pleading

and powerful, but his bodily presence is  
with you by the meekness and

weak, and his speech contemptible."  
gentleness of Christ--who in presence

am lowly among you, but being absent 11Let such a person consider

this, that am bold toward you.

what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also  
be in deed 2For I am jealous for you with godly when we are present.  
jealousy. For I have betrothed you to

one husband, that I may present you as

12 a chaste virgin to Christ.

For we dare not class ourselves or  
compare ourselves with those who

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commend themselves. But they, But I fear, lest somehow, as the  
serpent measuring themselves by themselves, deceived Eve by his  
craftiness, so your

and comparing themselves among minds may be corrupted from the  
themselves, are not wise. simplicity that is in Christ.

1 4 3We, however, will not boast beyond For if he who comes preaches  
another

measure, but within the limits of the Jesus whom we have not  
preached, or if

sphere which God appointed us--a you receive a different spirit which  
you

sphere which especially includes you. have not received, or a  
different gospel

which you have not accepted--you may

14 well put up with it!

For we are not overextending  
ourselves (as though our authority did  
not extend to you), for it was to you that sFor I consider that I am not

at all we came with the gospel of Christ; inferior to the most eminent apostles.

15not boasting of things beyond measure, 6Even though I am untrained in speech,

that is, in other men's labors, but having yet I am not in knowledge. But we have

hope, that as your faith is increased, we been thoroughly manifested among you

shall be greatly enlarged by you in our in all things. sphere,

7Did I commit sin in humbling myself that

16 preach the gospel in the regions

you might be exalted, because I

beyond you, and not to boast in another preached the gospel of God to you free

man's sphere of accomplishment. of charge?

1 8 7But "he who glories, let him glory in the 1 robbed other churches, taking wages

LORD." from them to minister to you.

18For not he who commends himself is 'And when I was present with you, and

approved, but whom the Lord in need, I was a burden to no one, for commends. what I lacked the brethren who came

from Macedonia supplied. And in

everything I kept myself from being

1 1 burdensome to you, and so I will keep Oh, that you would bear



with me

myself.

in a little folly--and indeed you do bear

with me.

1 2 0As the truth of Christ is in me, no one 1

To our shame I say that we were too

shall stop me from this boasting in the weak for that! But in whatever  
anyone is

regions of Achaia. bold--I speak foolishly--I am bold also.

1 2 12

Why? Because I do not love you? God Are they Hebrews? So am I.  
Are they

knows! Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of

Abraham? So am I.

12

But what I do, I will also continue to do,

2 3

that I may cut off the opportunity from Are they ministers of Christ?--I  
speak

those who desire an opportunity to be as a fool--I am more: in labors  
more

regarded just as we are in the things of abundant, in stripes above  
measure, in

which they boast. prisons more frequently, in deaths often.

1 2 3For such are false apostles, deceitful 4From the Jews five times I

received workers, transforming themselves into forty stripes minus one. apostles of Christ.

25 Three times I was beaten with rods;

14

And no wonder! For Satan himself once I was stoned; three times I was

transforms himself into an angel of light. shipwrecked; a night and a day I have

been in the deep;

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into 2 6 n journeys often, in perils of waters, in ministers of righteousness, whose end perils of robbers, in perils of my own

will be according to their works. countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in

perils in the city, in perils in the

16 say again, let no one think me a fool. wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils

If otherwise, at least receive me as a among false brethren;

fool, that I also may boast a little. 7 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness

2

17 often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings

What I speak, I speak not according to

the Lord, but as it were, foolishly, in this often, in cold and nakedness--confidence of boasting.

2 ' besides the other things, what comes

18 upon me daily: my deep concern for all

Seeing that many boast according to

the flesh, I also will boast. the churches.

1 you put up with fools gladly, since

' For 2' Who is weak, and I am not weak?

you yourselves are wise! Who is made to stumble, and I do not

burn with indignation?

20For you put up with it if one brings you

30 must boast, I will boast in the things

into bondage, if one devours you, if one

takes from you, if one exalts himself, if which concern my  
infirmity. one strikes you on the face.

31

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus revelations, a thorn in the  
flesh was

Christ, who is blessed forever, knows given to me, a messenger of  
Satan to

that I am not lying. buffet me, lest I be exalted above

measure.

32 n Damascus the governor, under

Aretas the king, was guarding the city of 8Concerning this thing I  
pleaded with the the Damascenes with a garrison, Lord three times  
that it might depart

desiring to arrest me; from me.

33but I was let down in a basket through 'And He said to me, "My  
grace is

a window in the wall, and escaped from sufficient for you, for My

strength is

his hands. made perfect in weakness." Therefore

most gladly I will rather boast in my  
infirmities, that the power of Christ may

1 rest upon me. 2It is doubtless not profitable for me

to boast. I will come to visions and 10Therefore I take pleasure in  
infirmities, revelations of the Lord: in reproaches, in needs, in  
persecutions, 2 in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when

1 I know a man in Christ who fourteen I am weak, then I am strong.  
years ago--whether in the body I do not

know, or whether out of the body I do 1 1a have become a fool in  
boasting; you not know, God knows--such a one was have compelled  
me. For I ought to have caught up to the third heaven. been  
commended by you; for in nothing

3And I know such a man--whether in the was I behind the most  
eminent apostles,

though I am nothing.

body or out of the body I do not know,

God knows-- 1 2Truly the signs of an apostle were 4 accomplished  
among you with all

how he was caught up into Paradise perseverance, in signs and  
wonders and

and heard inexpressible words, which it mighty deeds. is not lawful  
for a man to utter.

<sup>13</sup>For what is it in which you were inferior

<sup>5</sup>Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself to other churches, except that I myself

I will not boast, except in my infirmities. was not burdensome to you? Forgive

<sup>6</sup> me this wrong!

For though I might desire to boast, I will

not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. <sup>14</sup>Now for the third time I am ready to But I refrain, lest anyone should think of come to you. And I will not be

me above what he sees me to be or burdensome to you; for I do not seek

hears from me. yours, but you. For the children ought

<sup>7</sup> not to lay up for the parents, but the

And lest I should be exalted above parents for the children.

measure by the abundance of the <sup>1 2</sup> <sup>5</sup>And I will very gladly spend and be <sup>1</sup> have told you before, and foretell as if

spent for your souls; though the more I were present the second time, and

abundantly I love you, the less I am now being absent I write to those who

loved. have sinned before, and to all the rest,

that if I come again I will not spare--

<sup>16</sup>

But be that as it may, I did not burden <sup>3</sup>since you seek a proof of Christ

you. Nevertheless, being crafty, I caught

you by cunning! speaking in me, who is not weak toward

you, but mighty in you.

17 Did I take advantage of you by any of those whom I sent to you?

4 For though He was crucified in

weakness, yet He lives by the power of

18a urged Titus, and sent our brother with God. For we also are weak  
in Him, but

him. Did Titus take advantage of you? we shall live with Him by the  
power of

Did we not walk in the same spirit? Did God toward you. we not walk  
in the same steps?

5 Examine yourselves as to whether you

1 are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you ' Again, do you think that  
we excuse

ourselves to you? We speak before God not know yourselves, that  
Jesus Christ

in Christ. But we do all things, beloved, is in you?--unless indeed you  
are

for your edification. disqualified.

2 But I trust that you will know that we are For I fear lest, when I  
come, I shall not

0 6

find you such as I wish, and that I shall not disqualified. be found by  
you such as you do not

wish; 7 lest there be contentions, Now I pray to God that you do no  
evil, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish not that we should appear  
approved, but

ambitions, backbitings, whisperings, that you should do what is  
honorable,

conceits, tumults; though we may seem disqualified.

28 I rest, when I come again, my God will For we can do nothing  
against the truth, humble me among you, and I shall but for the truth.  
mourn for many who have sinned before

and have not repented of the 'For we are glad when we are weak and  
uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness you are strong. And this also  
we pray,

which they have practiced. that you may be made complete.

10 Therefore I write these things being

13 This will be the third time I am absent, lest being present I should  
use

coming to you. "By the mouth of two or sharpness, according to the  
authority

three witnesses every word shall be which the Lord has given me for  
established." edification and not for destruction. 113 Finally,  
brethren, farewell. Become All the saints greet you.

complete. Be of good comfort, be of one

mind, live in peace; and the God of love 41 The grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, and peace will be with you. and the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with

12

Greet one another with a holy kiss. you all. Amen.

# Letter from Apostle Paul to the Church in Rome

10 asking request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in  
the will of

1 God to come to you. Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,

called to be an apostle, separated to the 1 1For I long to see you, that I  
may impart gospel of God

to you some spiritual gift, so that you

2 may be established--

which He promised before through His

prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 1 2that is, that I may be encouraged

3 together with you by the mutual faith concerning His Son Jesus  
Christ our both of you and me. Lord, who was born of the seed of  
David

according to the flesh, 1 3Now I do not want you to be unaware, 4  
brethren, that I often planned to come to

and declared to be the Son of God with you (but was hindered until  
now), that I

power according to the Spirit of holiness, might have some fruit  
among you also,

by the resurrection from the dead. just as among the other Gentiles.



5Through Him we have received grace 4a am a debtor both to Greeks  
and to

1

and apostleship for obedience to the barbarians, both to wise and to  
unwise.

faith among all nations for His name,

15So, as much as is in me, I am ready to

6among whom you also are the called of

preach the gospel to you who are in

Jesus Christ;

Rome also.

7To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, 6

1 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of

called to be saints: Grace to you and

Christ, for it is the power of God to

peace from God our Father and the Lord

salvation for everyone who believes, for

Jesus Christ.

the Jew first and also for the Greek.

8First, I thank my God through Jesus 7For in it the righteousness of  
God is

1

Christ for you all, that your faith is

revealed from faith to faith; as it is  
spoken of throughout the whole world.

written, "The just shall live by faith."

For God is my witness, whom I serve <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from  
with my spirit in the gospel of His Son,

heaven against all ungodliness and  
that without ceasing I make mention of

unrighteousness of men, who suppress  
you always in my prayers, the truth in unrighteousness, <sup>19</sup>because  
what may be known of God is <sup>1</sup>men committing what is shameful, and  
manifest in them, for God has shown it receiving in themselves the  
penalty of  
to them. their error which was due.

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For since the creation of the world His And even as they did not like  
to retain

invisible attributes are clearly seen, God in their knowledge, God gave  
them

being understood by the things that are over to a debased mind, to do  
those

made, even His eternal power and things which are not fitting;  
Godhead, so that they are without

excuse, <sup>2</sup> ' being filled with all unrighteousness,

2 covetousness, maliciousness; full of

1because, although they knew God, sexual immorality, wickedness,  
they did not glorify Him as God, nor envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-  
were thankful, but became futile in their mindedness; they are  
whisperers, thoughts, and their foolish hearts were  
darkened. 30backbiters, haters of God, violent,

2 disobedient to parents,

2Professing to be wise, they became proud, boasters, inventors of evil  
things,

fools,

31undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving,

23and changed the glory of the unforgiving, unmerciful;

incorruptible God into an image made

like corruptible man--and birds and four- 32 who, knowing the  
righteous judgment footed animals and creeping things. of God, that  
those who practice such

2 do the same but also approve of those

4Therefore God also gave them up to things are deserving of death,  
not only

uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, who practice them. to  
dishonor their bodies among themselves,

2 2Therefore you are inexcusable, O 5who exchanged the truth of God  
for

man, whoever you are who judge, for in

the lie, and worshiped and served the

whatever you judge another you  
creature rather than the Creator, who is  
condemn yourself; for you who judge  
blessed forever. Amen.

practice the same things.

26For this reason God gave them up to

2 But we know that the judgment of God  
vile passions. For even their women

is according to truth against those who  
exchanged the natural use for what is

practice such things.  
against nature.

2 3And do you think this, O man, you who 7Likewise also the men,  
leaving the judge those practicing such things, and

natural use of the woman, burned in

doing the same, that you will escape the  
their lust for one another, 1men with

judgment of God?

4 1 Or do you despise the riches of His 4 or when Gentiles, who do not  
have goodness, forbearance, and the law, by nature do the things in  
the long suffering, not knowing that the law, these, although not  
having the law,

goodness of God leads you to are a law to themselves, repentance?

who show the work of the law written

5But in accordance with your hardness in their hearts, their conscience also

and your impenitent heart you are bearing witness, and between treasuring up for yourself wrath in the themselves their thoughts accusing or

day of wrath and revelation of the else excusing them) righteous judgment of God,

1 6in the day when God will judge the

6who "will render to each one according secrets of men by Jesus Christ,

to his deeds": according to my gospel.

7 1 eternal life to those who by patient 7 ndeed you are called a Jew, and rest continuance in doing good seek for glory, on the law, and make your boast in God,

honor, and immortality;

18and know His will, and approve the

8but to those who are self-seeking and things that are excellent, being do not obey the truth, but obey instructed out of the law, unrighteousness--indignation and wrath,

1' and are confident that you yourself are

'tribulation and anguish, on every soul a guide to the blind, a light to those who

of man who does evil, of the Jew first are in darkness, and also of the Greek;

2 0

an instructor of the foolish, a teacher

10 but glory, honor, and peace to of babes, having the form of knowledge

everyone who works what is good, to and truth in the law. the Jew first and also to the Greek.

2 1 ou, therefore, who teach another, do

11For there is no partiality with God.

you not teach yourself? You who preach

that a man should not steal, do you

12For as many as have sinned without steal?

law will also perish without law, and as 2 ou who say, "Do not commit

many as have sinned in the law will be 2 judged by the law adultery," do you commit adultery? You

who abhor idols, do you rob temples?

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for not the hearers of the law are just 3 ou who make your boast in the law,

in the sight of God, but the doers of the 2 law will be justified; do you dishonor God through breaking

the law?

24

For "the name of God is blasphemed "That You may be justified in Your

among the Gentiles because of you," as words, And may overcome when You

it is written. are judged."

2 5 5

For circumcision is indeed profitable if But if our unrighteousness

you keep the law; but if you are a demonstrates the righteousness of God,

breaker of the law, your circumcision what shall we say? Is God unjust who

has become uncircumcision. inflicts wrath? (I speak as a man.)

2 6 Therefore, if an uncircumcised man Certainly not! For then how will God

keeps the righteous requirements of the judge the world? law, will not his uncircumcision be

counted as circumcision? 7 For if the truth of God has increased

through my lie to His glory, why am I

2 7 And will not the physically also still judged as a sinner? uncircumcised, if he fulfills the law,

judge you who, even with your written 8 And why not say, "Let us do evil that code and circumcision, are a good may come"?--as we are transgressor of the law? slanderously reported and as some

affirm that we say. Their condemnation

2 ' For he is not a Jew who is one is just. outwardly, nor is circumcision that which

is outward in the flesh; 9 What then? Are we better than they?

Not at all. For we have previously

2' but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; charged both Jews and Greeks that they

and circumcision is that of the heart, in are all under sin. the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise

is not from men but from God. 1 0 As it is written: "There is none

righteous, no, not one;

3What advantage then has the Jew, or 1 1There is none who understands; There what is the profit of circumcision? is none who seeks after God.

1 2They have all turned aside; They have

2Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of together become unprofitable; There is

God. none who does good, no, not one."

3For what if some did not believe? Will 1 34Their throat is an open tomb; With their unbelief make the faithfulness of their tongues they have practiced

God without effect? deceit"; "The poison of asps is under

their lips";

4Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written:

14a Whose mouth is full of cursing and

because in His forbearance God had

bitterness." passed over the sins that were

previously committed,

15§Their feet are swift to shed blood;

2 6

to demonstrate at the present time His

16Destruction and misery are in their righteousness, that He might  
be just and

ways; the justifier of the one who has faith in

Jesus.



17 And the way of peace they have not <sup>2</sup> known." <sup>7</sup>Where is boasting then? It is excluded.

By what law? Of works? No, but by the

<sup>1</sup> law of faith.

" There is no fear of God before their

eyes." <sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>Therefore we conclude that a man is

<sup>1</sup> justified by faith apart from the deeds of <sup>9</sup>Now we know that whatever the law

the law.

says, it says to those who are under the

law, that every mouth may be stopped, <sup>2</sup> ' Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is and all the world may become guilty before God. He not also the God of the Gentiles?

Yes, of the Gentiles also,

<sup>20</sup>Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by since there is one God who will justify <sup>30</sup>

the law is the knowledge of sin. the circumcised by faith and the

uncircumcised through faith.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being <sup>31</sup>Do we then make void the law through

witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, faith? Certainly not! On the contrary, we

establish the law.

<sup>22</sup>

even the righteousness of God,

through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and

on all who believe. For there is no <sup>4</sup>What then shall we say that Abraham

difference; our father has found according to the

<sup>2</sup>

<sup>3</sup> or all have sinned and fall short of the flesh?

glory of God, <sup>2</sup> For if Abraham was justified by works,

he has something to boast about, but

<sup>24</sup> being justified freely by His grace not before God. through the redemption that is in Christ

Jesus, <sup>3</sup>For what does the Scripture say?

"Abraham believed God, and it was

<sup>25</sup>whom God set forth as a propitiation accounted to him for  
righteousness."

by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, <sup>4</sup>Now to him who works, the wages are which our father Abraham had while still

not counted as grace but as debt. uncircumcised.

<sup>5 1</sup> But to him who does not work but <sup>3</sup>For the promise that he would be the believes on Him who justifies the heir of the world was not to Abraham or

ungodly, his faith is accounted for to his seed through the law, but through

righteousness, the righteousness of faith.

<sup>6 1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

just as David also describes the For if those who are of the law are

blessedness of the man to whom God heirs, faith is made void and the promise

imputes righteousness apart from made of no effect, works:

1 5because the law brings about wrath;

7 BBlessed are those whose lawless for where there is no law there is no

deeds are forgiven, And whose sins are transgression. covered;

1 6Therefore it is of faith that it might be

'Blessed is the man to whom the LORD according to grace, so that the promise

shall not impute sin." might be sure to all the seed, not only to

those who are of the law, but also to

'Does this blessedness then come upon those who are of the faith of Abraham,

the circumcised only, or upon the who is the father of us all uncircumcised also? For we say that

1 7(

faith was accounted to Abraham for as it is written, "I have made you a

righteousness. father of many nations" ) in the presence

of Him whom he believed--God, who

10 gives life to the dead and calls those

How then was it accounted? While he

was circumcised, or uncircumcised? Not things which do not exist as though they

while did; circumcised, but while uncircumcised.

1 ' who, contrary to hope, in hope

11 And he received the sign of believed, so that he became the father  
circumcision, of many nations, according to what was a seal of the  
righteousness of the faith which he had spoken, "So shall your  
descendants be."

while still uncircumcised, that he might

be the father of all those who believe, 1' And not being weak in faith,  
he did not though they are uncircumcised, that consider his own body,  
already dead

righteousness might be imputed to them (since he was about a  
hundred years

also, old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

1 2 2 0 He did not waver at the promise of

and the father of circumcision to those

who not only are of the circumcision, but God through unbelief, but  
was who also walk in the steps of the faith strengthened in faith,  
giving glory to God, 2 7 1

and being fully convinced that what He For scarcely for a righteous  
man will

had promised He was also able to one die; yet perhaps for a good man  
perform. someone would even dare to die.

2 8 2

And therefore "it was accounted to him But God demonstrates His  
own love

for righteousness." toward us, in that while we were still

sinner, Christ died for us.

Now it was not written for his sake  
alone that it was imputed to him, 'Much more then, having now been  
justified by His blood, we shall be saved  
24 from wrath through Him.

but also for us. It shall be imputed to  
us who believe in Him who raised up

1 0

Jesus our Lord from the dead, For if when we were enemies we were  
reconciled to God through the death of  
25who was delivered up because of our His Son, much more, having  
been

offenses, and was raised because of our reconciled, we shall be saved  
by His life.

justification.

1 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

5Therefore, having been justified by through whom we have now  
received

the reconciliation.

faith, we have peace with God through

our Lord Jesus Christ, 12Therefore, just as through one man sin 2  
entered the world, and death through sin,

through whom also we have access by and thus death spread to all  
men,

faith into this grace in which we stand, because all sinned--and rejoice  
in hope of the glory of God.

3And not only that, but we also glory in For until the law sin was in the world,

but sin is not imputed when there is no tribulations, knowing that tribulation law. produces perseverance;

1 4

4 Nevertheless death reigned from and perseverance, character; and Adam to Moses, even over those who character, hope. had not sinned according to the likeness 5 of the tr n of Adam, who is a

Now hope does not disappoint, type of Him who was to come.

ansgressio

because the love of God has been

n poured out in our hearts by the Holy 1 5But the free gift is not like the offense. Spirit who was given to us. For if by the one man's offense many

r died, much more the grace of God and

6For when we were still without strength, the gift by the grace of the one Man,

in due time Christ died for the ungodly. Jesus Christ, abounded to many. 16And the gift is not like that which came 3Or do you not know that as many of us

through the one who sinned. For the as were baptized into Christ Jesus were

judgment which came from one offense baptized into His death?

resulted in condemnation, but the free

gift which came from many offenses <sup>4</sup>Therefore we were buried with Him resulted in justification. through baptism into death, that just as

<sup>1</sup> glory of the Father, even so we also

<sup>7</sup>For if by the one man's offense death Christ was raised from the dead by the

reigned through the one, much more should walk in newness of life. those who receive abundance of grace

and of the gift of righteousness will reign <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in in life through the One, Jesus Christ.) the likeness of His death, certainly we

also shall be in the likeness of His

<sup>1</sup> ' Therefore, as through one man's resurrection, offense judgment came to all men,

resulting in condemnation, even so <sup>6</sup> knowing this, that our old man was through one Man's righteous act the free crucified with Him, that the body of sin

gift came to all men, resulting in might be done away with, that we justification of life. should no longer be slaves of sin.

<sup>17</sup> ' For as by one man's disobedience For he who has died has been freed many were made sinners, so also by from sin. one Man's obedience many will be

made righteous. <sup>8</sup>

Now if we died with Christ, we believe

<sup>2</sup> that we shall also live with Him, <sup>0</sup>Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin 'knowing that Christ, having

been raised abounded, grace abounded much more,

from the dead, dies no more. Death no

2 longer has dominion over Him. 1 so that as sin reigned in death,  
even

so grace might reign through 1 0For the death that He died, He died to  
righteousness to eternal life through

sin once for all; but the life that He lives,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

He lives to God.

1 1Likewise you also, reckon yourselves

6What shall we say then? Shall we to be dead indeed to sin, but alive  
to

continue in sin that grace may abound? God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 1 Certainly not! How shall we who died to 2Therefore do not let sin  
reign in your sin live any longer in it? mortal body, that you should  
obey it in

its lusts.

1 2 3And do not present your members as 2

But now having been set free from sin,

instruments of unrighteousness to sin, and having become slaves of  
God, you

but present yourselves to God as being have your fruit to holiness, and  
the end,

alive from the dead, and your members everlasting life. as instruments  
of righteousness to God.



For the wages of sin is death, but the

14

For sin shall not have dominion over gift of God is eternal life in  
Christ Jesus

you, for you are not under law but under our Lord. grace.

15What then? Shall we sin because we

7Or do you not know, brethren (for I

are not under law but under grace?

speak to those who know the law), that

Certainly not!

the law has dominion over a man as

1 long as he lives? 6Do you not know that to whom you present  
yourselves slaves to obey, you 2

For the woman who has a husband is

are that one's slaves whom you obey, bound by the law to her  
husband as

whether of sin leading to death, or of

long as he lives. But if the husband dies,

obedience leading to righteousness?

she is released from the law of her

1 husband. 7 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin,  
yet you obeyed from 3

So then if, while her husband lives, she  
the heart that form of doctrine to which  
marries another man, she will be called  
you were delivered.

an adulteress; but if her husband dies,  
1 she is free from that law, so that she is  
' And having been set free from sin, you no adulteress, though she has  
married  
became slaves of righteousness. another man.

1 ' I speak in human terms because of the  
4 Therefore, my brethren, you also have  
weakness of your flesh. For just as you become dead to the law  
through the  
presented your members as slaves of body of Christ, that you may be  
married  
uncleanness, and of lawlessness to another--to Him who was raised  
from leading to more lawlessness, so now the dead, that we should  
bear fruit to  
present your members as slaves of God. righteousness for holiness.

2 For when you were slaves of sin, you sinful passions which were  
aroused by

0 5 For when we were in the flesh, the

were free in regard to righteousness. the law were at work in our  
members to

bear fruit to death.

21

What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? <sup>6</sup> But now we have been delivered from For the end of those things is death. the law, having died to what we were

held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the <sup>16</sup> then, I do what I will not to do, I oldness of the letter. agree with the law that it is good.

7 <sup>17</sup>

What shall we say then? Is the law sin? But now, it is no longer I who do it, but

Certainly not! On the contrary, I would sin that dwells in me. not have known sin except through the

law. For I would not have known <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>For I know that in me (that is, in my covetousness unless the law had said, flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is

"You shall not covet." present with me, but how to perform

what is good I do not find.

'But sin, taking opportunity by the

commandment, produced in me all <sup>1</sup> ' For the good that I will to do, I do not manner of evil desire. For apart from the do; but the evil I will not to do, that I

law sin was dead. practice.

I was alive once without the law, but <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no

when the commandment came, sin longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in

revived and I died. me.

1 2 0 And the commandment, which was to 1s find then a law, that evil  
is present bring life, I found to bring death. with me, the one who  
wills to do good.

1 2 12 For sin, taking occasion by the For I delight in the law of God  
commandment, deceived me, and by it according to the inward man.  
killed me.

2 3 But I see another law in my members,

1 2 Therefore the law is holy, and the

warring against the law of my mind, and

commandment holy and just and good. bringing me into captivity to  
the law of

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3 Has then what is good become death sin which is in my members.

to me? Certainly not! But sin, that it 2 40 wretched man that I am!  
Who will might appear sin, was producing death deliver me from this  
body of death? in me through what is good, so that sin

through the commandment might 2 5a thank God--through Jesus  
Christ our become exceedingly sinful. Lord! So then, with the mind I  
myself

1 serve the law of God, but with the flesh 4 For we know that the law  
is spiritual, the law of sin.

but I am carnal, sold under sin.

1 5 For what I am doing, I do not

8 There is therefore now no

understand. For what I will to do, that I

do not practice; but what I hate, that I do. condemnation to those who  
are in Christ

Jesus, who do not walk according to the But if the Spirit of Him who raised

flesh, but according to the Spirit. Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He

who raised Christ from the dead will also

2 give life to your mortal bodies through For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ

Jesus has made me free from the law of His Spirit who dwells in you.

sin and death. 2Therefore, brethren, we are debtors--

1

3 not to the flesh, to live according to the For what the law could not do in that it

was weak through the flesh, God did by flesh.

sending His own Son in the likeness of 3For if you live according to the flesh

sinful flesh, on account of sin: He 1 condemned sin in the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to

death the deeds of the body, you will

4 live. that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not

1 4

walk according to the flesh but For as many as are led by the Spirit of according to the Spirit. God, these are sons of God.

5 1 For those who live according to the 5 For you did not receive the spirit of flesh set their minds on the things of the bondage again to fear, but you received

flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry

the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. out, "Abba, Father."

6 1 6

For to be carnally minded is death, but The Spirit Himself bears witness with

to be spiritually minded is life and peace. our spirit that we are children of God,

7 1 7

Because the carnal mind is enmity and if children, then heirs--heirs of against God; for it is not subject to the God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed

law of God, nor indeed can be. we suffer with Him, that we may also be

glorified together.

8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 1' For I consider that the sufferings of

this present time are not worthy to be

'But you are not in the flesh but in the compared with the glory which shall be

Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells revealed in us. in you. Now if anyone does not have the

Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 1' For the earnest expectation of the

creation eagerly waits for the revealing

10And if Christ is in you, the body is of the sons of God.

dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life 0For the creation was  
subjected to

because of righteousness. 2

futility, not willingly, but because of Him

who subjected it in hope;

21because the creation itself also will be 30Moreover whom He  
predestined, these

delivered from the bondage of He also called; whom He called, these  
corruption into the glorious liberty of the He also justified; and whom  
He justified,

children of God. these He also glorified.

2 3 21

For we know that the whole creation What then shall we say to  
these

groans and labors with birth pangs things? If God is for us, who can be  
together until now. against us?

23Not only that, but we also who have 32He who did not spare His  
own Son,

the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we but delivered Him up for us all,  
how shall

ourselves groan within ourselves, He not with Him also freely give us  
all eagerly waiting for the adoption, the things? redemption of our  
body.



2 For we were saved in this hope, but God's elect? It is God who justifies. 4 33Who shall bring a charge against

hope that is seen is not hope; for why

does one still hope for what he sees? 34Who is he who condemns? It is Christ

2 who is even at the right hand of God,

5But if we hope for what we do not see, who died, and furthermore is also risen,

we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. who also makes intercession for us.

2 3 65 Who shall separate us from the love of Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or

we should pray for as we ought, but the persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or

Spirit Himself makes intercession for us peril, or sword? with groanings which cannot be uttered.

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2 killed all day long; We are accounted as

7Now He who searches the hearts As it is written: "For Your sake we are

knows what the mind of the Spirit is, sheep for the slaughter." because He makes intercession for the

saints according to the will of God. 37 et in all these things we are more

<sup>2</sup> uS. 8 And we know that all things work than conquerors through Him who loved

together for good to those who love God,

to those who are the called according to 3' For I am persuaded that neither death

His purpose. nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor

<sup>2</sup> come, 9 For whom He foreknew, He also powers, nor things present nor things to

predestined to be conformed to the

image of His Son, that He might be the 3' nor height nor depth, nor any other

firstborn among many brethren. created thing, shall be able to separate

us from the love of God which is in <sup>10</sup> And not only this, but when Rebecca Christ Jesus our Lord. also had conceived by one man, even

by our father Isaac

<sup>1</sup> 1(

<sup>9</sup>1 tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, for the children not yet being born, nor

having done any good or evil, that the

my conscience also bearing me witness

in the Holy Spirit, purpose of God according to election

might stand, not of works but of Him

<sup>2</sup> who calls),

that I have great sorrow and continual

grief in my heart. <sup>1</sup> 2it was said to her, "The older shall

3For I could wish that I myself were serve the younger."

accursed from Christ for my brethren, <sup>1</sup> 3As it is written, "Jacob I have loved, my countrymen according to the flesh,

but Esau I have hated."

<sup>4</sup> who are Israelites, to whom pertain the <sup>4</sup> adoption, the glory, the covenants, the <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Is there

giving of the law, the service of God, unrighteousness with God? Certainly

and the promises; not!

<sup>15</sup>For He says to Moses, "I will have

of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ mercy on whomever I will have mercy,

came, who is over all, the eternally and I will have compassion on blessed God. Amen. whomever I will have compassion."

<sup>1</sup> 6

<sup>6</sup> So then it is not of him who wills, nor But it is not that the word of God has

taken no effect. For they are not all of him who runs, but of God who shows

Israel who are of Israel, mercy.

<sup>7</sup> For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, nor are they all children

because they <sup>17</sup>

are the seed of Abraham; but, "In Isaac "For this very purpose I have raised you

your seed shall be called." up, that I may show My power in you,

and that My name may be declared in

<sup>8</sup> all the earth."

That is, those who are the children of

the flesh, these are not the children of <sup>1</sup> ' Therefore He has mercy on whom He God; but the children of the promise are wills, and whom He wills He hardens. counted as the seed.

<sup>1</sup> ' You will say to me then, "Why does He

'For this is the word of promise: "At this

time I will come and Sarah shall have a still find fault? For who has resisted His

will?"

son."

<sup>22</sup> 0But indeed, O man, who are you to ' And as Isaiah said before:

"Unless the

reply against God? Will the thing formed LORD of Sabaoth had left us a seed,

say to him who formed it, "Why have We would have become like Sodom,

you made me like this?" And we would have been made like

Gomorrah."

Does not the potter have power over

3 0

the clay, from the same lump to make What shall we say then? That Gentiles,

one vessel for honor and another for who did not pursue righteousness, have

dishonor? attained to righteousness, even the

righteousness of faith;

2What if God, wanting to show His

31

wrath and to make His power known, but Israel, pursuing the law of endured with much long suffering the righteousness, has not attained to the

vessels of wrath prepared for law of righteousness. destruction,

3 2

Why? Because they did not seek it by

23 and that He might make known the faith, but as it were, by the works of the

riches of His glory on the vessels of law. For they stumbled at that stumbling

mercy, which He had prepared stone. beforehand for glory,

2 even us whom He called, not of the stumbling stone and rock of offense,

4 33As it is written: "Behold, I lay in Zion a

Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? And whoever believes on Him will not be

put to shame."

25

As He says also in Hosea: "I will call  
them My people, who were not My  
people, And her beloved, who was not 1 O Brethren, my heart's  
desire and  
beloved." prayer to God for Israel is that they may

2 be saved. 6 And it shall come to pass in the place

where it was said to them, "You are not 2 For I bear them witness that  
they have My people,' There they shall be called a zeal for God, but  
not according to

sons of the living God." knowledge.

27 saiah also cries out concerning Israel: 3

For they being ignorant of God's

"Though the number of the children of

righteousness, and seeking to establish

Israel be as the sand of the sea, The their own righteousness, have not  
remnant will be saved. submitted to the righteousness of God.

2' For He will finish the work and cut it For Christ is the end of the law  
for

4

short in righteousness, Because the righteousness to everyone who  
believes.

LORD will make a short work upon the

earth."

5 1 For Moses writes about the 5 And how shall they preach unless they  
righteousness which is of the law, "The are sent? As it is written: "How  
beautiful

man who does those things shall live by are the feet of those who  
preach the

them." gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings

of good things!"

6 But the righteousness of faith speaks in

1 6

this way, "Do not say in your heart, But they have not all obeyed the

"Who will ascend into heaven?" (that is, gospel. For Isaiah says,  
"LORD, who

to bring Christ down from above) has believed our report?"

7 1 7 or, Who will descend into the abyss?"

So then faith comes by hearing, and

(that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). hearing by the word of  
God.

8 1 But what does it say? "The word is near ' But I say, have they not  
heard? Yes you, in your mouth and in your heart" indeed: "Their  
sound has gone out to all

(that is, the word of faith which we the earth, And their words to the  
ends of

preach): the world."

'that if you confess with your mouth the 1' But I say, did Israel not

know? First Lord Jesus and believe in your heart Moses says: "I will  
provoke you to

that God has raised Him from the dead, jealousy by those who are not  
a nation, I

you will be saved. will move you to anger by a foolish

nation."

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For with the heart one believes unto

2 0

righteousness, and with the mouth But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I

confession is made unto salvation. was found by those who did not  
seek

Me; I was made manifest to those who

11 did not ask for Me."

For the Scripture says, "Whoever

believes on Him will not be put to 1But to Israel he says: "All day long  
I

shame." 2

have stretched out My hands To a

12For there is no distinction between disobedient and contrary  
people."

Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over

all is rich to all who call upon Him.

1 1 I say then, has God cast away His

13For "whoever calls on the name of the

people? Certainly not! For I also am an



LORD shall be saved." Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the  
tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?  
And how <sup>2</sup> God has not cast away His people shall they believe in Him  
of whom they whom He foreknew. Or do you not know

have not heard? And how shall they what the Scripture says of Elijah,  
how

hear without a preacher?

he pleads with God against Israel, Now if their fall is riches for the world,

saying, and their failure riches for the Gentiles,

how much more their fullness!

3 "LORD, they have killed Your prophets <sup>3 1</sup> and torn down Your altars, and I alone For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch am left, and they seek my life"? as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I

magnify my ministry,

4 But what does the divine response say <sup>4</sup> by any means I may provoke to

to him? "I have reserved for Myself <sup>1</sup> seven thousand men who have not jealousy those who are my flesh and

bowed the knee to Baal." save some of them.

<sup>5 1</sup> 5

Even so then, at this present time there For if their being cast away is the

is a remnant according to the election of reconciling of the world, what will their

grace. acceptance be but life from the dead?

<sup>6 1</sup> And if by grace, then it is no longer of <sup>6</sup> For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is works; otherwise grace is no longer also holy; and if the root is holy, so are

grace. But if it is of works, it is no longer the branches. grace;  
otherwise work is no longer work.

17

And if some of the branches were

7What then? Israel has not obtained broken off, and you, being a wild  
olive

what it seeks; but the elect have tree, were grafted in among them,  
and

obtained it, and the rest were blinded. with them became a partaker  
of the root

and fatness of the olive tree,

8Just as it is written: "God has given

1 8

them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they do not boast against the  
branches. But

should not see And ears that they if you do boast, remember that you  
do

should not hear, To this very day." not support the root, but the root  
supports you.

'And David says: "Let their table

become a snare and a trap, A stumbling 1 ' You will say then,  
"Branches were block and a recompense to them. broken off that I  
might be grafted in."

1 2 0 0Let their eyes be darkened, so that

Well said. Because of unbelief they

they do not see, And bow down their were broken off, and you stand  
by faith.

back always." Do not be haughty, but fear.

1 2 1a say then, have they stumbled that 1For if God did not spare the natural they should fall? Certainly not! But branches, He may not spare you either.

through their fall, to provoke them to

jealousy, salvation has come to the 22Therefore consider the goodness and Gentiles. severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if 31even so these also have now been

you continue in His goodness. disobedient, that through the mercy Otherwise you also will be cut off. shown you they also may obtain mercy.

23 32

And they also, if they do not continue For God has committed them all to

in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is disobedience, that He might have mercy

able to graft them in again. on all.

24 33

For if you were cut out of the olive tree Oh, the depth of the riches both of the

which is wild by nature, and were wisdom and knowledge of God! How

grafted contrary to nature into a unsearchable are His judgments and

cultivated olive tree, how much more will His ways past finding out! these, who are natural branches, be

grafted into their own olive tree? 3 4 'For who has known the mind of the

LORD? Or who has become His

<sup>2</sup>5For I do not desire, brethren, that you counselor?" should be ignorant of this mystery, lest

you should be wise in your own opinion, <sup>3</sup> 5 Or who has first given to Him And it that blindness in part has happened to shall be repaid to him?" Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles

has come in. <sup>36</sup>For of Him and through Him and to

<sup>2</sup> Him are all things, to whom be glory <sup>6</sup>And so all Israel will be saved, as it is

forever. Amen.

written: "The Deliverer will come out of

Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness

from Jacob;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>21</sup> beseech you therefore, brethren,

<sup>27</sup>For this is My covenant with them, by the mercies of God, that you present

When I take away their sins." your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,

acceptable to God, which is your

<sup>2</sup> reasonable service. <sup>8</sup>Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning <sup>2</sup> the election they are beloved for the And do not be conformed to this world,

sake of the fathers. but be transformed by the renewing of

your mind, that you may prove what is

<sup>2</sup> that good and acceptable and perfect '

For the gifts and the calling of God are

will of God.

irrevocable.

<sup>30</sup>For as you were once disobedient to <sup>3</sup>For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not God, yet have now obtained mercy to think of himself more highly than he through their disobedience, ought to think, but to think soberly, as

God has dealt to each one a measure of  
faith.

<sup>41</sup> For as we have many members in one <sup>6</sup>Be of the same mind toward one body, but all the members do not have another. Do not set your mind on high

the same function, things, but associate with the humble.

Do not be wise in your own opinion.

so we, being many, are one body in

<sup>1</sup> 7

Christ, and individually members of one Repay no one evil for evil.  
Have

another. regard for good things in the sight of all

men.

<sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use <sup>1</sup> ' If it is possible, as much as depends them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in on you, live peaceably with all men. proportion to our faith;

<sup>1</sup> ' Beloved, do not avenge yourselves,

<sup>7</sup>or ministry, let us use it in our but rather give place to wrath; for it is

ministering; he who teaches, in written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will teaching; repay," says the Lord.

'he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who 20Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, gives, with liberality; he who leads, with feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a

diligence; he who shows mercy, with drink; For in so doing you will heap

cheerfulness. coals of fire on his head."

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'Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor Do not be overcome by evil, but what is evil. Cling to what is good. overcome evil with good.

10

Be kindly affectionate to one another

with brotherly love, in honor giving 1 3Let every soul be subject to the

preference to one another; governing authorities. For there is no

1 authority except from God, and the 1 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, authorities that exist are appointed by

serving the Lord; God.

1 2rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation,

Therefore whoever resists the authority

continuing steadfastly in prayer; resists the ordinance of God, and those

who resist will bring judgment on

13 distributing to the needs of the saints, themselves. given to hospitality.

1 Bless those who persecute you; bless works, but to evil. Do you want to be

4 3For rulers are not a terror to good

and do not curse. unafraid of the authority? Do what is

good, and you will have praise from the

15Rejoice with those who rejoice, and same.

weep with those who weep.

4For he is God's minister to you for good. of darkness, and let us put on the armor

But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does of light. not bear the sword in vain; for he is

God's minister, an avenger to execute 13Let us walk properly, as in the day, not wrath on him who practices evil. in revelry and drunkenness, not in

lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

5Therefore you must be subject, not only because 1 4 of wrath but also for

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and

conscience' sake. make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill

its lusts.

6For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending

continually to this very thing. 1 4Receive one who is weak in the



7 faith, but not to disputes over doubtful

Render therefore to all their due: taxes things.

to whom taxes are due, customs to

whom customs, fear to whom fear, 2 honor to whom honor. For one believes he may eat all things,

but he who is weak eats only vegetables.

8Owe no one anything except to love 3Let not him who eats despise him who

one another, for he who loves another

has fulfilled the law. does not eat, and let not him who does

not eat judge him who eats; for God has

received him.

'For the commandments, "You shall not

commit adultery," "You shall not 4 Who are you to judge another's murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall

not bear false witness," "You shall not servant? To his own master he stands

covet," and if there is any other or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand,

commandment, are all summed up in for God is able to make him stand.

this saying, namely, "You shall love your 5One person esteems one day above neighbor as yourself."

another; another esteems every day

10Love does no harm to a neighbor; alike. Let each be fully convinced

therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. own mind.

1 He who observes the day, observes it And do this, knowing the time,  
that

1 6

now it is high time to awake out of sleep; to the Lord; and he who  
does not

for now our salvation is nearer than observe the day, to the Lord he  
does not

when we first believed. observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord,

for he gives God thanks; and he who

1 does not eat, to the Lord he does not 2The night is far spent, the day  
is at

eat, and gives God thanks.

hand. Therefore let us cast off the works 7 17F

For none of us lives to himself, and no or the kingdom of God is not  
eating

one dies to himself. and drinking, but righteousness and

peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

8For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if

1 8

we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, For he who serves Christ in  
these

whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. things is acceptable to God  
and

approved by men.

'For to this end Christ died and rose and

lived again, that He might be Lord of <sup>1</sup> ' Therefore let us pursue the things both the dead and the living. which make for peace and the things by

which one may edify another.

<sup>10</sup>But why do you judge your brother? Or

<sup>2</sup> 0

why do you show contempt for your Do not destroy the work of God for the

brother? For we shall all stand before sake of food. All things indeed are pure,

the judgment seat of Christ. but it is evil for the man who eats with

offense.

<sup>11</sup>

For it is written: "As I live, says the

<sup>21</sup>

LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And It is good neither to eat meat nor drink

every tongue shall confess to God." wine nor do anything by which your

brother stumbles or is offended or is

<sup>12</sup> made weak.

So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

<sup>2</sup> Do you have faith? Have it to yourself

<sup>13</sup>Therefore let us not judge one another before God. Happy is he who does not

anymore, but rather resolve this, not to condemn himself in what he approves.

in our brother's <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> way. But he who doubts is condemned if he put a stumbling block or a cause to fall

eats, because he does not eat from

<sup>14</sup> know and am convinced by the Lord faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Jesus that there is nothing unclean of

itself; but to him who considers anything

to be unclean, to him it is unclean. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> We then who are strong ought to

<sup>1</sup> bear with the scruples of the weak, and <sup>5</sup> Yet if your brother is grieved because

not to please ourselves.

of your food, you are no longer walking

in love. Do not destroy with your food <sup>2</sup>

Let each of us please his neighbor for the one for whom Christ died.

his good, leading to edification.

<sup>16</sup> Therefore do not let your good be

<sup>3</sup> For even Christ did not please Himself; spoken of as evil;

but as it is written, "The reproaches of

those who reproached You fell on Me."

4 14

For whatever things were written before Now I myself am confident concerning

were written for our learning, that we you, my brethren, that you also are full

through the patience and comfort of the of goodness, filled with all knowledge,

Scriptures might have hope. able also to admonish one another.

5 1 5 Now may the God of patience and Nevertheless, brethren, I have written comfort grant you to be like-minded more boldly to you on some points, as

toward one another, according to Christ reminding you, because of the grace

Jesus, given to me by God,

6 1 6

that you may with one mind and one that I might be a minister of Jesus

mouth glorify the God and Father of our Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the

Lord Jesus Christ. gospel of God, that the offering of the

Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified

7 by the Holy Spirit. Therefore receive one another, just as

Christ also received us, to the glory of 7Therefore I have reason to glory in

God. <sup>1</sup>

Christ Jesus in the things which pertain

8 to God. Now I say that Jesus Christ has

become a servant to the circumcision for <sup>8</sup>For I will not dare to speak  
of any of

the truth of God, to confirm the promises <sup>1</sup> made to the fathers, those  
things which Christ has not

accomplished through me, in word and

'and that the Gentiles might glorify God deed, to make the Gentiles  
obedient--

for His mercy, as it is written: "For this

reason I will confess to You among the <sup>1</sup> in mighty signs and wonders,  
by the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." power of the Spirit of God, so  
that from

Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I

<sup>10</sup>And again he says: "Rejoice, O have fully preached the gospel of  
Christ.

Gentiles, with His people!" <sup>0</sup>And so I have made it my aim to

2

<sup>11</sup>And again: "Praise the LORD, all you preach the gospel, not where  
Christ was

Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" named, lest I should build on  
another

man's foundation,

<sup>12</sup>And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who  
shall but as it is written: "To whom He was <sup>21</sup>

rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him not announced, they shall see;  
And

the Gentiles shall hope." those who have not heard shall  
understand."

13Now may the God of hope fill you with

2 2For this reason I also have been much  
all joy and peace in believing, that you  
may abound in hope by the power of the hindered from coming to  
you. Holy Spirit.

23But now no longer having a place in 32that I may come to you with  
joy by the

these parts, and having a great desire will of God, and may be  
refreshed

these many years to come to you, together with you.

2 33 4whenever I journey to Spain, I shall Now the God of peace be  
with you all.

come to you. For I hope to see you on Amen. my journey, and to be  
helped on my way

there by you, if first I may enjoy your

company for a while. 1 6I commend to you Phoebe our

2 sister, who is a servant of the church in 5But now I am going to  
Jerusalem to

Cenchrea,

minister to the saints.

6For it pleased those from Macedonia <sup>2</sup> that you may receive her in the Lord in

a manner worthy of the saints, and  
and Achaia to make a certain

assist her in whatever business she has  
contribution for the poor among the

need of you; for indeed she has been a  
saints who are in Jerusalem.

helper of many and of myself also.

<sup>27</sup> pleased them indeed, and they are <sup>3</sup>Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my  
fellow

their debtors. For if the Gentiles have

workers in Christ Jesus,

been partakers of their spiritual things,

their duty is also to minister to them in <sup>4</sup>

who risked their own necks for my life,  
material things.

to whom not only I give thanks, but also

<sup>2</sup> all the churches of the Gentiles.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, when I have performed this

and have sealed to them this fruit, I shall <sup>5</sup>Likewise greet the church  
that is in their go by way of you to Spain. house. Greet my beloved  
Epaenetus,



2 who is the firstfruits of Achaia to Christ. '

But I know that when I come to you, I

shall come in the fullness of the blessing 6Greet Mary, who labored  
much for us.

of the gospel of Christ.

30Now I beg you, brethren, through the 7Greet Andronicus and Junia,  
my

countrymen and my fellow prisoners,

Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love

who are of note among the apostles,

of the Spirit, that you strive together with

who also were in Christ before me.

me in prayers to God for me,

3 Greet Amplias, my beloved in the Lord.

1W 8

hat I may be delivered from those in

Judea who do not believe, and that my 9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow  
worker in service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,  
Christ, and Stachys, my beloved. 11 0Greet Apelles, approved in Christ.  
' For your obedience has become

Greet those who are of the household of known to all. Therefore I am  
glad on

Aristobulus. your behalf; but I want you to be wise in

what is good, and simple concerning evil.

11

Greet Herodion, my countryman.

2 0

Greet those who are of the household of And the God of peace will crush Satan

Narcissus who are in the Lord. under your feet shortly. The grace of our

Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

12

Greet Tryphena and Tryphosa, who 1 Timothy, my fellow worker, and Lucius,

have labored in the Lord. Greet the 2 beloved Persis, who labored much in Jason, and Sosipater, my countrymen,

the Lord. greet you.

1 2 3 2 Tertius, who wrote this epistle, greet Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. you in the Lord.

1 2 43

Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Gaius, my host and the host of the

Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren whole church, greets you. Erastus, the

who are with them. treasurer of the city, greets you, and

Quartus, a brother.

15

Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus

and his sister, and Olympas, and all the The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

saints who are with them. with you all. Amen.

1 2 65 Now to Him who is able to establish

Greet one another with a holy kiss.

The churches of Christ greet you. you according to my gospel and the  
preaching of Jesus Christ, according to

17 the revelation of the mystery kept secret

Now I urge you, brethren, note those

who cause divisions and offenses, since the world began contrary to  
the doctrine which you

learned, and avoid them. but now made manifest, and by the

prophetic Scriptures made known to all

18 nations, according to the commandment

For those who are such do not serve

our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own of the everlasting God, for  
obedience to

belly, and by smooth words and the faith--flattering speech deceive  
the hearts of

the simple. to God, alone wise, be glory through

Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

# Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Philippi

<sup>10</sup>

that you may approve the things that  
are excellent, that you may be sincere

1 and without offense till the day of Christ, Paul and Timothy,  
bondservants of

Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ <sup>1</sup> Jesus who are in Philippi,  
with the being filled with the fruits of

righteousness which are by Jesus Christ,

bishops and deacons:

to the glory and praise of God.

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our <sup>2</sup> Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ. <sup>1</sup> But I want you to know, brethren, that

the things which happened to me have

I I thank my God upon every actually turned out for the furtherance of  
the gospel,

remembrance of you,

<sup>13</sup>

4 so that it has become evident to the

always in every prayer of mine making whole palace guard, and to all  
the rest,

request for you all with joy,

that my chains are in Christ;

sfor your fellowship in the gospel from 4

1 and most of the brethren in the Lord,

the first day until now,

having become confident by my chains,

6 are much more bold to speak the word

being confident of this very thing, that without fear.

He who has begun a good work in you

will complete it until the day of Jesus 15Some indeed preach Christ  
even from Christ;

envy and strife, and some also from

7 goodwill:

just as it is right for me to think this of

you all, because I have you in my heart, 16

The former preach Christ from selfish

inasmuch as both in my chains and in

ambition, not sincerely, supposing to

the defense and confirmation of the

add affliction to my chains;

gospel, you all are partakers with me of

grace. <sup>1</sup> 7 but the latter out of love, knowing that I <sup>8</sup> am appointed for the defense of the

For God is my witness, how greatly I  
gospel.

long for you all with the affection of

Jesus Christ. <sup>1</sup> ' What then? Only that in every way,  
whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is  
'And this I pray, that your love may  
preached; and in this I rejoice, yes, and  
abound still more and more in  
will rejoice.

knowledge and all discernment, <sup>19</sup> For I know that this will turn out for my perdition, but to you of salvation, and

deliverance through your prayer and the that from God. supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

<sup>2</sup> ' For to you it has been granted on  
<sup>20</sup> according to my earnest expectation behalf of Christ, not only to believe in

and hope that in nothing I shall be Him, but also to suffer for His sake, ashamed, but with all boldness, as

always, so now also Christ will be <sup>30</sup> having the same conflict which you magnified in my body, whether by life or saw in me and now hear is in me. by death.

<sup>21</sup> For to me, to live is Christ, and to die

2Therefore if there is any consolation

is gain.

in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any

2 fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection 2

But if I live on in the flesh, this will

and mercy,

mean fruit from my labor; yet what I

shall choose I cannot tell. 2

fulfill my joy by being like-minded,

2 having the same love, being of one 3For I am hard-pressed between  
the

accord, of one mind.

two, having a desire to depart and be

with Christ, which is far better. 3Let nothing be done through selfish

24 ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of

Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is

mind let each esteem others better than

more needful for you.

himself.

25

And being confident of this, I know that 4

Let each of you look out not only for his

I shall remain and continue with you all

own interests, but also for the interests

for your progress and joy of faith,

of others.

26 hat your rejoicing for me may be more

5Let this mind be in you which was also  
abundant in Jesus Christ by my coming

in Christ Jesus,  
to you again.

2 o nly let your conduct be worthy of the 7 6 who, being in the form of  
God, did not

consider it robbery to be equal with God,  
gospel of Christ, so that whether I come  
and see you or am absent, I may hear of 7 your affairs, that you stand  
fast in one but made Himself of no reputation,  
spirit, with one mind striving together for taking the form of a  
bondservant, and  
the faith of the gospel, coming in the likeness of men.

8And being found in appearance as a  
2' and not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a  
proof of man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point  
of death, even the 18For the same reason you also be glad death of the  
cross. and rejoice with me.

'Therefore God also has highly exalted 1' But I trust in the Lord Jesus to  
send Him and given Him the name which is Timothy to you shortly,  
that I also may



above every name, be encouraged when I know your state.

1 2 0 0 hat at the name of Jesus every knee For I have no one like-  
minded, who

should bow, of those in heaven, and of will sincerely care for your  
state. those on earth, and of those under the

earth, 2 1

For all seek their own, not the things

which are of Christ Jesus.

11

and that every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of 2 2But you know his proven  
character, God the Father. that as a son with his father he served

with me in the gospel.

12

Therefore, my beloved, as you have

always obeyed, not as in my presence 2 3Therefore I hope to send him  
at once, only, but now much more in my absence, as soon as I see how  
it goes with me.

work out your own salvation with fear

and trembling; 2 4But I trust in the Lord that I myself

1 shall also come shortly. 3 or it is God who works in you both to

will and to do for His good pleasure. 2 5 et I considered it necessary to  
send 1 to you Epaphroditus, my brother, fellow

4 Do all things without complaining and worker, and fellow soldier,  
but your

disputing, messenger and the one who ministered

to my need;

15 hat you may become blameless and

harmless, children of God without fault 2 6since he was longing for  
you all, and in the midst of a crooked and perverse was distressed  
because you had heard

generation, among whom you shine as that he was sick. lights in the  
world,

1 For indeed he was sick almost unto 6 2 7

holding fast the word of life, so that I death; but God had mercy on  
him, and

may rejoice in the day of Christ that I not only on him but on me also,  
lest I

have not run in vain or labored in vain. should have sorrow upon  
sorrow.

1 2 7 es, and if I am being poured out as a 8Therefore I sent him the  
more eagerly, drink offering on the sacrifice and that when you see  
him again you may

service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice, and I may be less  
sorrowful. rejoice with you all.

2 9 9Receive him therefore in the Lord with and be found in Him, not  
having my

all gladness, and hold such men in own righteousness, which is from  
the

esteem; law, but that which is through faith in

Christ, the righteousness which is from

30because for the work of Christ he God by faith; came close to death,  
not regarding his

life, to supply what was lacking in your that I may know Him and the power of

service toward me. His resurrection, and the fellowship of

His sufferings, being conformed to His  
death,

3Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the 1if, by any means, I may attain to the

1

Lord. For me to write the same things to

you is not tedious, but for you it is safe. resurrection from the dead.

1 2

2 Not that I have already attained, or am Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers,

beware of the mutilation! already perfected; but I press on, that I

may lay hold of that for which Christ

3For we are the circumcision, who Jesus has also laid hold of me.

worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in 13Brethren, I do not count myself to have Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in apprehended; but one thing I do, the flesh, forgetting those things which are behind 4 and reaching forward to those things

though I also might have confidence in which are ahead,

the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may

have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 14s press toward the goal for the prize of s the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

circumcised the eighth day, of the stock

of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a 1 5Therefore let us, as many as are Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the mature, have this mind; and if in law, a Pharisee; anything you think otherwise, God will 6 reveal even this to you.

concerning zeal, persecuting the

church; concerning the righteousness 1 6Nevertheless, to the degree that we which is in the law, blameless.

have already attained, let us walk by the

7 same rule, let us be of the same mind.

But what things were gain to me, these

I have counted loss for Christ. 1 7Brethren, join in following my example, 8 and note those who so walk, as you

Yet indeed I also count all things loss have us for a pattern.

for the excellence of the knowledge of

Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have 18For many walk, of whom I have told suffered the loss of all things, and count

you often, and now tell you even

them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ weeping, that they are the enemies of 7and the peace of God, which surpasses the cross of Christ: all understanding, will guard your hearts

and minds through Christ Jesus.

19whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are shame--who set their mind on earthly true, whatever things are noble,

things. whatever things are just, whatever

things are pure, whatever things are

20 lovely, whatever things are of good

For our citizenship is in heaven, from

which we also eagerly wait for the report, if there is any virtue and if there

Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is anything praiseworthy--meditate on

these things.

21 who will transform our lowly body that 9 it may be conformed to His glorious The things which you learned and

body, according to the working by which received and heard and saw in me,

He is able even to subdue all things to these do, and the God of peace will be

Himself. with you.

10

But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that

4Therefore, my beloved and longed- now at last your<sup>1</sup> care for me has

flourished again; though you surely did

for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand care, but you lacked opportunity. fast in the Lord, beloved.

1 1Not that I speak in regard to need, for I

2 1 implore Euodia and I implore have learned in whatever state I am, to Syntyche to be of the same mind in the

Lord.

3And I urge you also, true companion, how to abound. Everywhere  
and in all <sup>1</sup> 2a know how to be abased, and I know

help these women who labored with me things I have learned both to  
be full and

in the gospel, with Clement also, and to be hungry, both to abound  
and to

the rest of my fellow workers, whose suffer need. names are in the  
Book of Life.

<sup>1</sup>3 can do all things through Christ who

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will strengthens me. say, rejoice!

<sup>1</sup>4

<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless you have done well that

Let your gentleness be known to all you shared in my distress.

men. The Lord is at hand.

<sup>1</sup>5Now you Philippians know also that in

<sup>6</sup>Be anxious for nothing, but in

the beginning of the gospel, when I

everything by prayer and supplication, departed from Macedonia, no  
church

with thanksgiving, let your requests be

made known to God;

shared with me concerning giving and <sup>1</sup>' And my God shall supply all

your need receiving but you only. according to His riches in glory by Christ

Jesus.

<sup>16</sup>For even in Thessalonica you sent aid

<sup>2</sup> 0

once and again for my necessities. Now to our God and Father be glory

forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>

Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the

<sup>2</sup> 1

fruit that abounds to your account. Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The

brethren who are with me greet you.

<sup>1</sup>' Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the <sup>2</sup> All the saints greet you, but especially things sent from you, a sweet-smelling those who are of Caesar's household. aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well

pleasing to God. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

with you all. Amen.

# Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Colosse

the knowledge of His will in all wisdom  
and spiritual understanding;

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by <sup>10</sup>that you may walk worthy of the Lord, the will of God, and Timothy our brother, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every

<sup>2</sup> good work and increasing in the

To the saints and faithful brethren in knowledge of God;

Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you

and peace from God our Father and the <sup>1</sup> Lord Jesus Christ.  
strengthened with all might, according

to His glorious power, for all patience

3We give thanks to the God and Father and long suffering with joy;

of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> giving thanks to the Father who has for you,

qualified us to be partakers of the

<sup>4</sup> inheritance of the saints in the light.

since we heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of your love for all the saints; <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> He has delivered us from the power of <sup>s</sup> darkness and conveyed us into the



because of the hope which is laid up for kingdom of the Son of His love,

you in heaven, of which you heard

before in the word of the truth of the <sup>14</sup> n whom we have redemption through gospel,

His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>6</sup>which has come to you, as it has also in <sup>5</sup>He is the image of the invisible God,

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all the world, and is bringing forth fruit,

as it is also among you since the day the firstborn over all creation.

you heard and knew the grace of God in <sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created that truth;

are in heaven and that are on earth,

<sup>7</sup> visible and invisible, whether thrones or as you also learned from Epaphras, our

dear fellow servant, who is a faithful dominions or principalities or powers. All

minister of Christ on your behalf, things were created through Him and for

Him.

<sup>8</sup>who also declared to us your love in the <sup>7</sup>And He is before all things, and in Him

Spirit.

all things consist.

For this reason we also, since the day <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>And He is the head of the body, the

we heard it, do not cease to pray for you,

and to ask that you may be filled with church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things mystery among the Gentiles: which is

He may have the preeminence. Christ in you, the hope of glory.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>9</sup>For it pleased the Father that in Him all <sup>8</sup>Him we preach, warning every man the fullness should dwell, and teaching every man in all wisdom,

that we may present every man perfect

<sup>20</sup> in Christ Jesus.

and by Him to reconcile all things to

Himself, by Him, whether things on

earth or things in heaven, having made <sup>2'</sup> To this end I also labor, striving peace through the blood of His cross. according to His working which works in

me mightily.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works,

yet now He has reconciled <sup>2</sup> For I want you to know what a great

<sup>2</sup> conflict I have for you and those in <sup>2</sup> in the body of His flesh through death, Laodicea, and for as many as have not

to present you holy, and blameless, and seen my face in the flesh,  
above reproach in His sight--

2 being knit together in love, and attaining

3if indeed you continue in the faith, 2 that their hearts may be  
encouraged,

grounded and steadfast, and are not to all riches of the full assurance  
of

moved away from the hope of the understanding, to the knowledge of  
the

gospel which you heard, which was mystery of God, both of the  
Father and

preached to every creature under of Christ, heaven, of which I, Paul,  
became a

minister. M in whom are hidden all the treasures of

2 wisdom and knowledge. 4 now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and  
fill up in my flesh what is lacking in 4

Now this I say lest anyone should

the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of deceive you with persuasive  
words. His body, which is the church,

2

5 which I became a minister 5For though I am absent in the flesh, yet

I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see

according to the stewardship from God your good order and the  
steadfastness

which was given to me for you, to fulfill of your faith in Christ. the  
word of God,

6 he mystery which has been hidden 6 As you therefore have received Christ

Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,

from ages and from generations, but

now has been revealed to His saints. 7

rooted and built up in Him and

2 established in the faith, as you have 7

To them God willed to make known been taught, abounding in it with

what are the riches of the glory of this thanksgiving.

8 17

Beware lest anyone cheat you through which are a shadow of things to come,

philosophy and empty deceit, according but the substance is of Christ. to the tradition of men, according to the

basic principles of the world, and not 18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, according to Christ. taking delight in false humility and

worship of angels, intruding into those

'For in Him dwells all the fullness of the things which he has not seen, vainly

Godhead bodily; puffed up by his fleshly mind,

1 1 0

and you are complete in Him, who is ' and not holding fast to the Head, from

the head of all principality and power. whom all the body, nourished

and knit

together by joints and ligaments, grows

1 1 n Him you were also circumcised with with the increase that is  
from God.

the circumcision made without hands,

by putting off the body of the sins of the 20Therefore, if you died with  
Christ from flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, the basic principles of  
the world, why, as

though living in the world, do you

12 subject yourselves to regulations--

buried with Him in baptism, in which

you also were raised with Him through 1 Do not touch, do not taste,  
do not

faith in the working of God, who raised 2 Him from the dead. handle,"

1 2 3 2

And you, being dead in your which all concern things which perish  
trespasses and the uncircumcision of with the using--according to the  
your flesh, He has made alive together commandments and doctrines  
of men?

with Him, having forgiven you all

trespasses, 2 3These things indeed have an

appearance of wisdom in self-imposed

14having wiped out the handwriting of religion, false humility, and  
neglect of

requirements that was against us, which the body, but are of no value  
against the

was contrary to us. And He has taken it indulgence of the flesh. out of the way, having nailed it to the

cross.

1 3 If then you were raised with Christ, 5Having disarmed principalities and

seek those things which are above,  
powers, He made a public spectacle of

where Christ is, sitting at the right hand  
them, triumphing over them in it. of God.

16So let no one judge you in food or in

2 Set your mind on things above, not on  
drink, or regarding a festival or a new things on the earth. moon or sabbaths,

3For you died, and your life is hidden  
with Christ in God.

4 14

When Christ who is our life appears, But above all these things put on love,

then you also will appear with Him in which is the bond of perfection. glory.

15And let the peace of God rule in your

5Therefore put to death your members hearts, to which also you were called in

which are on the earth: fornication, one body; and be thankful.

uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and

covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>1</sup> 6

Let the word of Christ dwell in you

richly in all wisdom, teaching and

<sup>6</sup>Because of these things the wrath of admonishing one another in psalms and

God is coming upon the sons of hymns and spiritual songs, singing with

disobedience, grace in your hearts to the Lord.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> in which you yourselves once walked <sup>7</sup> And whatever you do in word or deed, when you lived in them. do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through

'But now you yourselves are to put off Him. all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your <sup>18</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, mouth. as is fitting in the Lord.

'Do not lie to one another, since you <sup>1</sup> ' Husbands, love your wives and do not have put off the old man with his deeds, be bitter toward them.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>00</sup> Children, obey your parents in all and have put on the new man who is

renewed in knowledge according to the things, for this is well pleasing to the

image of Him who created him, Lord.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Fathers, do not provoke your children, where there is neither

Greek nor Jew,

circumcised nor uncircumcised, lest they become discouraged.  
barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but

Christ is all and in all. <sup>2</sup> Bondservants, obey in all things your

masters according to the flesh, not with

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as the elect of God, holy eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but  
in

and beloved, put on tender mercies, sincerity of heart, fearing God.  
kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as

to the Lord and not to men,

<sup>13</sup>bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has  
a <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>knowing that from the Lord you will complaint against another;  
even as receive the reward of the inheritance; for

Christ forgave you, so you also must do. you serve the Lord Christ.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>But he who does wrong will be repaid <sup>0</sup>Aristarchus my fellow  
prisoner greets for what he has done, and there is no you, with Mark  
the cousin of Barnabas

partiality. (about whom you received instructions:

if he comes to you, welcome him),

<sup>4</sup>Masters, give your bondservants <sup>1</sup> and Jesus who is called Justus.  
These

are my only fellow workers for the

what is just and fair, knowing that you

kingdom of God who are of the

also have a Master in heaven.

circumcision; they have proved to be a



2 comfort to me.

Continue earnestly in prayer, being

vigilant in it with thanksgiving; 1 2Epaphras, who is one of you, a

3meanwhile praying also for us, that God bondservant of Christ,  
greet you,

always laboring fervently for you in

would open to us a door for the word, to prayers, that you may stand  
perfect and

speak the mystery of Christ, for which I complete in all the will of  
God. am also in chains,

13

4 For I bear him witness that he has a

that I may make it manifest, as I ought great zeal for you, and those  
who are in

to speak. Laodicea, and those in Hierapolis.

5Walk in wisdom toward those who are 4Luke the beloved physician  
and

1

outside, redeeming the time. Demas greet you.

6Let your speech always be with grace, 5

1 Greet the brethren who are in

seasoned with salt, that you may know

Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church

how you ought to answer each one. that is in his house.

7Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful 6Now when this epistle is read among

1

minister, and fellow servant in the Lord,

you, see that it is read also in the church

will tell you all the news about me. of the Laodiceans, and that you likewise

8 read the epistle from Laodicea.

1 am sending him to you for this very

purpose, that he may know your 1 7And say to Archippus, "Take heed to circumstances and comfort your hearts, the ministry which you have received in

the Lord, that you may fulfill it."

'with Onesimus, a faithful and beloved

brother, who is one of you. They will 1

' This salutation by my own hand--Paul.

make known to you all things which are Remember my chains. Grace be with

happening here. you. Amen.

## Letter of Apostle Paul to the Church in Ephesus

of the times He might gather together in

1 one all things in Christ, both which are in Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by

heaven and which are on earth--in Him.

the will of God, To the saints who are in

Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: 1 1 n Him also we have obtained an 2 inheritance, being predestined

Grace to you and peace from God our according to the purpose of Him who

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

works all things according to the counsel

3Blessed be the God and Father of our of His will, Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us 12

that we who first trusted in Christ

with every spiritual blessing in the

should be to the praise of His glory.

heavenly places in Christ,

h o n Him you also trusted, after you

foundation of the world, that we should your salvation; in whom also, having be holy and without blame before Him in believed, you were sealed with the Holy 4just as He chose us in Him before the heard the word of truth, the gospel of

love, Spirit of promise,

shaving predestined us to adoption as 4

<sup>1</sup> who is the guarantee of our

sons by Jesus Christ to Himself,

inheritance until the redemption of the

according to the good pleasure of His

will, His glory. purchased possession, to the praise of

<sup>6</sup>to the praise of the glory of His grace, <sup>5</sup>Therefore I also, after I heard  
of your

<sup>1</sup>

by which He made us accepted in the

faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for

Beloved.

all the saints,

<sup>7</sup>In Him we have redemption through His 6

<sup>1</sup> do not cease to give thanks for you,

blood, the forgiveness of sins, according

making mention of you in my prayers:

to the riches of His grace

<sup>1</sup> 7

all wisdom and prudence, which He made to abound toward us in the  
Father of glory, may give to you the <sup>8</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus  
Christ,

spirit of wisdom and revelation in the  
knowledge of Him,

'having made known to us the mystery  
of His will, according to His good

the eyes of your understanding being  
pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

enlightened; that you may know what is  
the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His  
inheritance in s even when we were dead in trespasses, the saints,  
made us alive together with Christ (by

grace you have been saved),

19

and what is the exceeding greatness  
of His power toward us who believe, and raised us up together, and  
made according to the working of His mighty us sit together in the  
heavenly places in  
power Christ Jesus,

27 0

which He worked in Christ when He that in the ages to come He  
might show  
raised Him from the dead and seated the exceeding riches of His grace  
in His  
Him at His right hand in the heavenly kindness toward us in Christ  
Jesus. places,

8 For by grace you have been saved

2 1 ar above all principality and power through faith, and that not of  
yourselves;

and might and dominion, and every it is the gift of God, name that is named, not only in this age

but also in that which is to come. 'not of works, lest anyone should boast.

21 2 And He put all things under His feet, 0For we are His workmanship, created and gave Him to be head over all things in Christ Jesus for good works, which

to the church, God prepared beforehand that we

2

3which is His body, the fullness of Him should walk in them.

who fills all in all. 1 1Therefore remember that you, once

Gentiles in the flesh--who are called

Uncircumcision by what is called the

2And you He made alive, who were Circumcision made in the flesh by

hands--

dead in trespasses and sins,

12

2 that at that time you were without

in which you once walked according to

Christ, being aliens from the

the course of this world, according to the

commonwealth of Israel and strangers

prince of the power of the air, the spirit

from the covenants of promise, having

who now works in the sons of

no hope and without God in the world.

disobedience,

3among whom also we all once <sup>1</sup> 3But now in Christ Jesus you who  
once

were far off have been brought near by  
conducted ourselves in the lusts of our

the blood of Christ.

flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh

and of the mind, and were by nature <sup>1</sup> 4For He Himself is our peace,  
who has children of wrath, just as the others.

made both one, and has broken down

<sup>4</sup> the middle wall of separation,

But God, who is rich in mercy, because

of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>15</sup>having abolished in His  
flesh the Show that by revelation He made known

enmity, that is, the law of to me the mystery (as I have briefly  
commandments contained in ordinances, written already, so as to  
create in Himself one new man

from the two, thus making peace, <sup>4</sup>by which, when you read, you may

understand my knowledge in the

<sup>16</sup>

and that He might reconcile them both mystery of Christ),

to God in one body through the cross,

thereby putting to death the enmity. swhich in other ages was not  
made

1 been revealed by the Spirit to His holy

7And He came and preached peace to known to the sons of men, as it has now

you who were afar off and to those who apostles and prophets: were near.

1 of the same body, and partakers of His

8For through Him we both have access 6that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs,

by one Spirit to the Father. promise in Christ through the gospel,

17 ' Now, therefore, you are no longer of which I became a minister according strangers and foreigners, but fellow to the gift of the grace of God given to

citizens with the saints and members of me by the effective working of His power.

the household of God,

8To me, who am less than the least of all

20 having been built on the foundation of the saints, this grace was given, that I

the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ should preach among the Gentiles the

Himself being the chief cornerstone, unsearchable riches of Christ,

21 in whom the whole building, being 'and to make all see what is the fitted together, grows into a holy temple fellowship of the mystery, which from



in the Lord, the beginning of the ages has been

hidden in God who created all things

in whom you also are being built through Jesus Christ;

together for a dwelling place of God in

1 0

the Spirit. to the intent that now the manifold

wisdom of God might be made known

by the church to the principalities and

powers in the heavenly places,

3 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner

of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- 1

according to the eternal purpose which

2 He accomplished in Christ Jesus our

if indeed you have heard of the Lord,

dispensation of the grace of God which

was given to me for you,

12

in whom we have boldness and

access with confidence through faith in 4I, therefore, the prisoner of  
the Lord,

Him.

beseech you to walk worthy of the

1 calling with which you were called, 3Therefore I ask that you do  
not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is 2

with all lowliness and gentleness, with  
your glory.

longsuffering, bearing with one another

<sup>1</sup> in love, <sup>4</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>3</sup> endeavoring to keep the unity of the

<sup>1</sup> Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>5</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven  
and earth is named, <sup>4</sup>

There is one body and one Spirit, just

<sup>1</sup> as you were called in one hope of your <sup>6</sup> hat He would grant you,  
according to

calling;

the riches of His glory, to be

strengthened with might through His s

one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

Spirit in the inner man,

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who  
is

above all, and through all, and in you all.

through faith; that you, being rooted and

grounded in love, <sup>7</sup>

But to each one of us grace was given

1 according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 ay be able to comprehend with all

the saints what is the width and length 8 He Therefore says: "When He and depth and height--ascended on high, He led captivity

1 captive, And gave gifts to men." ' to know the love of Christ which

passes knowledge; that you may be '(Now this, "He ascended"--what does it filled with all the fullness of God.

mean but that He also first descended

2 into the lower parts of the earth? ONow to Him who is able to do

exceedingly abundantly above all that 1 OHe who descended is also the One we ask or think, according to the power who ascended far above all the heavens, that works in us, that He might fill all things.)

21 Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and 1 And He Himself gave some to be

ever. Amen. apostles, some prophets, some

evangelists, and some pastors and

teachers, 1 2 2 or the equipping of the saints for the 1 indeed you have heard Him and work of ministry, for the edifying of the have been taught by Him, as the truth is

body of Christ, in Jesus:

1 2 3 I we all come to the unity of the faith

that you put off, concerning your

and of the knowledge of the Son of God, former conduct, the old man  
which

to a perfect man, to the measure of the grows corrupt according to the  
deceitful

stature of the fullness of Christ; lusts,

1 2 4 hat we should no longer be children, 3

and be renewed in the spirit of your

tossed to and fro and carried about with mind, every wind of doctrine,  
by the trickery of

men, in the cunning craftiness of 2 4and that you put on the new man  
deceitful plotting, which was created according to God, in

true righteousness and holiness.

15

but, speaking the truth in love, may

grow up in all things into Him who is the 25Therefore, putting away  
lying, "Let head--Christ-- each one of you speak truth with his

1 another.

6from whom the whole body, joined and neighbor," for we are  
members of one

knit together by what every joint

supplies, according to the effective 2 6 "Be angry, and do not sin": do  
not let working by which every part does its the sun go down on your  
wrath, share, causes growth of the body for the

edifying of itself in love. 27

nor give place to the devil.

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the

2' Let him who stole steal no longer, but

Lord, that you should no longer walk as

rather let him labor, working with his

the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the

hands what is good, that he may have

futility of their mind,

something to give him who has need.

1 ' having their understanding darkened,

2 ' Let no corrupt word proceed out of

being alienated from the life of God, your mouth, but what is good for

because of the ignorance that is in them,

necessary edification, that it may impart

because of the blindness of their heart;

grace to the hearers.

1 ' who, being past feeling, have given 30

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of

themselves over to lewdness, to work all

God, by whom you were sealed for the

uncleanness with greediness.

day of redemption.

20But you have not so learned Christ, 31Let all bitterness, wrath,  
anger, clamor,

and evil speaking be put away from you,

with all malice.

32And be kind to one another, 1 0inding out what is acceptable to the  
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, Lord. even as God in Christ  
forgave you.

1 1

And have no fellowship with the

unfruitful works of darkness, but rather

5Therefore be imitators of God as expose them.

dear children. 12 For it is shameful even to speak of 2 those things  
which are done by them in

And walk in love, as Christ also has

loved us and given Himself for us, an secret.

offering and a sacrifice to God for a 1 3But all things that are exposed  
are sweet-smelling aroma.

made manifest by the light, for whatever

3 makes manifest is light. But fornication and all uncleanness or

covetousness, let it not even be named 4Therefore He says: "Awake,  
you who

among you, as is fitting for saints; 1

sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ

4 will give you light."

neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor

coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but 1 5 See then that you walk  
circumspectly, rather giving of thanks.

not as fools but as wise,

5For this you know, that no fornicator, 6redeeming the time, because  
the days

1

unclean person, nor covetous man, who

is an idolater, has any inheritance in the are evil.

kingdom of Christ and God. 7Therefore do not be unwise, but

1

6 understand what the will of the Lord is. Let no one deceive you with  
empty

words, for because of these things the 8And do not be drunk with  
wine, in

wrath of God comes upon the sons of 1 disobedience. which is  
dissipation; but be filled with the

Spirit,

7Therefore do not be partakers with them. 1' speaking to one another

in psalms and

hymns and spiritual songs, singing and

making melody in your heart to the Lord, For you were once  
darkness, but now

you are light in the Lord. Walk as giving thanks always for all things  
to

children of light 2

God the Father in the name of our Lord

'(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all Jesus Christ,

goodness, righteousness, and truth), submitting to one another in the  
fear of

2

God.

22 33Nevertheless let each one of you in

Wives, submit to your own husbands,  
as to the Lord. particular so love his own wife as

himself, and let the wife see that she

23For the husband is head of the wife, as respects her husband.  
also Christ is head of the church; and  
He is the Savior of the body.

6Children, obey your parents in the

24Therefore, just as the church is subject

Lord, for this is right.

to Christ, so let the wives be to their own



husbands in everything. 2 Honor your father and mother," which

2 is the first commandment with promise: 5Husbands, love your wives,  
just as

Christ also loved the church and gave 3 'that it may be well with you  
and you

Himself for her, may live long on the earth."

26 hat He might sanctify and cleanse her

4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your

with the washing of water by the word, children to wrath, but bring  
them up in

2 the training and admonition of the Lord. 7 hat He might present her  
to Himself a

glorious church, not having spot or 5

Bondservants, be obedient to those

wrinkle or any such thing, but that she

who are your masters according to the

should be holy and without blemish.

flesh, with fear and trembling, in

2 sincerity of heart, as to Christ;

8

So husbands ought to love their own

wives as their own bodies; he who loves 6 not with eyeservice, as men-  
pleasers, his wife loves himself. but as bondservants of Christ, doing  
the

will of God from the heart,

2' For no one ever hated his own flesh,

but nourishes and cherishes it, just as 7with goodwill doing service, as to the the Lord does the church. Lord, and not to men,

30For we are members of His body, of 8knowing that whatever good anyone His flesh and of His bones. does, he will receive the same from the

3 Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 1 'For this reason a man shall leave his

father and mother and be joined to his 'And you, masters, do the same things

wife, and the two shall become one to them, giving up threatening, knowing

flesh." that your own Master also is in heaven,

3 and there is no partiality with Him. 2This is a great mystery, but I speak

concerning Christ and the church. 10Finally, my brethren, be strong in the

Lord and in the power of His might.

11 1 ut on the whole armor of God, that 8praying always with all prayer and you may be able to stand against the supplication in the Spirit, being watchful

wiles of the devil. to this end with all perseverance and

supplication for all the saints--

12

For we do not wrestle against flesh

and blood, but against principalities, <sup>1</sup> ' and for me, that utterance may be against powers, against the rulers of the given to me, that I may open my mouth

darkness of this age, against spiritual boldly to make known the mystery of the

hosts of wickedness in the heavenly gospel, places.

<sup>2</sup> 0 or which I am an ambassador in

<sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I

God, that you may be able to withstand ought to speak. in the evil day, and having done all, to

stand. <sup>21</sup>But that you also may know my affairs

and how I am doing, Tychicus, a

<sup>14</sup>

Stand therefore, having girded your beloved brother and faithful minister in

waist with truth, having put on the the Lord, will make all things known to

breastplate of righteousness, you;

<sup>1 2</sup> 5and having shod your feet with the 2

whom I have sent to you for this very

preparation of the gospel of peace; purpose, that you may know our affairs,

and that he may comfort your hearts.

<sup>16</sup>

above all, taking the shield of faith with

which you will be able to quench all the Peace to the brethren, and love with

fiery darts of the wicked one. faith, from God the Father and the Lord

Jesus Christ.

17

And take the helmet of salvation, and

2 4

the sword of the Spirit, which is the word Grace be with all those who love our

of God; Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

# 2nd Letter of Apostle John

<sup>7</sup>For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess  
Jesus

<sup>1</sup> Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a The Elder, To the elect lady  
and her

deceiver and an antichrist.

children, whom I love in truth, and not

only I, but also all those who have <sup>8</sup>Look to yourselves, that we do not  
lose known the truth, those things we worked for, but that we <sup>2</sup> may  
receive a full reward.

because of the truth which abides in us

and will be with us forever: <sup>9</sup>Whoever transgresses and does not

<sup>3</sup>Grace, mercy, and peace will be with abide in the doctrine of Christ  
does not

have God. He who abides in the

you from God the Father and from the doctrine of Christ has both the  
Father

Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, and the Son. in truth and  
love.

<sup>10</sup> anyone comes to you and does not

<sup>41</sup> rejoiced greatly that I have found bring this doctrine, do not  
receive him some of your children walking in truth, into your house  
nor greet him; as we received commandment from the

Father. 11 or he who greets him shares in his 5 evil deeds.

And now I plead with you, lady, not as

though I wrote a new commandment to 12Having many things to write to you, I you, but that which we have had from did not wish to do so with paper and ink; the beginning: that we love one another. but I hope to come to you and speak 6 face to face, that our joy may be full.

This is love, that we walk according to

His commandments. This is the 1 3The children of your elect sister greet commandment, that as you have heard you. Amen. from the beginning, you should walk in it.

# 3rd Letter of Apostle John

1 The Elder, To the beloved Gaius,

whom I love in truth: 91 wrote to the church, but Diotrephes,

who loves to have the preeminence

2 among them, does not receive us. Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in

all things and be in health, just as your 0Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind

soul prospers. 1

his deeds which he does, prating

3For I rejoiced greatly when brethren against us with malicious words. And

came and testified of the truth that is in not content with that, he himself does

you, just as you walk in the truth. not receive the brethren, and forbids

those who wish to, putting them out of

4 the church.

1 have no greater joy than to hear that

my children walk in truth. 1 1 BeLoved, do not imitate what is evil, 5 but what is good. He who does good is

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you

of God, but he who does evil has not

do for the brethren and for strangers,

seen God.

6who have borne witness of your love 2Demetrius has a good  
testimony from

1

before the church. If you send them

all, and from the truth itself. And we also

forward on their journey in a manner

bear witness, and you know that our

worthy of God, you will do well,

testimony is true.

7because they went forth for His name's 3 had many things to write,  
but I do not

1

sake, taking nothing from the Gentiles.

wish to write to you with pen and ink;

8We therefore ought to receive such, 1 4

but I hope to see you shortly, and we

that we may become fellow workers for

shall speak face to face. Peace to you.

the truth.

Our friends greet you. Greet the friends

by name.



# The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Philemon

10 appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in  
my

1 chains, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and

Timothy our brother, To Philemon our 11 who once was unprofitable  
to you, but beloved friend and fellow laborer, now is profitable to you  
and to me.

2 to the beloved Apphia, Archippus our 2a am sending him back. You  
therefore

1

fellow soldier, and to the church in your

house: receive him, that is, my own heart,

whom I wished to keep with me, that

3 Grace to you and peace from God our 13 Father and the Lord Jesus  
Christ. on your behalf he might minister to me

in my chains for the gospel.

41 thank my God, making mention of you 14 always in my prayers, But  
without your consent I wanted to

do nothing, that your good deed might

s not be by compulsion, as it were, but

hearing of your love and faith which you voluntary.

have toward the Lord Jesus and toward

all the saints, <sup>15</sup>For perhaps he departed for a while <sup>6</sup> for this purpose,  
that you might receive

that the sharing of your faith may him forever,

become effective by the

acknowledgment of every good thing <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more  
than a which is in you in Christ Jesus. slave--a beloved brother,  
especially to <sup>7</sup> me but how much more to you, both in

For we have great joy and consolation

the flesh and in the Lord.

in your love, because the hearts of the

saints have been refreshed by you, <sup>17</sup>) then you count me as a partner,  
brother. receive him as you would me.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, though I might be very bold <sup>8</sup>But if he has wronged you or  
owes

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in Christ to command you what is fitting,

anything, put that on my account.

'yet for love's sake I rather appeal to <sup>1</sup> I, Paul, am writing with my

own hand. I you--being such a one as Paul, the aged, will repay--not to mention to you that and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ--you owe me even your own self besides. 2 2 OYes, brother, let me have joy from you 3Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ in the Lord; refresh my heart in the Lord. Jesus, greets you,

2 2 14

Having confidence in your obedience, I as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke,

write to you, knowing that you will do my fellow laborers. even more than I say.

2 5

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be

22

But, meanwhile, also prepare a guest with your spirit. Amen.  
room for me, for I trust that through your  
prayers I shall be granted to you.

# The letter of Apostle Paul to brother Titus

'holding fast the faithful word as he has  
been taught, that he may be able, by  
1 sound doctrine, both to exhort and Paul, a bondservant of God and  
an  
convict those who contradict.  
apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the  
faith of God's elect and the 1 0For there are many insubordinate,  
acknowledgment of the truth which  
both idle talkers and deceivers,  
accords with godliness,  
especially those of the circumcision,  
2in hope of eternal life which God, who 1whose mouths must be  
stopped, who  
1  
cannot lie, promised before time began,  
subvert whole households, teaching  
Abut has in due time manifested His things which they ought not, for  
the sake  
of dishonest gain.

word through preaching, which was

committed to me according to the <sup>12</sup>One of them, a prophet of their own, commandment of God our Savior; said, "Cretans are always liars, evil <sup>4</sup> beasts, lazy gluttons."

To Titus, a true son in our common

faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from <sup>13</sup>This testimony is true. Therefore God the Father and the Lord Jesus rebuke them sharply, that they may be Christ our Savior. sound in the faith,

<sup>5</sup>For this reason I left you in Crete, that <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> not giving heed to Jewish fables and

you should set in order the things that

commandments of men who turn from

are lacking, and appoint elders in every

city as I commanded you-- the truth.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

<sup>6</sup> To the pure all things are pure, but to if a man is blameless, the husband of

those who are defiled and unbelieving

one wife, having faithful children not

accused nothing is pure; but even their mind and of dissipation or

conscience are defiled.

insubordination.

1 6They profess to know God, but in

7For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed,  
not works they deny Him, being abominable,

quick-tempered, not given to wine, not disobedient, and disqualified  
for every

violent, not greedy for money, good work.

'but hospitable, a lover of what is good,

sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 2But as for you, speak the  
things

which are proper for sound doctrine:

2 1 that the older men be sober, reverent, 2teaching us that, denying  
ungodliness temperate, sound in faith, in love, in and worldly lusts,  
we should live soberly,

patience; righteously, and godly in the present

age,

b

the older women likewise, that they be 3 ooking for the blessed  
hope and

reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not 1 given to much wine,  
teachers of good glorious appearing of our great God and

things-- Savior Jesus Christ,

4 1 that they admonish the young women 4who gave Himself for us,  
that He might to love their husbands, to love their redeem us from  
every lawless deed and

children, purify for Himself His own special

people, zealous for good works.

sto be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, <sup>1</sup> 5

Speak these things, exhort, and that the word of God may not be rebuke with all authority. Let no one blasphemed. despise you.

<sup>6</sup>Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, <sup>3</sup>Remind them to be subject to rulers

<sup>7</sup> and authorities, to obey, to be ready for

in all things showing yourself to be a every good work,

pattern of good works; in doctrine

showing integrity, reverence, <sup>2</sup>

to speak evil of no one, to be incorruptibility,

peaceable, gentle, showing all humility <sup>8</sup> to all men.

sound speech that cannot be

condemned, that one who is an <sup>3</sup>For we ourselves were also once

opponent may be ashamed, having

foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving nothing evil to say of you.

various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one

<sup>1</sup>Exhort bondservants to be obedient to another. their own masters, to be well pleasing in

all things, not answering back, <sup>4</sup>

But when the kindness and the love of

<sup>1</sup> God our Savior toward man appeared, <sup>0</sup>not pilfering, but showing all good

fidelity, that they may adorn the doctrine s

not by works of righteousness which we

of God our Savior in all things.

have done, but according to His mercy

<sup>1</sup> He saved us, through the washing of <sup>1</sup>For the grace of God that brings

regeneration and renewing of the Holy

salvation has appeared to all men, Spirit, <sup>6 1</sup> whom He poured out on us abundantly <sup>1</sup>knowing that such a person is warped through Jesus Christ our Savior, and sinning, being self-condemned.

<sup>7 12</sup>

that having been justified by His grace When I send Artemas to you, or

we should become heirs according to Tychicus, be diligent to come to me at

the hope of eternal life. Nicopolis, for I have decided to spend

the winter there.

<sup>8</sup>This is a faithful saying, and these

<sup>13</sup>

things I want you to affirm constantly, Send Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on

that those who have believed in God their journey with haste, that



they may

should be careful to maintain good lack nothing. works. These things are good and

profitable to men. <sup>1</sup> 4And let our people also learn to

maintain good works, to meet urgent

'But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

contentions, and strivings about the law;

for they are unprofitable and useless. <sup>1</sup> 5All who are with me greet you. Greet

<sup>1</sup> with you all. Amen. 0Reject a divisive man after the first and those who love us in the faith. Grace be

second admonition,

# 1st Letter of Apostle Paul to Brother Timothy

and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by 10 or fornicators, for sodomites, for the commandment of God our Savior kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if and the Lord Jesus Christ, our hope, there is any other thing that is contrary

2 to sound doctrine,

To Timothy, a true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our 1 1 according to the glorious gospel of the Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

blessed God which was committed to

3As I urged you when I went into my trust.

Macedonia--remain in Ephesus that you 1 2And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who may charge some that they teach no

has enabled me, because He counted

other doctrine,

me faithful, putting me into the ministry,

4nor give heed to fables and endless 3although I was formerly a blasphemer,

genealogies, which cause disputes

a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I  
rather than godly edification which is in  
obtained mercy because I did it  
faith.

ignorantly in unbelief.

5Now the purpose of the commandment 4

1 And the grace of our Lord was  
is love from a pure heart, from a good  
exceedingly abundant, with faith and  
conscience, and from sincere faith,  
love which are in Christ Jesus.

6from which some, having strayed, have 5

1 This is a faithful saying and worthy of  
turned aside to idle talk,  
all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came  
7 into the world to save sinners, of whom I  
desiring to be teachers of the law, am chief.  
understanding neither what they say nor

the things which they affirm. 1 6However, for this reason I obtained 8  
mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ

But we know that the law is good if one might show all longsuffering,

as a

uses it lawfully, pattern to those who are going to

believe on Him for everlasting life.

'knowing this: that the law is not made

for a righteous person, but for the <sup>1</sup> 7 Now to the King eternal,  
immortal, lawless and insubordinate, for the invisible, to God who  
alone is wise, be

ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy honor and glory forever and  
ever. Amen.

and profane, for murderers of fathers <sup>1</sup> 8 ' This charge I commit to you,  
son <sup>1</sup> I desire therefore that the men pray Timothy, according to the  
prophecies everywhere, lifting up holy hands,

previously made concerning you, that by without wrath and doubting;  
them you may wage the good warfare,

'in like manner also, that the women

<sup>1</sup> ' having faith and a good conscience, adorn themselves in modest  
apparel,

which some having rejected, concerning with propriety and  
moderation, not with

the faith have suffered shipwreck, braided hair or gold or pearls or  
costly

clothing,

20

of whom are Hymenaeus and

<sup>1</sup> 0

Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan but, which is proper for women  
that they may learn not to blaspheme. professing godliness, with good  
works.

1 1Let a woman learn in silence with all

2Therefore I exhort first of all that submission.

supplications, prayers, intercessions, 1 2And I do not permit a woman  
to teach and giving of thanks be made for all men, or to have  
authority over a man, but to

be in silence.

2for kings and all who are in authority, 3For Adam was formed first,  
then Eve.

that we may lead a quiet and peaceable 1 life in all godliness and  
reverence.

1 4

And Adam was not deceived, but the

3For this is good and acceptable in the woman being deceived, fell  
into sight of God our Savior, transgression.

4 1 who desires all men to be saved and to 5Nevertheless she will be  
saved in come to the knowledge of the truth. childbearing if they  
continue in faith,

love, and holiness, with self-control.

5For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the  
Man Christ

Jesus, 3 This is a faithful saying: If a man

desires the position of a bishop, he

6who gave Himself a ransom for all, to desires a good work. be  
testified in due time,

2A bishop then must be blameless, the

7for which I was appointed a preacher husband of one wife,  
temperate, sober-

and an apostle--I am speaking the truth minded, of good behavior,  
hospitable,

in Christ and not lying--a teacher of the able to teach; Gentiles in faith  
and truth.

knot given to wine, not violent, not standing and great boldness in the  
faith

greedy for money, but gentle, not which is in Christ Jesus.  
quarrelsome, not covetous;

14

These things I write to you, though I

4 one who rules his own house well, hope to come to you shortly;  
having his children in submission with all

reverence 1 5

but if I am delayed, I write so that you

may know how you ought to conduct

5(for if a man does not know how to rule yourself in the house of God,  
which is

his own house, how will he take care of the church of the living God,  
the pillar

the church of God?); and ground of the truth.

6 1 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with And without controversy  
great is the pride he fall into the same mystery of godliness: God was  
condemnation as the devil. manifested in the flesh, Justified in the

Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among

7 the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Moreover he must have a  
good

testimony among those who are outside, Received up in glory. lest he fall into reproach and the snare

of the devil.

4Now the Spirit expressly says that in

8Likewise deacons must be reverent, not latter times some will depart from the

double-tongued, not given to much wine, faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits

not greedy for money, and doctrines of demons,

holding the mystery of the faith with a 2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their

pure conscience. own conscience seared with a hot iron,

10But let these also first be tested; then 3forbidding to marry, and commanding

let them serve as deacons, being found to abstain from foods which God created

blameless. to be received with thanksgiving by

those who believe and know the truth.

11Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all 4 For every creature of God is good, and things. nothing is to be refused if it is received

with thanksgiving;

12

Let deacons be the husbands of one

wife, ruling their children and their own s for it is sanctified by the word of God houses well. and prayer.

13For those who have served well as

6 If you instruct the brethren in these  
deacons obtain for themselves a good things, you will be a good  
minister of

Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine  
which you

have carefully followed. 5Do not rebuke an older man, but

7 exhort him as a father, younger men as

But reject profane and old wives' fables, brothers,

and exercise yourself toward godliness.

2older women as mothers, younger

8For bodily exercise profits a little, but women as sisters, with all  
purity. godliness is profitable for all things,

having promise of the life that now is 3Honor widows who are really  
widows.

and of that which is to come.

4But if any widow has children or

'This is a faithful saying and worthy of grandchildren, let them first  
learn to

all acceptance. show piety at home and to repay their

1 parents; for this is good and acceptable 0For to this end we both  
labor and

before God.

suffer reproach, because we trust in the



living God, who is the Savior of all men, <sup>5</sup>Now she who is really a widow, and left especially of those who believe. alone, trusts in God and continues in

<sup>1</sup> supplications and prayers night and day. <sup>1</sup>These things command and teach.

<sup>6</sup> But she who lives in pleasure is dead

<sup>12</sup>Let no one despise your youth, but be

while she lives.

an example to the believers in word, in

conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in <sup>7</sup>And these things command, that they purity. may be blameless.

<sup>13</sup>Till I come, give attention to reading, to

<sup>8</sup>But if anyone does not provide for his

exhortation, to doctrine. own, and especially for those of his

<sup>1</sup> household, he has denied the faith and

4

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, is worse than an unbeliever.

which was given to you by prophecy

with the laying on of the hands of the <sup>9</sup>Do not let a widow under sixty years old eldership. be taken into the number, and not

<sup>1</sup> man, <sup>5</sup>Meditate on these things; give yourself unless she has been the wife of one

entirely to them, that your progress may

be evident to all. <sup>10</sup>well reported for good works: if she <sup>1</sup> has brought

up children, if she has

6 Take heed to yourself and to the lodged strangers, if she has washed the

doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing saints' feet, if she has relieved the

this you will save both yourself and afflicted, if she has diligently followed

those who hear you. every good work.

1 2 1 1 charge you before God and the Lord

But refuse the younger widows; for

when they have begun to grow wanton Jesus Christ and the elect angels that

against Christ, they desire to marry, you observe these things without

prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.

12having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith. 2  
Do not lay hands on anyone hastily,

nor share in other people's sins; keep

13 yourself pure.

And besides they learn to be idle,

wandering about from house to house, 3No longer drink only water, but use a

and not only idle but also gossips and 2 busybodies, saying things which they little wine for your stomach's sake and

ought not. your frequent infirmities.

1 2 4 4Therefore I desire that the younger Some men's sins are clearly evident, widows marry, bear children, manage preceding them to

judgment, but those

the house, give no opportunity to the of some men follow later.  
adversary to speak reproachfully.

25Likewise, the good works of some are

15For some have already turned aside

clearly evident, and those that are

after Satan. otherwise cannot be hidden.

16 any believing man or woman has

widows, let them relieve them, and do 6Let as many bondservants as  
are

not let the church be burdened, that it

under the yoke count their own masters

may relieve those who are really widows.

worthy of all honor, so that the name of

1 God and His doctrine may not be 7 Let the elders who rule well be  
blasphemed.

counted worthy of double honor,

especially those who labor in the word 2

And those who have believing masters,

and doctrine.

let them not despise them because they

1 are brethren, but rather serve them 8For the Scripture says, "You  
shall not

because those who are benefited are  
muzzle an ox while it treads out the believers and beloved. Teach and  
grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his exhort these things. wages."

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1 If anyone teaches otherwise and does ' Do not receive an accusation  
against not consent to wholesome words, even

an elder except from two or three the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and

witnesses. to the doctrine which accords with

2

0Those who are sinning rebuke in the godliness,

presence of all, that the rest also may 4 he is proud, knowing nothing,  
but is fear. obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from  
which come envy, Jesus who witnessed the good strife, reviling, evil  
suspicions, confession before Pontius Pilate,

s 14

useless wranglings of men of corrupt that you keep this commandment  
minds and destitute of the truth, who without spot, blameless until  
our Lord

suppose that godliness is a means of Jesus Christ's appearing, gain.  
From such withdraw yourself.

1 5

which He will manifest in His own time,

6Now godliness with contentment is He who is the blessed and only  
great gain. Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of

lords,

7For we brought nothing into this world,

and it is certain we can carry nothing out. who alone has immortality,  
dwelling in

unapproachable light, whom no man

8 has seen or can see, to whom be honor And having food and  
clothing, with

these we shall be content. and everlasting power. Amen.

1 7 Command those who are rich in this

'But those who desire to be rich fall into

temptation and a snare, and into many present age not to be haughty,  
nor to

foolish and harmful lusts which drown trust in uncertain riches but in  
the living

men in destruction and perdition. God, who gives us richly all things  
to

enjoy.

10 For the love of money is a root of all 1 kinds of evil, for which some  
have Let them do good, that they be rich in 8

strayed from the faith in their greediness, good works, ready to give,  
willing to

and pierced themselves through with share, many sorrows.

1 ' storing up for themselves a good

11 foundation for the time to come, that

But you, O man of God, flee these

things they may lay hold on eternal life. and pursue righteousness,  
godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. O Timothy! 2 0 Guard what

committed to your trust, avoiding the

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on profane and idle babblings  
and

eternal life, to which you were also contradictions of what is falsely  
called

called and have confessed the good knowledge--confession in the  
presence of many

21

witnesses. by professing it some have strayed

concerning the faith. Grace be with you.

13 urge you in the sight of God who Amen. gives life to all things, and  
before Christ

## 2nd Letter of Apostle Paul to Brother Timothy

'who has saved us and called us with a

holy calling, not according to our works,

1 but according to His own purpose and Paul, an apostle of Jesus  
Christ by

grace which was given to us in Christ

the will of God, according to the promise Jesus before time began, of  
life which is in Christ Jesus,

1 0

2 but has now been revealed by the

To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, appearing of our Savior Jesus  
Christ,

mercy, and peace from God the Father who has abolished death and  
brought

and Christ Jesus our Lord. life and immortality to light through the

I I thank God, whom I serve with a pure gospel,

conscience, as my forefathers did, as <sup>1</sup>to which I was appointed a preacher, without ceasing I remember you in my an apostle, and a teacher of the

prayers night and day, Gentiles.

<sup>4</sup>greatly desiring to see you, being <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For this reason I also suffer these

mindful of your tears, that I may be filled things; nevertheless I am not ashamed,

with joy, for I know whom I have believed and am

persuaded that He is able to keep what I

when I call to remembrance the have committed to Him until that Day.

genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt

first in your grandmother Lois and your <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

Hold fast the pattern of sound words

mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in

which you have heard from me, in faith

you also. and love which are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>6</sup>Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> That good thing which was committed

of God which is in you through the

to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who

laying on of my hands.

dwells in us.

7For God has not given us a spirit of fear, 5This you know, that all those in Asia

1

but of power and of love and of a sound

have turned away from me, among mind. whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes.

8Therefore do not be ashamed of the 6The Lord grant mercy to the household

1

testimony of our Lord, nor of me His of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed

prisoner, but share with me in the me, and was not ashamed of my chain;

sufferings for the gospel according to

the power of God,

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but when he arrived in Rome, he for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer,

sought me out very zealously and found even to the point of chains; but the word

me. of God is not chained.



1 1 ' The Lord grant to him that he may find 0Therefore I endure all things for the mercy from the Lord in that Day--and sake of the elect, that they also may

you know very well how many ways he obtain the salvation which is in Christ

ministered to me at Ephesus. Jesus with eternal glory.

1 1This is a faithful saying: For if we died

2 with Him, We shall also live with Him. You therefore, my son, be strong in

the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 1 2 we endure, We shall also reign with 2 Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny

And the things that you have heard

from me among many witnesses, uS.

commit these to faithful men who will be 1 3 we are faithless, He remains faithful; able to teach others also.

He cannot deny Himself.

3You therefore must endure hardship as 1 4Remind them of these things, charging a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

them before the Lord not to strive about

4 words to no profit, to the ruin of the

No one engaged in warfare entangles

hearers.

himself with the affairs of this life, that

he may please him who enlisted him as 15Be diligent to present  
yourself a soldier.

approved to God, a worker who does  
5 not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing  
And also if anyone competes in  
the word of truth.  
athletics, he is not crowned unless he

competes according to the rules. 16But shun profane and idle  
babblings,

6 for they will increase to more The hardworking farmer must be first  
to

ungodliness.  
partake of the crops.

1 7And their message will spread like  
give you understanding in all things. cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus  
are of 7Consider what I say, and may the Lord  
this sort,

8Remember that Jesus Christ, of the 8who have strayed concerning the  
truth,

1

seed of David, was raised from the dead  
according to my gospel, saying that the resurrection is already  
past; and they overthrow the faith of  
some.

1 2 Nevertheless the solid foundation of For men will be lovers of themselves,

God stands, having this seal: "The Lord lovers of money, boasters, proud,

knows those who are His," and, "Let blasphemers, disobedient to parents,

everyone who names the name of Christ unthankful, unholy, depart from iniquity."

3

unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,

20

But in a great house there are not only without self-control, brutal, despisers of

vessels of gold and silver, but also of good, wood and clay, some for honor and

some for dishonor. 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of

pleasure rather than lovers of God,

21 Therefore if anyone cleanses himself

from the latter, he will be a vessel for s having a form of godliness but denying honor, sanctified and useful for the its power. And from such people turn

Master, prepared for every good work. away!

22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue 6 For of this sort are those who creep into righteousness, faith, love, peace with households and make captives of

those who call on the Lord out of a pure gullible women loaded down with sins,

heart. led away by various lusts,

23But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes,

7always learning and never able to come

knowing that they generate strife. to the knowledge of the truth.

24 And a servant of the Lord must not 'Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted

quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, Moses, so do these also resist the truth:

patient, men of corrupt minds, disapproved

2

5in humility correcting those who are in concerning the faith;

opposition, if God perhaps will grant 9 but they will progress no further, for them repentance, so that they may their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs

know the truth, also was.

21 6 and that they may come to their 0But you have carefully followed my senses and escape the snare of the doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith,

devil, having been taken captive by him longsuffering, love, perseverance, to do his will.

1 1persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium,

3But know this, that in the last days at Lystra--what persecutions I endured.

perilous times will come: And out of them all the Lord delivered

me.

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in and they will turn their ears away from

Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

15 3But evil men and impostors will grow But you be watchful in all things,

worse and worse, deceiving and being endure afflictions, do the work of an

deceived. evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

16 4

But you must continue in the things For I am already being poured out as a

which you have learned and been drink offering, and the time of my

assured of, knowing from whom your departure is at hand. have learned them,

71 have fought the good fight, I have

15

and that from childhood you have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

known the Holy Scriptures, which are

able to make you wise for salvation 8Finally, there is laid up for me the through faith which is in Christ Jesus. crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

1 that Day, and not to me only but also to

6All Scripture is given by inspiration of the righteous Judge, will give to me on

God, and is profitable for doctrine, for all who have loved His appearing. reproof, for correction, for instruction in

righteousness, <sup>9</sup>Be diligent to come to me quickly;

<sup>11</sup> <sup>7</sup> hat the man of God may be complete, <sup>0</sup> or Demas has forsaken me, having thoroughly equipped for every good loved this present world, and has

work. departed for Thessalonica--Crescens for

Galatia, Titus for Dalmatia.

<sup>41</sup> charge you therefore before God <sup>11</sup>

Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and

and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring him with you, for he is useful to me

judge the living and the dead at His for ministry. appearing and His kingdom:

<sup>12</sup>

And Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus.

<sup>2</sup>Preach the word! Be ready in season <sup>3</sup>Bring the cloak that I left with Carpus

and out of season. Convince, rebuke, <sup>1</sup> exhort, with all longsuffering and at Troas when you come--and the books,

teaching. especially the parchments.

<sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will <sup>14</sup>Alexander the coppersmith did me not endure sound doctrine, but much harm. May the Lord repay him according to their own desires, because according to his works. they have itching ears, they will heap up

for themselves teachers; <sup>1</sup> 5 ou also must beware of him, for he

has greatly resisted our words.

<sup>1</sup> 6At my first defense no one stood with ' Greet Prisca and Aquila,  
and the

me, but all forsook me. May it not be household of Onesiphorus.  
charged against them.

<sup>2</sup> 0Erastus stayed in Corinth, but

<sup>1</sup>7

But the Lord stood with me and Trophimus I have left in Miletus  
sick.

strengthened me, so that the message

might be preached fully through me, and <sup>2</sup> 1

Do your utmost to come before winter.

that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I Eubulus greets you, as well as  
Pudens,

was delivered out of the mouth of the Linus, Claudia, and all the  
brethren. lion.

<sup>1</sup> spirit. Grace be with you. Amen. 8And the Lord will deliver me from

<sup>2</sup> The Lord Jesus Christ be with your

every evil work and preserve me for His

heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory

forever and ever. Amen!

# 2nd Letter of Apostle Peter

1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and 'For he who lacks these things is  
apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who shortsighted, even to blindness,  
and has

have obtained like precious faith with us forgotten that he was  
cleansed from his

by the righteousness of our God and old sins. Savior Jesus Christ:

1 0Therefore, brethren, be even more

2Grace and peace be multiplied to you in diligent to make your call  
and election

the knowledge of God and of Jesus our sure, for if you do these things  
you will

Lord, never stumble;

h 1 1 or so an entrance will be supplied to as His divine power has  
given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, you  
abundantly into the everlasting

through the knowledge of Him who kingdom of our Lord and Savior  
Jesus

called us by glory and virtue, Christ.

4 12

by which have been given to us For this reason I will not be negligent

exceedingly great and precious to remind you always of these things,  
promises, that through these you may though you know and are  
established in



be partakers of the divine nature, having the present truth. escaped  
the corruption that is in the

world through lust. <sup>13</sup> es, I think it is right, as long as I am

in this tent, to stir you up by reminding

<sup>5</sup>But also for this very reason, giving all you, diligence, add to your  
faith virtue, to

virtue knowledge, <sup>14</sup> knowing that shortly I must put off my

tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ

<sup>6</sup>to knowledge self-control, to self-control showed me. perseverance, to  
perseverance godliness, <sup>15</sup> Moreover I will be careful to ensure

that you always have a reminder of

<sup>7</sup>to godliness brotherly kindness, and to these things after my decease.  
brotherly kindness love.

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cunningly

<sup>8</sup>For if these things are yours and devised fables when we made  
known to

abound, you will be neither barren nor you the power and coming of  
our Lord

unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were  
eyewitnesses of

Jesus Christ. His majesty.

<sup>17</sup>

For He received from God the Father

honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent  
Glory: and did not spare the ancient world, but "This is My beloved  
Son, in whom I am saved Noah, one of eight people, a

well pleased." preacher of righteousness, bringing in

the flood on the world of the ungodly;

1 ' And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on <sup>6</sup>and turning the cities of Sodom and the holy mountain. Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them

to destruction, making them an example

1 to those who afterward would live ' And so we have the prophetic word

confirmed, which you do well to heed as ungodly; a light that shines in a dark place, until

the day dawns and the morning star <sup>7</sup>and delivered righteous Lot, who was rises in your hearts; oppressed by the filthy conduct of the

wicked

<sup>20</sup>knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, '(for that righteous man, dwelling among

them, tormented his righteous soul from

<sup>21</sup> or prophecy never came by the will of day to day by seeing and hearing their

man, but holy men of God spoke as they lawless deeds)--were moved by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>9</sup> then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve

2But there were also false prophets the unjust under punishment for the day

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among the people, even as there will be

9

false teachers among you, who will <sup>10</sup>and especially those who walk secretly bring in destructive heresies, according to the flesh in the lust of even denying the Lord who bought them, uncleanness and despise

authority. and bring on themselves swift They are presumptuous, self-willed. destruction. They are not afraid to speak evil of 2 dignitaries,

## of judgment,

And many will follow their destructive

ways, because of whom the way of truth 1 1whereas angels, who are greater in will be blasphemed.

power and might, do not bring a reviling

3 accusation against them before the Lord. By covetousness they will exploit you

with deceptive words; for a long time 12

But these, like natural brute beasts

their judgment has not been idle, and

made to be caught and destroyed,

their destruction does not slumber.

speaking evil of the things they do not

4 understand, and will utterly perish in

For if God did not spare the angels who their own corruption,

sinned, but cast them down to hell and

delivered them into chains of darkness,

to be reserved for judgment;

h and will receive the wages of and overcome, the latter end is worse

unrighteousness, as those who count it for them than the beginning. pleasure to carouse in the daytime.

They 2 1 are spots and blemishes,

For it would have been better for them  
carousing in their own deceptions while not to have known the way of  
they feast with you, righteousness, than having known it, to

turn from the holy commandment

<sup>14</sup>having eyes full of adultery and that delivered to them.

cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable

souls. They have a heart trained in <sup>2</sup> 2But it has happened to them  
according covetous practices, and are accursed to the true proverb: "A  
dog returns to his

children. own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed,

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>5</sup>They have forsaken the right way and to her wallowing in the mire."

gone astray, following the way of

Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the <sup>3</sup>BeIoved, I now write to you  
this

wages of unrighteousness;

second epistle (in both of which I stir up

<sup>1</sup> your pure minds by way of reminder), <sup>6</sup> but he was rebuked for his  
iniquity: a

dumb donkey speaking with a man's <sup>2</sup> that you may be mindful of the  
words voice restrained the madness of the which were spoken before  
by the holy prophet. prophets, and of the commandment of

<sup>1</sup> us, the apostles of the Lord and Savior, <sup>7</sup>These are wells without  
water, clouds

carried by a tempest, for whom is 3knowing this first: that scoffers  
will

reserved the blackness of darkness

forever. come in the last days, walking according

to their own lusts,

18For when they speak great swelling

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of

words of emptiness, they allure through

His coming? For since the fathers fell

the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness,

asleep, all things continue as they were

the ones who have actually escaped

from those who live in error. from the beginning of creation."

1 they promise them liberty, they

' While 5For this they willfully forget: that by the

word of God the heavens were of old,

themselves are slaves of corruption; for

and the earth standing out of water and

by whom a person is overcome, by him

in the water,

also he is brought into bondage.

2 by which the world that then existed

0For if, after they have escaped the 6

pollutions of the world through the perished, being flooded with water.

knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus 7But the heavens and the earth which Christ, they are again entangled in them

are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of 13Nevertheless we, according to His judgment and perdition of ungodly men. promise, look for new heavens and a

new earth in which righteousness dwells.

8But, beloved, do not forget this one 4Therefore, beloved, looking forward to

thing, that with the Lord one day is as a 1 thousand years, and a thousand years these things, be diligent to be found by

as one day. Him in peace, without spot and

blameless;

"The Lord is not slack concerning His

1 5

promise, as some count slackness, but and consider that the longsuffering of

is longsuffering toward us, not willing our Lord is salvation--as also our

that any should perish but that all should beloved brother Paul, according to the

come to repentance. wisdom given to him, has written to you,

1 1 0But the day of the Lord will come as a 6

as also in all his epistles, speaking in

thief in the night, in which the heavens them of these things, in which are some

will pass away with a great noise, and things hard to understand, which

the elements will melt with fervent heat; untaught and unstable people twist to

both the earth and the works that are in their own destruction, as they do also

it will be burned up. the rest of the Scriptures.

11 7 ou therefore, beloved, since you 1Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons know this beforehand, beware lest you

ought you to be in holy conduct and also fall from your own steadfastness,

godliness, being led away with the error of the

wicked;

12 ooking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the 1 8

but grow in the grace and knowledge

heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To

and the elements will melt with fervent Him be the glory both now and forever.

heat? Amen.





# The Teacher

<sup>1</sup>1

There is no remembrance of former  
things, Nor will there be any

remembrance of things that are to come The words of the Preacher,  
the son

By those who will come after.

of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup>2)

<sup>2</sup>, the Preacher, was king over Israel in

Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher;

Jerusalem.

"Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."

<sup>1</sup> 3

<sup>3</sup>What profit has a man from all his labor And I set my heart to seek  
and search

out by wisdom concerning all that is

In which he toils under the sun?

done under heaven; this burdensome

<sup>4</sup> task God has given to the sons of man,

One generation passes away, and by which they may be exercised.

another generation comes; But the earth

abides forever. 14a have seen all the works that are done 5 under the sun; and indeed, all is vanity

The sun also rises, and the sun goes and grasping for the wind.

down, And hastens to the place where it

arose. 15

What is crooked cannot be made

6 straight, And what is lacking cannot be

The wind goes toward the south, And numbered.

turns around to the north; The wind

whirls about continually, And comes 16 communed with my heart, saying, again on its circuit. "Look, I have attained greatness, and

7 have gained more wisdom than all who

All the rivers run into the sea, Yet the were before me in Jerusalem. My heart

sea is not full; To the place from which has understood great wisdom and

the rivers come, There they return again. knowledge."

8 1 All things are full of labor; Man cannot 7 And I set my heart to know wisdom express it. The eye is not satisfied with and to know madness and folly. I

seeing, Nor the ear filled with hearing. perceived that this also is grasping for

the wind.

"That which has been is what will be,

That which is done is what will be done, 18 For in much wisdom is much grief, And And there is nothing new under the sun. he who increases knowledge increases

sorrow.

10 s there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already

been in ancient times before us.

10 Whatever my eyes desired I did not

21 said in my heart, "Come now, I will keep from them. I did not withhold my

test you with mirth; therefore enjoy heart from any pleasure, For my heart

rejoiced in all my labor; And this was my pleasure"; but surely, this also was

vanity. reward from all my labor.

1 Then I looked on all the works that my

2 1 said of laughter--"Madness!"; and of

hands had done And on the labor in mirth, "What does it accomplish?"

which I had toiled; And indeed all was

I I searched in my heart how to gratify vanity and grasping for the wind. There

was no profit under the sun.

my flesh with wine, while guiding my

heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold 1 2 Then I turned myself to consider on folly, till I might see what was good wisdom and madness and folly; For for the sons of men to do under heaven what can the man do who succeeds the all the days of their lives. king?-- Only what

he has already done.

41 made my works great, I built myself 3

1 Then I saw that wisdom excels folly As  
houses, and planted myself vineyards.

light excels darkness.

51 made myself gardens and orchards, 4

1 The wise man's eyes are in his head,  
and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in

But the fool walks in darkness. Yet I  
them.

myself perceived That the same event  
6 happens to them all.

1 made myself water pools from which  
to water the growing trees of the grove. 1 5

So I said in my heart, "As it happens to  
7 the fool, It also happens to me, And why

1 acquired male and female servants, was I then more wise?" Then I  
said in

and had servants born in my house. Yes, my heart, "This also is  
vanity." I had greater possessions of herds and

flocks than all who were in Jerusalem 16For there is no more  
remembrance of before me.

the wise than of the fool forever, Since  
8 all that now is will be forgotten in the

I also gathered for myself silver and days to come. And how does a wise

gold and the special treasures of kings man die? As the fool! and of the provinces. I acquired male

and female singers, the delights of the 17Therefore I hated life because the sons of men, and musical instruments of

work that was done under the sun was all kinds.

distressing to me, for all is vanity and grasping for the wind.

'So I became great and excelled more

than all who were before me in 18Then I hated all my labor in which I Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained

had toiled under the sun, because I with me.

must leave it to the man who will come

after me. 3To everything there is a season, A

1 time for every purpose under heaven: 9And who knows whether he will be

wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all 2

A time to be born, And a time to die; A

my labor in which I toiled and in which I time to plant, And a time to pluck what is

have shown myself wise under the sun.

planted;

This also is vanity.

2 EA time to kill, And a time to heal; A time 0Therefore I turned my heart and to break down, And a time to build up; despaired of all the labor in which I had

toiled under the sun. 4

A time to weep, And a time to laugh; A

2 time to mourn, And a time to dance; 1For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he 5 must leave his heritage to a man who A time to cast away stones, And a time

has not labored for it. This also is vanity to gather stones; A time to embrace,

and a great evil. And a time to refrain from embracing;

2 A time to gain, And a time to lose; A For what has man for all his labor, and

2 6

for the striving of his heart with which he time to keep, And a time to throw away;

has toiled under the sun? 7A time to tear, And a time to sew; A 23 time to keep silence, And a time to

For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his speak;

heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 8A time to love, And a time to hate; A

24Nothing is better for a man than that time of war, And a time of  
peace.

he should eat and drink, and that his

soul should enjoy good in his labor. This 'What profit has the worker  
from that in

also, I saw, was from the hand of God. which he labors?

21 0a have seen the God-given task with 5For who can eat, or who can  
have enjoyment, more than I? which the sons of men are to be

occupied.

26For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good  
in His 1 He has made everything beautiful in its sight; but to the sinner  
He gives the time. Also He has put eternity in their

work of gathering and collecting, that he hearts, except that no one  
can find out

may give to him who is good before God. the work that God does from  
beginning

This also is vanity and grasping for the to end. wind.

1 2 2 know that nothing is better for them 1

Who knows the spirit of the sons of

than to rejoice, and to do good in their men, which goes upward, and  
the spirit

lives, of the animal, which goes down to the

earth?

h and also that every man should eat

and drink and enjoy the good of all his 2 So I perceived that nothing is  
better labor--it is the gift of God. than that a man should rejoice in his

own works, for that is his heritage. For

<sup>14</sup> know that whatever God does, It shall who can bring him to see  
what will

be forever. Nothing can be added to it, happen after him? And nothing  
taken from it. God does it,

that men should fear before Him.

<sup>4</sup>Then I returned and considered all

<sup>15</sup>That which is has already been, And

the oppression that is done under the

what is to be has already been; And sun: And look! The tears of the

God requires an account of what is past. oppressed, But they have no  
comforter--

On the side of their oppressors there is

<sup>16</sup>Moreover I saw under the sun: In the power, But they have no  
comforter. place of judgment, Wickedness was

there; And in the place of righteousness, <sup>2</sup> Therefore I praised the dead  
who were Iniquity was there. already dead, More than the living who

are still alive.

<sup>1 7</sup> said in my heart, "God shall judge the

righteous and the wicked, For there is a <sup>3</sup>Yet, better than both is he  
who has

time there for every purpose and for never existed, Who has not seen  
the

every work." evil work that is done under the sun.

<sup>1'</sup> I said in my heart, "Concerning the Again, I saw that for all toil and  
every

condition of the sons of men, God tests skillful work a man is envied  
by his



them, that they may see that they neighbor. This also is vanity and  
themselves are like animals." grasping for the wind.

15 ' For what happens to the sons of men The fool folds his hands And  
consumes also happens to animals; one thing his own flesh. befalls  
them: as one dies, so dies the

other. Surely, they all have one breath; 6

Better a handful with quietness Than  
man has no advantage over animals, for  
both hands full, together with toil and  
all is vanity.

grasping for the wind.

20 All go to one place: all are from the

7 Then I returned, and I saw vanity under  
dust, and all return to dust.

the sun:

8 There is one alone, without companion: He has neither son nor  
brother. Yet 5 Walk prudently when you go to the

there is no end to all his labors, Nor is

house of God; and draw near to hear  
his eye satisfied with riches. But he rather than to give the sacrifice of  
fools,

never asks, "For whom do I toil and

for they do not know that they do evil.  
deprive myself of good?" This also is

vanity and a grave misfortune. 2

Do not be rash with your mouth, And let  
not your heart utter anything hastily

"Two are better than one, Because they

before God. For God is in heaven, and  
have a good reward for their labor.

you on earth; Therefore let your words

1 be few. 0For if they fall, one will lift up his

companion. But woe to him who is alone 3For a dream comes through  
much

when he falls, For he has no one to help activity, And a fool's voice is  
known by

him up.

his many words.

11

Again, if two lie down together, they 4

When you make a vow to God, do not  
will keep warm; But how can one be

delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure  
warm alone? in fools. Pay what you have vowed--

12

Though one may be overpowered by 5

Better not to vow than to vow and not  
another, two can withstand him. And a

pay.

threefold cord is not quickly broken.

1 Better a poor and wise youth Than an to sin, nor say before the messenger of

3 6Do not let your mouth cause your flesh

old and foolish king who will be God that it was an error. Why should admonished no more. God be angry at your excuse and

1 destroy the work of your hands? 4For he comes out of prison to be king, Although he was born poor in his 7

For in the multitude of dreams and kingdom.

many words there is also vanity. But

1 fear God. 5a saw all the living who walk under the sun; They were with the second youth 8

If you see the oppression of the poor, who stands in his place. and the violent perversion of justice and

1 righteousness in a province, do not 6There was no end of all the people

marvel at the matter; for high official over whom he was made king; Yet watches over high official, and higher

those who come afterward will not officials are over them. rejoice in

him. Surely this also is vanity

and grasping for the wind. 'Moreover the profit of the land is for all;

even the king is served from the field.

<sup>10</sup>He who loves silver will not be of his life which God gives him; for  
it is

satisfied with silver; Nor he who loves his heritage. abundance, with  
increase. This also is

vanity. <sup>1</sup> As for every man to whom God has

given riches and wealth, and given him

<sup>11</sup>

When goods increase, They increase power to eat of it, to receive  
his heritage

who eat them; So what profit have the and rejoice in his labor--this is  
the gift of

owners Except to see them with their God. eyes?

<sup>2</sup> 0For he will not dwell unduly on the

<sup>12</sup>The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, days of his life, because God  
keeps him

Whether he eats little or much; But the busy with the joy of his heart.  
abundance of the rich will not permit him

to sleep.

<sup>1</sup> 6There is an evil which I have seen <sup>3</sup>There is a severe evil which I  
have

under the sun, and it is common among

seen under the sun: Riches kept for men: their owner to his hurt.

1 But those riches perish through and wealth and honor, so that he lacks

4 2 A man to whom God has given riches

misfortune; When he begets a son, nothing for himself of all he desires; yet

there is nothing in his hand.

God does not give him power to eat of it,

1 but a foreigner consumes it. This is

5 he came from his mother's womb, As vanity, and it is an evil affliction.

naked shall he return, To go as he

came; And he shall take nothing from E

If a man begets a hundred children and

his labor Which he may carry away in

lives many years, so that the days of his

his hand. years are many, but his soul is not

1 satisfied with goodness, or indeed he 6 And this also is a severe evil--  
Just

has no burial, I say that a stillborn child

exactly as he came, so shall he go. And is better than he--what profit  
has he who has labored for

the wind? 4

for it comes in vanity and departs in

1 darkness, and its name is covered with 7 All his days he also eats in

darkness, darkness.

And he has much sorrow and sickness

and anger. 5

Though it has not seen the sun or

1 known anything, this has more rest than

' Here is what I have seen: It is good that man,

and fitting for one to eat and drink, and

to enjoy the good of all his labor in Seven if he lives a thousand years  
twice-

which he toils under the sun all the days

-but has not seen goodness. Do not all

go to one place?

7 5 All the labor of man is for his mouth, It is better to hear the rebuke  
of the And yet the soul is not satisfied. wise Than for a man to hear  
the song of

fools.

8 For what more has the wise man than the fool? What does the poor  
man have, 6For like the crackling of thorns under a Who knows how to  
walk before the pot, So is the laughter of the fool. This

living? also is vanity.

'Better is the sight of the eyes than the 7Surely oppression destroys a  
wise wandering of desire. This also is vanity man's reason, And a bribe  
debases the

and grasping for the wind. heart.

1 8 OWhatever one is, he has been named The end of a thing is better  
than its

already, For it is known that he is man; beginning; The patient in spirit is better

And he cannot contend with Him who is than the proud in spirit. mightier than he.

'Do not hasten in your spirit to be angry,

11

Since there are many things that For anger rests in the bosom of fools.

increase vanity, How is man the better?

1 0Do not say, "Why were the former

12

For who knows what is good for man days better than these?" For you do not

in life, all the days of his vain life which inquire wisely concerning this. he passes like a shadow? Who can tell

a man what will happen after him under 11

wi sdom is good with an inheritance,

the sun? And profitable to those who see the sun.

1 2

For wisdom is a defense as money is

7A good name is better than precious a defense, But the excellence of ointment, And the day of death than the knowledge is that wisdom gives life to

day of one's birth; those who have it.

2 13Consider the work of God; For who

Better to go to the house of mourning

Than to go to the house of feasting, For can make straight what He has made

that is the end of all men; And the living crooked? will take it to heart.

1 4 n the day of prosperity be joyful, But

3 in the day of adversity consider: Surely Sorrow is better than laughter, For by a

sad countenance the heart is made God has appointed the one as well as

better. the other, So that man can find out

nothing that will come after him.

4The heart of the wise is in the house of 5a have seen everything in my days of

mourning, But the heart of fools is in the 1 house of mirth. vanity: There is a just man who perishes

in his righteousness, And there is a 2 6And I find more bitter than death The wicked man who prolongs life in his woman whose heart is snares and nets,

wickedness. Whose hands are fetters. He who

pleases God shall escape from her, But

16 the sinner shall be trapped by her.

Do not be overly righteous, Nor be

overly wise: Why should you destroy

yourself? 2 7 Here is what I have found," says the

Preacher, "Adding one thing to the other

17 to find out the reason,



Do not be overly wicked, Nor be

foolish: Why should you die before your 8Which my soul still seeks  
but I cannot

time? 2

find: One man among a thousand I have

18 I is good that you grasp this, And also found, But a woman among  
all these I

not remove your hand from the other; have not found. For he who  
fears God will escape them

all. 2' Truly, this only I have found: That God

made man upright, But they have

1 sought out many schemes." ' Wisdom strengthens the wise More than  
ten rulers of the city.

20For there is not a just man on earth 8Who is like a wise man? And  
who

who does good And does not sin. knows the interpretation of a thing?  
A

man's wisdom makes his face shine,

21Also do not take to heart everything And the sternness of his face is  
people say, Lest you hear your servant changed. cursing you.

21 say, "Keep the king's commandment

22 For many times, also, your own heart for the sake of your oath to  
God. has known That even you have cursed

others. 3Do not be hasty to go from his

presence. Do not take your stand for an

23All this I have proved by wisdom. I said, evil thing, for he does

"I will be wise"; But it was far from me. him."

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As for that which is far off and Where the word of a king is, there is  
exceedingly deep, Who can find it out? power; And who may say to  
him, "What

are you doing?"

<sup>2</sup>5 applied my heart to know, To search and seek out wisdom and the  
reason of <sup>5</sup>He who keeps his command will things, To know the  
wickedness of folly, experience nothing harmful; And a wise

Even of foolishness and madness. man's heart discerns both time and

judgment, <sup>6</sup>Because for every matter  
there is a whom it happens  
according to the work

time and judgment, Though the misery of the righteous. I said that  
this also is

of man increases greatly. vanity.

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For he does not know what will happen; So I commended enjoyment,  
because

So who can tell him when it will occur? a man has nothing better  
under the sun

than to eat, drink, and be merry; for this

<sup>8</sup> will remain with him in his labor all the No one has power over the  
spirit to

retain the spirit, And no one has power days of his life which God  
gives him

in the day of death. There is no release under the sun.

from that war, And wickedness will not 6When I applied my heart to know

deliver those who are given to it. 1

wisdom and to see the business that is

'All this I have seen, and applied my done on earth, even though one sees no

heart to every work that is done under sleep day or night, the sun:  
There is a time in which one

17

man rules over another to his own hurt. then I saw all the work of  
God, that a

man cannot find out the work that is

10Then I saw the wicked buried, who done under the sun. For though  
a man

had come and gone from the place of labors to discover it, yet he will  
not find

holiness, and they were forgotten in the it; moreover, though a wise  
man

city where they had so done. This also attempts to know it, he will not  
be able

is vanity. to find it.

11Because the sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily,  
therefore 9 For I considered all this in my heart, the heart of the sons  
of men is fully set so that I could declare it all: that the

in them to do evil. righteous and the wise and their works

1 neither love nor hatred by anything they

2Though a sinner does evil a hundred are in the hand of God. People know

times, and his days are prolonged, yet I see before them. surely know that it will be well with those

who fear God, who fear before Him. 2All things come alike to all: One event

1 wicked; To the good, the clean, and the

3But it will not be well with the wicked; happens to the righteous and the

nor will he prolong his days, which are unclean; To him who sacrifices and him

as a shadow, because he does not fear who does not sacrifice. As is the good,

before God. so is the sinner; He who takes an oath

as he who fears an oath.

14

There is a vanity which occurs on

earth, that there are just men to whom it 3This is an evil in all that is done under

happens according to the work of the the sun: that one thing happens to all.

wicked; again, there are wicked men to Truly the hearts of the sons of men are

full of evil; madness is in their hearts For man also does not know his time:

while they live, and after that they go to Like fish taken in a cruel net,  
Like birds

the dead. caught in a snare, So the sons of men

are snared in an evil time, When it falls

<sup>4</sup> suddenly upon them. But for him who is joined to all the living there is hope, for a living dog is better

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than a dead lion. This wisdom I have also seen under

the sun, and it seemed great to me:

<sup>5</sup>For the living know that they will die; <sup>4</sup>There was a little city with few men in

But the dead know nothing, And they <sup>1</sup> have no more reward, For the memory it; and a great king came against it,

of them is forgotten. besieged it, and built great snares

around it.

<sup>6</sup>Also their love, their hatred, and their <sup>5</sup>Now there was found in it a poor wise

envy have now perished; Nevermore will <sup>1</sup> they have a share In anything done man, and he by his wisdom delivered

under the sun. the city. Yet no one remembered that

same poor man.

7Go, eat your bread with joy, And drink 6Then I said: "Wisdom is better than

your wine with a merry heart; For God 1 has already accepted your works. strength. Nevertheless the poor man's

wisdom is despised, And his words are

8 not heard. Let your garments always be white, And let your head lack no oil.

1 7

Words of the wise, spoken quietly,

'Live joyfully with the wife whom you should be heard Rather than the shout

love all the days of your vain life which of a ruler of fools. He has given you under the sun, all your

days of vanity; for that is your portion in 18

wi sdom is better than weapons of war;

life, and in the labor which you perform But one sinner destroys much good."

under the sun.

10Whatever your hand finds to do, do it 1 ODead flies putrefy the perfumer's with your might; for there is no work or

ointment, And cause it to give off a foul

device or knowledge or wisdom in the

odor; So does a little folly to one

grave where you are going.

respected for wisdom and honor.

11a returned and saw under the sun that-

2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand,

- The race is not to the swift, Nor the But a fool's heart at his left.  
battle to the strong, Nor bread to the

wise, Nor riches to men of 3Even when a fool walks along the way,  
understanding, Nor favor to men of skill;

But time and chance happen to them all. He lacks wisdom, And he  
shows

everyone that he is a fool.

41 If the spirit of the ruler rises against you, 5The labor of fools  
wearies them, For Do not leave your post; For conciliation they do not  
even know how to go to the

pacifies great offenses. city!

5 1 6

There is an evil I have seen under the Woe to you, O land, when your  
king is

sun, As an error proceeding from the a child, And your princes feast in  
the

ruler: morning!

6 1 Folly is set in great dignity, While the 7Blessed are you, O land,  
when your rich sit in a lowly place. king is the son of nobles, And your

princes feast at the proper time-- For

7 strength and not for drunkenness! 1 have seen servants on horses,  
While princes walk on the ground like servants.

1 ' Because of laziness the building

8 decays, And through idleness of hands He who digs a pit will fall  
into it, And

whoever breaks through a wall will be the house leaks. bitten by a serpent.

1 ' A feast is made for laughter, And wine

'He who quarries stones may be hurt by makes merry; But money answers

them, And he who splits wood may be everything.

endangered by it. ODo not curse the king, even in your

2

10) the ax is dull, And one does not thought; Do not curse the rich,  
even in

sharpen the edge, Then he must use your bedroom; For a bird of the air may

more strength; But wisdom brings carry your voice, And a bird in flight may

success. tell the matter.

11

A serpent may bite when it is not

charmed; The babbler is no different. 1 1 Cast your bread upon the waters,

For you will find it after many days.

12

The words of a wise man's mouth are

gracious, But the lips of a fool shall 2 Give a serving to seven, and also to swallow him up; eight, For you do not know what evil will

be on the earth.



The words of his mouth begin with  
 foolishness, And the end of his talk is 3 f the clouds are full of rain,  
 They empty  
 raving madness. themselves upon the earth; And if a tree  
 falls to the south or the north, In the  
 14 A fool also multiplies words. No man place where the tree falls,  
 there it shall

knows what is to be; Who can tell him lie. what will be after him?  
 42 He who observes the wind will not sow, While the sun and the  
 light, The moon And he who regards the clouds will not and the stars,  
 Are not darkened, And  
 reap. the clouds do not return after the rain;

5 3

As you do not know what is the way of In the day when the keepers of  
 the  
 the wind, Or how the bones grow in the house tremble, And the strong  
 men bow  
 womb of her who is with child, So you down; When the grinders cease  
 do not know the works of God who because they are few, And those  
 that  
 makes everything. look through the windows grow dim;

64 In the morning sow your seed, And in When the doors are shut in  
 the streets, the evening do not withhold your hand; And the sound of  
 grinding is low; When  
 For you do not know which will prosper, one rises up at the sound of  
 a bird, And

Either this or that, Or whether both alike all the daughters of music  
are brought

will be good. low.

7 5 Truly the light is sweet, And it is Also they are afraid of height, And  
of pleasant for the eyes to behold the sun; terrors in the way; When  
the almond

tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a

8 burden, And desire fails. For man goes But if a man lives many years  
And

rejoices in them all, Yet let him to his eternal home, And the mourners

remember the days of darkness, For go about the streets. they will be  
many. All that is coming is

vanity. 6Remember your Creator before the

silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl

'Rejoice, O young man, in your youth, is broken, Or the pitcher  
shattered at the

And let your heart cheer you in the days fountain, Or the wheel  
broken at the well.

of your youth; Walk in the ways of your

heart, And in the sight of your eyes; But 7Then the dust will return to  
the earth as know that for all these God will bring you it was, And the  
spirit will return to God

into judgment. who gave it.

1 8 0Therefore remove sorrow from your Vanity of vanities," says the  
Preacher,

heart, And put away evil from your flesh, "All is vanity." For childhood  
and youth are vanity.

'And moreover, because the Preacher

was wise, he still taught the people

1 knowledge; yes, he pondered and 2 Remember now your Creator  
in

sought out and set in order many

the days of your youth, Before the

proverbs.

difficult days come, And the years draw

near when you say, "I have no pleasure

in them":

10 The Preacher sought to find is no end, and much study is wearisome  
acceptable words; and what was written to the flesh. was upright--  
words of truth.

13 Let us hear the conclusion of the

11

The words of the wise are like goads, whole matter: Fear God and  
keep His

and the words of scholars are like well- commandments, For this is  
man's all. driven nails, given by one Shepherd.

1 4

For God will bring every work into

12

And further, my son, be admonished judgment, Including every  
secret thing,

by these. Of making many books there Whether good or evil.

# Proverbs of King Solomon

1 2

Let us swallow them alive like Sheol,

And whole, like those who go down to

1 the Pit; The proverbs of Solomon the son of

David, king of Israel: 1 3We shall find all kinds of precious 2  
possessions, We shall fill our houses

To know wisdom and instruction, To with spoil;  
perceive the words of understanding,

3 Cast in your lot among us, Let us all 1 4

To receive the instruction of wisdom,

have one purse"--

Justice, judgment, and equity;

1 5My son, do not walk in the way with

4To give prudence to the simple, To the them, Keep your foot from  
their path;

young man knowledge and discretion--

1 6For their feet run to evil, And they

5A wise man will hear and increase

make haste to shed blood.

learning, And a man of understanding

will attain wise counsel, 1 7 Surely, in vain the net is spread In the 6  
sight of any bird;

To understand a proverb and an

enigma, The words of the wise and their 1 8But they lie in wait for  
their own blood, riddles. They lurk secretly for their own lives.

7The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise  
wisdom 1 ' So are the ways of everyone who is

and instruction. greedy for gain; It takes away the life of

its owners.

8My son, hear the instruction of your 0 father, And do not forsake the  
law of 2 wisdom calls aloud outside; She

your mother; raises her voice in the open squares.

'For they will be a graceful ornament on She cries out in the chief  
concourses, 2 1

your head, And chains about your neck. At the openings of the gates  
in the city

She speaks her words:

10My son, if sinners entice you, Do not

2 2 How long, you simple ones, will you  
consent.

love simplicity? For scorners delight in

1 their scorning, And fools hate 1 they say, "Come with us, Let us lie in  
knowledge.

wait to shed blood; Let us lurk secretly

for the innocent without cause;

23Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will  
make my 2My son, if you receive my words, And

words known to you. treasure my commands within you,

24Because I have called and you refused,

2So that you incline your ear to wisdom,

I have stretched out my hand and no

And apply your heart to understanding;

one regarded,

2 3Yes, if you cry out for discernment, And 5Because you disdained all  
my counsel,

lift up your voice for understanding,

And would have none of my rebuke,

6a also will laugh at your calamity; I will 4 If you seek her as silver,  
And search for

her as for hidden treasures;

mock when your terror comes,

7When your terror comes like a storm, 5Then you will understand the  
fear of the

LORD, And find the knowledge of God.

And your destruction comes like a

whirlwind, When distress and anguish 6 come upon you. For the LORD  
gives wisdom; From His

mouth come knowledge and

2 understanding; 8§ 'The

n they will call on me, but I will not

answer; They will seek me diligently, but 7 they will not find me. He  
stores up sound wisdom for the

upright; He is a shield to those who walk

2 uprightly; ' Because

they hated knowledge And

did not choose the fear of the LORD, 8

He guards the paths of justice, And

3 preserves the way of His saints. 0They would have none of my

counsel

And despised my every rebuke. 'Then you will understand  
righteousness

3 and justice, Equity and every good path. 1Therefore they shall eat  
the fruit of

their own way, And be filled to the full 1 0When wisdom enters your  
heart, And with their own fancies.

knowledge is pleasant to your soul,

32For the turning away of the simple will 1 1Discretion will preserve  
you; slay them, And the complacency of fools Understanding will keep  
you, will destroy them;

33 1 2 But whoever listens to me will dwell To deliver you from the  
way of evil,

safely, And will be secure, without fear From the man who speaks  
perverse

of evil." things, 13From those who leave the paths of 3Let not mercy  
and truth forsake you;

uprightness To walk in the ways of Bind them around your neck,  
Write them

darkness; on the tablet of your heart,

1 4 4

Who rejoice in doing evil, And delight And so find favor and high  
esteem In



in the perversity of the wicked; the sight of God and man.

15 Whose ways are crooked, And who Trust in the LORD with all  
your heart,

are devious in their paths; And lean not on your own

understanding;

16 To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress who  
in all your ways acknowledge Him, And flatters with her words, He  
shall direct your paths.

17 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear Who forsakes the  
companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her the LORD  
and depart from evil. God.

It will be health to your flesh, And

18 For her house leads down to death, strength to your bones.

And her paths to the dead;

'Honor the LORD with your possessions,

1' None who go to her return, Nor do And with the firstfruits of all  
your

they regain the paths of life-- increase;

21 00

So you may walk in the way of So your barns will be filled with  
plenty,

goodness, And keep to the paths of And your vats will overflow with  
new

righteousness. wine.

21 1For the upright will dwell in the land, 1My son, do not despise the  
chastening And the blameless will remain in it; of the LORD, Nor  
detest His correction;

21 22

But the wicked will be cut off from the For whom the LORD loves  
He corrects,

earth, And the unfaithful will be uprooted Just as a father the son in  
whom he

from it. delights.

13Happy is the man who finds wisdom,

3My son, do not forget my law, But let And the man who gains  
understanding;

your heart keep my commands; 14For her proceeds are better than the  
2 profits of silver, And her gain than fine

For length of days and long life And

gold.

peace they will add to you.

12 57

She is more precious than rubies, And Do not withhold good from  
those to

all the things you may desire cannot whom it is due, When it is in the  
power

compare with her. of your hand to do so.

12 68

Length of days is in her right hand, In Do not say to your neighbor,  
"Go, and

her left hand riches and honor. come back, And tomorrow I will give  
it,"

When you have it with you.

17

Her ways are ways of pleasantness,

And all her paths are peace. 2' Do not devise evil against your

neighbor, For he dwells by you for

1 safety's sake.

' She is a tree of life to those who take

hold of her, And happy are all who retain 30Do not strive with a  
man without cause,

her.

If he has done you no harm.

1' The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; By understanding He  
established 31Do not envy the oppressor, And the heavens; choose  
none of his ways;

20By His knowledge the depths were 32For the perverse person is an

broken up, And clouds drop down the abomination to the LORD, But  
His

dew. secret counsel is with the upright.

21 33

My son, let them not depart from your The curse of the LORD is on

the  
eyes-- Keep sound wisdom and house of the wicked, But He blesses the  
discretion; home of the just.

22 34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But

So they will be life to your soul And  
grace to your neck. gives grace to the humble.

23 3 Then you will walk safely in your way, 5 The wise shall inherit  
glory, But shame And your foot will not stumble. shall be the legacy of  
fools.

24

When you lie down, you will not be  
afraid; Yes, you will lie down and your 4 Hear, my children, the  
instruction of a  
sleep will be sweet.

father, And give attention to know

2 understanding; 5 Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor

of trouble from the wicked when it 2 For I give you good doctrine:  
Do not comes;

forsake my law.

26 For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from  
being

caught.

3When I was my father's son, Tender 15Avoid it, do not travel on it;  
Turn away and the only one in the sight of my from it and pass on.  
mother,

16For they do not sleep unless they have

4He also taught me, and said to me: "Let done evil; And their sleep is  
taken away

your heart retain my words; Keep my unless they make someone fall.  
commands, and live.

17

For they eat the bread of wickedness,

5Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not And drink the wine of  
violence. forget, nor turn away from the words of

my mouth. 18But the path of the just is like the

shining sun, That shines ever brighter

6Do not forsake her, and she will unto the perfect day. preserve you;  
Love her, and she will

keep you. 1' The way of the wicked is like

darkness; They do not know what

7Wisdom is the principal thing; Therefore makes them stumble. get  
wisdom. And in all your getting, get

understanding. 2 0My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

8Exalt her, and she will promote you; She will bring you honor, when  
you 2 1Do not let them depart from your eyes; embrace her. Keep  
them in the midst of your heart;

She will place on your head an 2 For they are life to those who find

ornament of grace; A crown of glory she them, And health to all their flesh. will deliver to you."

2 3Keep your heart with all diligence, For  
10Hear, my son, and receive my sayings,

out of it spring the issues of life.

And the years of your life will be many.

2 4Put away from you a deceitful mouth,  
1 1 have taught you in the way of

And put perverse lips far from you.  
wisdom; I have led you in right paths.

2 5Let your eyes look straight ahead, And  
12 When you walk, your steps will not be your eyelids look right  
before you. hindered, And when you run, you will  
not stumble. 2 6Ponder the path of your feet, And let

1 all your ways be established. 3Take firm hold of instruction, do not  
let

go; Keep her, for she is your life. 2 7Do not turn to the right or the left;

1 Remove your foot from evil. 4Do not enter the path of the wicked,  
And do not walk in the way of evil.

1 3 have not obeyed the voice of my

5My son, pay attention to my wisdom; teachers, Nor inclined my ear  
to those

Lend your ear to my understanding, who instructed me!

14a was on the verge of total ruin, In the

2That you may preserve discretion, And

midst of the assembly and

your lips may keep knowledge.

congregation."

3For the lips of an immoral woman drip 1 5Drink water from your  
own cistern, And honey, And her mouth is smoother than running  
water from your own well. oil;

1 6Should your fountains be dispersed

4But in the end she is bitter as

abroad, Streams of water in the streets?

wormwood, Sharp as a two-edged

sword. 1 7 Let them be only your own, And not for 5 strangers with  
you.

Her feet go down to death, Her steps

lay hold of hell. 1 8Let your fountain be blessed, And 6 rejoice with the  
wife of your youth.

Lest you ponder her path of life-- Her

ways are unstable; You do not know 1' As a loving deer and a graceful  
doe, them.

Let her breasts satisfy you at all times;

7 And always be enraptured with her love.

Therefore hear me now, my children,

And do not depart from the words of my 2 0For why should you, my  
son, be mouth.

enraptured by an immoral woman, And  
8 be embraced in the arms of a  
Remove your way far from her, And do  
seductress?

not go near the door of her house,

2 1

For the ways of man are before the  
'Lest you give your honor to others, And  
your years to the cruel one; eyes of the LORD, And He ponders all  
his paths.

10 Lest aliens be filled with your wealth, 2

2

His own iniquities entrap the wicked  
And your labors go to the house of a  
foreigner; man, And he is caught in the cords of  
his sin.

11And you mourn at last, When your

2 3He shall die for lack of instruction, And  
flesh and your body are consumed,

in the greatness of his folly he shall go



1 astray. 2And say: "How I have hated instruction, And my heart  
despised correction!

1 3He winks with his eyes, He shuffles his  
6My feet, He points with his fingers; son, if you become surety for

your friend, If you have shaken hands in 14 Perversity is in his heart,  
He devises pledge for a stranger,

evil continually, He sows discord.

2You are snared by the words of your 5Therefore his calamity shall  
come

mouth; You are taken by the words of 1 your mouth. suddenly;  
Suddenly he shall be broken

without remedy.

3 So do this, my son, and deliver 1 yourself; For you have come into  
the 6These six things the LORD hates, Yes,

hand of your friend: Go and humble seven are an abomination to Him:  
yourself; Plead with your friend.

1 7

A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands

4 that shed innocent blood, Give no sleep to your eyes, Nor slumber to  
your eyelids.

1 8

A heart that devises wicked plans,

5 Feet that are swift in running to evil, Deliver yourself like a gazelle  
from the hand of the hunter, And like a bird from

the hand of the fowler. <sup>1</sup>' A false witness who speaks lies, And

one who sows discord among brethren.

<sup>6</sup>Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider <sup>0</sup>My son, keep your father's command, her ways and be wise, <sup>2</sup>

And do not forsake the law of your

<sup>7</sup> mother. Which, having no captain, Overseer or

ruler, <sup>1</sup>Bind them continually upon your heart;

<sup>2</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Tie them around your neck. Provides her supplies in the summer,  
And gathers her food in the harvest.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>When you roam, they will lead you;

'How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When you sleep, they will keep you; And

When will you rise from your sleep? when you awake, they will speak with

you.

<sup>10</sup>A little sleep, a little slumber, A little

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>For the commandment is a lamp, And

folding of the hands to sleep--

the law a light; Reproofs of instruction

<sup>11</sup> are the way of life,

So shall your poverty come on you like

a prowler, And your need like an armed <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>To keep you from the evil woman, man.

From the flattering tongue of a

<sup>12</sup> seductress.

A worthless person, a wicked man,

Walks with a perverse mouth;

<sup>25</sup>Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, Nor let her allure you with her <sup>7</sup>My son, keep my words, And

eyelids. treasure my commands within you.

<sup>26</sup>

For by means of a harlot A man is <sup>2</sup>

Keep my commands and live, And my

reduced to a crust of bread; And an

law as the apple of your eye.

adulteress will prey upon his precious

life. <sup>3</sup>Bind them on your fingers; Write them

<sup>27</sup> on the tablet of your heart.

Can a man take fire to his bosom, And

his clothes not be burned? <sup>4</sup> Say to wisdom, "You are my sister,"

<sup>2</sup> And call understanding your nearest kin, <sup>8</sup> Can one walk on hot coals, And his

feet not be seared? <sup>5</sup>That they may keep you from the

2 immoral woman, From the seductress ' So is he who goes in to his neighbor's

who flatters with her words.

wife; Whoever touches her shall not be

innocent. 6For at the window of my house I looked

30 eople do not despise a thief If he through my lattice, steals to satisfy himself when he is 7

And saw among the simple, I perceived

starving.

among the youths, A young man devoid

31Yet when he is found, he must restore of understanding, sevenfold; He may have to give up all 8 the substance of his house. Passing along the street near her

corner; And he took the path to her

3 house 2Whoever commits adultery with a

woman lacks understanding; He who 'In the twilight, in the evening, In the

does so destroys his own soul.

black and dark night.

33Wounds and dishonor he will get, And 1 0And there a woman met him, With the his reproach will not be wiped away. attire of a harlot,

and a crafty heart.

34For jealousy is a husband's fury; 11

She was loud and rebellious, Her feet

Therefore he will not spare in the day of

vengeance. would not stay at home.

35He will accept no recompense, Nor will 12At times she was outside,  
at times in

the open square, Lurking at every

he be appeased though you give many

corner.

gifts.

1 2 3 5Do not let your heart turn aside to her So she caught him and  
kissed him;

With an impudent face she said to him: ways, Do not stray into her  
paths;

1 2 4a have peace offerings with me; Today 6For she has cast down  
many wounded, I have paid my vows. And all who were slain by her  
were

strong men.

15So I came out to meet you, Diligently

2 7

to seek your face, And I have found you. Her house is the way to hell,

Descending to the chambers of death.

16 have spread my bed with tapestry, Colored coverings of Egyptian

linen.

8Does not wisdom cry out, And

17 have perfumed my bed With myrrh,

understanding lift up her voice?

aloes, and cinnamon.

2 She takes her stand on the top of the

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until high hill, Beside the way,  
where the

morning; Let us delight ourselves with paths meet. love.

1 3She cries out by the gates, at the entry

' For my husband is not at home; He of the city, At the entrance of the  
doors:

has gone on a long journey;

2

0He has taken a bag of money with him, 4 To you, O men, I call, And  
my voice is

to the sons of men.

And will come home on the appointed

day." 5

O you simple ones, understand

2 prudence, And you fools, be of an 1With her enticing speech she  
caused

understanding heart.

him to yield, With her flattering lips she

seduced him. 6

Listen, for I will speak of excellent

2 things, And from the opening of my lips 2 immediately he went after  
her, as an

will come right things;

ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to

the correction of the stocks, 7

For my mouth will speak truth;

2 Wickedness is an abomination to my 3 Till an arrow struck his liver.  
As a bird

lips.

hastens to the snare, He did not know it

would cost his life. 8

All the words of my mouth are with

2 righteousness; Nothing crooked or 4 Now therefore, listen to me, my  
perverse is in them.

children; Pay attention to the words of

my mouth:

2 1

"They are all plain to him who That I may cause those who love me

understands, And right to those who find to inherit wealth, That I may  
fill their

knowledge. treasures.

1 24 OReceive my instruction, and not silver, 'The LORD possessed me  
at the

And knowledge rather than choice gold; beginning of His way, Before  
His works

of old.

11

For wisdom is better than rubies, And

2 3

all the things one may desire cannot be have been established from  
compared with her. everlasting, From the beginning, before

there was ever an earth.

12a wisdom, dwell with prudence, And

2 4

find out knowledge and discretion. When there were no depths I was

brought forth, When there were no

13 fountains abounding with water.

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;

Pride and arrogance and the evil way

And the perverse mouth I hate. 2 5Before the mountains were settled,

Before the hills, I was brought forth;

14

Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I

am understanding, I have strength. 2 6While as yet He had not made  
the

earth or the fields, Or the primal dust of



15By me kings reign, And rulers decree the world. justice.

2 7

When He prepared the heavens, I was

16By me princes rule, and nobles, All the there, When He drew a  
circle on the

judges of the earth. face of the deep,

1 2 8When He established the clouds 7a love those who love me, And  
those who seek me diligently will find me. above, When He  
strengthened the

fountains of the deep,

18Riches and honor are with me, Enduring riches and righteousness. 2 '  
When He assigned to the sea its limit,

So that the waters would not transgress

1 His command, When He marked out the 9My fruit is better than  
gold, yes, than

foundations of the earth,

fine gold, And my revenue than choice

silver. 3 0Then I was beside Him as a master

20a traverse the way of righteousness, In craftsman; And I was daily  
His delight,

Rejoicing always before Him,

the midst of the paths of justice,

31Rejoicing in His inhabited world, And

my delight was with the sons of men.

37 2 Now therefore, listen to me, my He who corrects a scoffer gets  
shame children, For blessed are those who for himself, And he who  
rebukes a

keep my ways. wicked man only harms himself.

33 8

Hear instruction and be wise, And do Do not correct a scoffer, lest  
he hate

not disdain it. you; Rebuke a wise man, and he will

love you.

34 Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates,  
Waiting at 9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he the posts of my  
doors. will be still wiser; Teach a just man, and

he will increase in learning.

35 For whoever finds me finds life, And 04 1 obtains favor from the  
LORD; The fear of the LORD is the beginning

of wisdom, And the knowledge of the

36 Holy One is understanding. But he who sins against me wrongs

his own soul; All those who hate me 1 For by me your days will be  
multiplied,

love death." 1

And years of life will be added to you.

12 you are wise, you are wise for

9 Wisdom has built her house, She has

yourself, And if you scoff, you will bear it

hewn out her seven pillars;

alone."

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her meat, She has mixed her wine, She has also  
furnished <sup>u</sup> A foolish woman is clamorous; She is

her table. simple, and knows nothing.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>14</sup>For she sits at the door of her house,

She has sent out her maidens, She

cries out from the highest places of the On a seat by the highest places  
of the

city,

city,

<sup>15</sup>To call to those who pass by, Who go

<sup>4</sup> Whoever is simple, let him turn in

straight on their way:

here!" As for him who lacks

understanding, she says to him, <sup>164</sup> Whoever is simple, let him turn in  
<sup>5</sup> here"; And as for him who lacks

Come, eat of my bread And drink of

the wine I have mixed. understanding, she says to him,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> Stolen water is sweet, And bread

6 Forsake foolishness and live, And go in the way of understanding.  
eaten in secret is pleasant."

1 8 But he does not know that the dead are there, That her guests are  
in the

depths of hell.

1 2

Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers

1 0 all sins. The proverbs of Solomon: A wise

son makes a glad father, But a foolish 1 3 Wisdom is found on the lips  
of him son is the grief of his mother.

who has understanding, But a rod is for

2 the back of him who is devoid of

Treasures of wickedness profit nothing,

understanding.

But righteousness delivers from death.

3 The LORD will not allow the righteous 1 4 Wise people store up  
knowledge, But

soul to famish, But He casts away the the mouth of the foolish is near  
desire of the wicked. destruction.

4 1 5 The rich man's wealth is his strong

He who has a slack hand becomes

poor, But the hand of the diligent makes city; The destruction of the  
poor is their

rich. poverty.

1 6The labor of the righteous leads to life,

5He who gathers in summer is a wise son; He who sleeps in harvest is  
a son The wages of the wicked to sin.

who causes shame. 1 7He who keeps instruction is in the way 6 of life,  
But he who refuses correction

Blessings are on the head of the

righteous, But violence covers the goes astray.

mouth of the wicked. 8Whoever hides hatred has lying lips,

1

7 And whoever spreads slander is a fool. The memory of the righteous  
is blessed,

But the name of the wicked will rot. 1 ' In the multitude of words sin is  
not

8 lacking, But he who restrains his lips is The wise in heart will  
receive

wise.

commands, But a prating fool will fall.

2 0The tongue of the righteous is choice

'He who walks with integrity walks

silver; The heart of the wicked is worth

securely, But he who perverts his ways

little.

will become known.

1 The lips of the righteous feed many,

0He who winks with the eye causes 2 1

But fools die for lack of wisdom.

trouble, But a prating fool will fall.

1

1The mouth of the righteous is a well of 2 The blessing of the LORD  
makes one

rich, And He adds no sorrow with it.

life, But violence covers the mouth of

the wicked. 2 3To do evil is like sport to a fool, But a

man of understanding has wisdom.

24 3The integrity of the upright will guide

The fear of the wicked will come upon

him, And the desire of the righteous will them, But the perversity of  
the unfaithful

be granted. will destroy them.

2 4 5

When the whirlwind passes by, the Riches do not profit in the day  
of wrath,

wicked is no more, But the righteous But righteousness delivers from death.

has an everlasting foundation.

5 The righteousness of the blameless will

26

As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to direct his way aright, But the wicked will

the eyes, So is the lazy man to those fall by his own wickedness. who send him.

6 The righteousness of the upright will

27

The fear of the LORD prolongs days, deliver them, But the unfaithful will be

But the years of the wicked will be caught by their lust. shortened.

2 expectation will perish, And the hope of

8The hope of the righteous will be 7When a wicked man dies, his gladness, But the expectation of the the unjust perishes. wicked will perish.

8 The righteous is delivered from trouble,

29The way of the LORD is strength for And it comes to the wicked instead.

the upright, But destruction will come to

the workers of iniquity. 7The hypocrite with his mouth destroys

3 righteous will be delivered. 0The righteous will never be removed, his neighbor, But through knowledge the

But the wicked will not inhabit the earth.

<sup>1</sup> 0 When it goes well with the righteous,

<sup>3</sup> 1

The mouth of the righteous brings forth the city rejoices; And when the wicked

wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be perish, there is jubilation. cut out.

<sup>1</sup> 1

By the blessing of the upright the city

<sup>3</sup> 2

The lips of the righteous know what is exalted, But it is overthrown by the

acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked mouth of the wicked. what is perverse.

<sup>1</sup> 2

He who is devoid of wisdom despises

his neighbor, But a man of

<sup>1</sup> 1 understanding holds his peace. Dishonest scales are an

abomination to the LORD, But a just <sup>u</sup> A talebearer reveals secrets, But he weight is His delight.

who is of a faithful spirit conceals a

<sup>2</sup> matter.

When pride comes, then comes shame;

But with the humble is wisdom.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> The generous soul will be made rich, Where there is no counsel, the people



fall; But in the multitude of counselors And he who waters will also be watered

there is safety. himself.

1 2 56

He who is surety for a stranger will The people will curse him who suffer, But one who hates being surety withholds grain, But blessing will be on

is secure. the head of him who sells it.

1 2 67

A gracious woman retains honor, But He who earnestly seeks good finds

ruthless men retain riches. favor, But trouble will come to him who seeks evil.

17The merciful man does good for his own soul, But he who is cruel troubles 2' He who trusts in his riches will fall, But his own flesh. the righteous will flourish like foliage.

1 2 8The wicked man does deceptive work, ' He who troubles his own house will

But he who sows righteousness will inherit the wind, And the fool will be

have a sure reward. servant to the wise of heart.

1 3 ' As righteousness leads to life, So he 0The fruit of the righteous is a tree of who pursues evil pursues it to his own life, And he who wins souls is wise. death.

31) the righteous will be recompensed

20Those who are of a perverse heart are on the earth, How much more  
the

an abomination to the LORD, But the ungodly and the sinner.  
blameless in their ways are His delight.

21

Though they join forces, the wicked 1 2Whoever loves instruction  
loves

will not go unpunished; But the posterity

knowledge, But he who hates correction  
of the righteous will be delivered. is stupid.

22

As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So 2

A good man obtains favor from the  
is a lovely woman who lacks discretion. LORD, But a man of wicked  
intentions

2 He will condemn. 3 The desire of the righteous is only  
good, But the expectation of the wicked EA man is not established by  
is wrath. wickedness, But the root of the

2 righteous cannot be moved. 4 There is one who scatters, yet  
increases more; And there is one who 4

An excellent wife is the crown of her  
withholds more than is right, But it leads husband, But she who causes  
shame is

to poverty. like rottenness in his bones.

51 The thoughts of the righteous are right, 6A fool's wrath is known at once, But a But the counsels of the wicked are prudent man covers shame. deceitful.

17

He who speaks truth declares

6The words of the wicked are, "Lie in righteousness, But a false witness,

wait for blood," But the mouth of the deceit. upright will deliver them.

1 8

There is one who speaks like the

7The wicked are overthrown and are no piercings of a sword, But the tongue of

more, But the house of the righteous will the wise promotes health. stand.

1 ' The truthful lip shall be established

8A man will be commended according to forever, But a lying tongue is but for a

his wisdom, But he who is of a perverse moment. heart will be despised.

20Deceit is in the heart of those who

'Better is the one who is slighted but devise evil, But counselors of peace

has a servant, Than he who honors have joy. himself but lacks bread.

2 1No grave trouble will overtake the

10A righteous man regards the life of his righteous, But the wicked shall be filled

animal, But the tender mercies of the with evil. wicked are cruel.

Lying lips are an abomination to the

11 He who tills his land will be satisfied LORD, But those who deal truthfully are

with bread, But he who follows frivolity is His delight. devoid of understanding.

2 3A prudent man conceals knowledge,

12 The wicked covet the catch of evil men, But the heart of fools proclaims

But the root of the righteous yields fruit. foolishness.

1 2 3The wicked is ensnared by the 4

The hand of the diligent will rule, But

transgression of his lips, But the the lazy man will be put to forced labor.

righteous will come through trouble.

2 5Anxiety in the heart of man causes

14

A man will be satisfied with good by depression, But a good word makes it

the fruit of his mouth, And the glad. recompense of a man's hands will be

rendered to him. 2 6

The righteous should choose his

friends carefully, For the way of the

15The way of a fool is right in his own wicked leads them astray.

eyes, But he who heeds counsel is wise.

21 70 By pride comes nothing but strife, But The lazy man does not  
roast what he

took in hunting, But diligence is man's with the well-advised is  
wisdom. precious possession.

11

Wealth gained by dishonesty will be

2 ' In the way of righteousness is life, And diminished, But he who  
gathers by labor

in its pathway there is no death. will increase.

1 2

Hope deferred makes the heart sick,

1 But when the desire comes, it is a tree EA wise son heeds his father's  
of life.

instruction, But a scoffer does not listen

to rebuke. 1 3 He who despises the word will be 2 destroyed, But he  
who fears the

A man shall eat well by the fruit of his

mouth, But the soul of the unfaithful commandment will be rewarded.

feeds on violence. 1 4 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, 3 To turn  
one away from the snares of

He who guards his mouth preserves his

death.

life, But he who opens wide his lips shall

have destruction. 1 5 Good understanding gains favor, But 4 the way of the unfaithful is hard.

The soul of a lazy man desires, and

has nothing; But the soul of the diligent 1 6 Every prudent man acts with shall be made rich.

knowledge, But a fool lays open his folly.

5 A righteous man hates lying, But a 7 wicked man is loathsome and comes to 1 A wicked messenger falls into trouble,

shame. But a faithful ambassador brings health.

6 1 ' Poverty and shame will come to him Righteousness guards him whose way is who disdains correction, But he who blameless, But wickedness

overthrows the sinner. regards a rebuke will be honored.

7 1 ' A desire accomplished is sweet to the There is one who makes himself rich, yet has nothing; And one who makes soul, But it is an abomination to fools to

himself poor, yet has great riches. depart from evil.

8 2 O He who walks with wise men will be The ransom of a man's life is his riches, But the poor does not hear rebuke. wise, But the companion of fools will be

destroyed.

the lamp of the wicked will be put out. The light of the righteous rejoices, But 2 1 Evil pursues sinners, But to the

righteous, good shall be repaid.

27 2

A good man leaves an inheritance to Go from the presence of a  
foolish man,

his children's children, But the wealth of When you do not perceive in  
him the

the sinner is stored up for the righteous. lips of knowledge.

28 3

Much food is in the fallow ground of The wisdom of the prudent is  
to

the poor, And for lack of justice there is understand his way, But the  
folly of fools

waste. is deceit.

29 4

He who spares his rod hates his son, Fools mock at sin, But among  
the

But he who loves him disciplines him upright there is favor. promptly.

10 The heart knows its own bitterness,

25

The righteous eats to the satisfying of And a stranger does not share  
its joy.

his soul, But the stomach of the wicked

shall be in want. 11 The house of the wicked will be

overthrown, But the tent of the upright

will flourish.

1 4The wise woman builds her house,

1 2There is a way that seems right to a

But the foolish pulls it down with her

hands. man, But its end is the way of death.

2 1 3Even in laughter the heart may sorrow,

He who walks in his uprightness fears

the LORD, But he who is perverse in his And the end of mirth may be  
grief.

ways despises Him. 4The backslider in heart will be filled

1

3In the mouth of a fool is a rod of pride, with his own ways, But a  
good man will

But the lips of the wise will preserve be satisfied from above.

them. 5The simple believes every word, But

1

4 the prudent considers well his steps. Where no oxen are, the trough  
is clean;

But much increase comes by the 6A wise man fears and departs from  
strength of an ox. 1

evil, But a fool rages and is self-



5 confident. A faithful witness does not lie, But a false witness will  
utter lies.

1 7

A quick-tempered man acts foolishly,

6 And a man of wicked intentions is hated. A scoffer seeks wisdom and  
does not

find it, But knowledge is easy to him

who understands. 1 8The simple inherit folly, But the

prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19The evil will bow before the good, And 31He who oppresses the  
poor

the wicked at the gates of the righteous. reproaches his Maker, But he  
who

honors Him has mercy on the needy.

20The poor man is hated even by his

3 2

own neighbor, But the rich has many The wicked is banished in his  
friends. wickedness, But the righteous has a

refuge in his death.

21

He who despises his neighbor sins; 33Wisdom rests in the heart of  
him who

But he who has mercy on the poor,

happy is he. has understanding, But what is in the

heart of fools is made known.

22Do they not go astray who devise evil? But mercy and truth belong  
to those who 3 4

Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin

devises good. is a reproach to any people.

23 In all labor there is profit, But idle  
The king's favor is toward a  
wise chatter leads only to poverty. servant, But his wrath is against  
him

who causes shame.

24 The crown of the wise is their riches, But the foolishness of fools is  
folly.

15 A soft answer turns away wrath,

25 A true witness delivers souls, But a

But a harsh word stirs up anger.

deceitful witness speaks lies.

2

6 In the fear of the LORD there is strength  
2 The tongue of the wise uses  
knowledge

rightly, But the mouth of fools pours

confidence, And His children will have a  
forth foolishness. place of  
refuge.

23 The eyes of the LORD are in every

7 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, Keeping watch on the  
evil and the

life, To turn one away from the snares of death.

4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life,

2' In a multitude of people is a king's  
But perverseness in it breaks  
the spirit.

honor, But in the lack of people is the

downfall of a prince. 5 fool despises his father's instruction, A

2 But he who receives correction is 9He who is slow to wrath has great  
prudent.

understanding, But he who is impulsive  
exalts folly. 6

In the house of the righteous there is

COA sound heart is life to the body, But much treasure, But in the  
revenue of the

wicked is trouble.

envy is rottenness to the bones.

7 1 The lips of the wise disperse ' The way of the lazy man is like a  
knowledge, But the heart of the fool hedge of thorns, But the way of the  
the

does not do so. upright is a highway.

8 2 0

The sacrifice of the wicked is an A wise son makes a father glad, But a  
abomination to the LORD, But the foolish man despises his mother.  
prayer of the upright is His delight.

2 1

Folly is joy to him who is destitute of

'The way of the wicked is an discernment, But a man of abomination  
to the LORD, But He loves understanding walks uprightly. him who  
follows righteousness.

2 wi thout counsel, plans go awry, But in

Harsh discipline is for him who the multitude of counselors they are  
forsakes the way, And he who hates established. correction will die.

23A man has joy by the answer of his

11

Hell and Destruction are before the mouth, And a word spoken in  
due

LORD; So how much more the hearts of season, how good it is! the  
sons of men.

2 4The way of life winds upward for the

12 A scoffer does not love one who wise, That he may turn away from  
hell

corrects him, Nor will he go to the wise. below.

U 2 A merry heart makes a cheerful 5The LORD will destroy the  
house of countenance, But by sorrow of the heart the proud, But He  
will establish the

the spirit is broken. boundary of the widow.

1 2 4 6The thoughts of the wicked are an The heart of him who has  
understanding seeks knowledge, But abomination to the LORD, But  
the words

the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness. of the pure are pleasant.

1 2 7 5All the days of the afflicted are evil, But He who is greedy for  
gain troubles his

he who is of a merry heart has a own house, But he who hates bribes  
will

continual feast. live.

1 2 6 8

Better is a little with the fear of the LORD The heart of the righteous  
studies how

LORD, Than great treasure with trouble. to answer, But the mouth of  
the wicked

pours forth evil.

17

Better is a dinner of herbs where love

is, Than a fattened calf with hatred. 2' The LORD is far from the wicked,  
But

He hears the prayer of the righteous.

18A wrathful man stirs up strife, But he who is slow to anger allays  
contention.

3 8 0The light of the eyes rejoices the heart, Better is a little with  
righteousness,

And a good report makes the bones Than vast revenues without  
justice. healthy.

9A man's heart plans his way, But the

31

The ear that hears the rebukes of life LORD directs his steps.

Will abide among the wise.

1 0Divination is on the lips of the king; His

32

He who disdains instruction despises mouth must not transgress in  
judgment.

his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke

gets understanding. 11 Honest weights and scales are the

LORD's; All the weights in the bag are

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction His work. of wisdom, And  
before honor is humility.

1 2

It is an abomination for kings to

commit wickedness, For a throne is

1 established by righteousness. 6 The preparations of the heart

belong to man, But the answer of the 1 3 Righteous lips are the delight  
of kings, tongue is from the LORD.

And they love him who speaks what is

2 right.

All the ways of a man are pure in his

own eyes, But the LORD weighs the 1 4 As messengers of death is the  
king's spirits.

wrath, But a wise man will appease it.

3 Commit your works to the LORD, And 1 5 In the light of the king's  
face is life, And your thoughts will be established.

his favor is like a cloud of the latter rain.

4 The LORD has made all for Himself, 6 How much better to get  
wisdom than

Yes, even the wicked for the day of 1 doom. gold! And to get  
understanding is to be

chosen rather than silver.

5Everyone proud in heart is an 7 abomination to the LORD; Though  
they 1 The highway of the upright is to depart

join forces, none will go unpunished. from evil; He who keeps his way  
preserves his soul.

6In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the  
fear of 1 ' Pride goes before destruction, And a

the LORD one departs from evil. haughty spirit before a fall.

7 1' Better to be of a humble spirit with the LORD, When a man's ways please  
the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at lowly, Than to divide  
the spoil with the

peace with him. proud.

20He who heeds the word wisely will find 32He who is slow to anger  
is better than

good, And whoever trusts in the LORD, the mighty, And he who rules  
his spirit

happy is he. than he who takes a city.

21 33

The wise in heart will be called prudent, The lot is cast into the lap,  
But its

And sweetness of the lips increases every decision is from the LORD.  
learning.

22

Understanding is a wellspring of life to 1 7 Better is a dry morsel

with

him who has it. But the correction of quietness, Than a house full of feasting fools is folly. with strife.

23

The heart of the wise teaches his 2

A wise servant will rule over a son who mouth, And adds learning to his lips. causes shame, And will share an

2 inheritance among the brothers. 4 leasant words are like a honeycomb, Sweetness to the soul and health to the 3

The refining pot is for silver and the bones.

furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the

2 hearts. 5There is a way that seems right to a

man, But its end is the way of death. 4 An evildoer gives heed to false lips; A

2 liar listens eagerly to a spiteful tongue. 6 The person who labors, labors for

himself, For his hungry mouth drives sHe who mocks the poor reproaches his him on.

Maker; He who is glad at calamity will

2 not go unpunished. 7An ungodly man digs up evil, And it is

on his lips like a burning fire. 6 Children's children are the crown of



2 men, And the glory of children is their

' A perverse man sows strife, And a father.

whisperer separates the best of friends.

2 A violent man entices his neighbor, fool, Much less lying lips to a prince.

9 7Excellent speech is not becoming to a

And leads him in a way that is not good.

30He winks his eye to devise perverse 8A present is a precious stone in the

eyes of its possessor; Wherever he things; He purses his lips and brings turns, he prospers. about evil.

31 9He who covers a transgression seeks

The silver-haired head is a crown of love, But he who repeats a matter

glory, If it is found in the way of separates friends. righteousness.

1 2 0Rebuke is more effective for a wise 2

A merry heart does good, like man Than a hundred blows on a fool. medicine, But a broken spirit dries the

bones.

11

An evil man seeks only rebellion;

Therefore a cruel messenger will be A wicked man accepts a bribe  
behind

sent against him. the back To pervert the ways of justice.

12 24

Let a man meet a bear robbed of her wisdom is in the sight of him  
who has

cubs, Rather than a fool in his folly. understanding, But the eyes of a  
fool

are on the ends of the earth.

13Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house.

2 5A foolish son is a grief to his father,

And bitterness to her who bore him.

14

The beginning of strife is like releasing

water; Therefore stop contention before 2 6

Also, to punish the righteous is not

a quarrel starts. good, Nor to strike princes for their

uprightness.

15He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, Both of  
them 2 7He who has knowledge spares his alike are an abomination to  
the LORD. words, And a man of understanding is of

a calm spirit.

16Why is there in the hand of a fool the purchase price of wisdom,  
Since he has 2 8Even a fool is counted wise when he no heart for it?  
holds his peace; When he shuts his lips,

he is considered perceptive.

17A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.

1 8A man who isolates himself seeks

18A man devoid of understanding

his own desire; He rages against all

shakes hands in a pledge, And wise judgment. becomes surety for his friend.

2 A fool has no delight in understanding,

19 He who loves transgression loves

But in expressing his own heart.

strife, And he who exalts his gate seeks

destruction. 3When the wicked comes, contempt

2 comes also; And with dishonor comes 0He who has a deceitful heart finds no

reproach.

good, And he who has a perverse

tongue falls into evil. 4 The words of a man's mouth are deep

2 waters; The wellspring of wisdom is a 1 He who begets a scoffer does so to his flowing brook.

sorrow, And the father of a fool has no

joy.

5 17

It is not good to show partiality to the The first one to plead his cause seems

wicked, Or to overthrow the righteous in right, Until his neighbor comes and

judgment. examines him.

6 1 A fool's lips enter into contention, And 8 Casting lots causes contentions to his mouth calls for blows. cease, And keeps the mighty apart.

7 1 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And ' A brother offended is harder to win his lips are the snare of his soul. than a strong city, And contentions are

like the bars of a castle.

8 The words of a talebearer are like tasty 0 A man's stomach shall be satisfied trifles, And they go down into the inmost 2 body. from the fruit of his mouth; From the

produce of his lips he shall be filled.

'He who is slothful in his work Is a

brother to him who is a great destroyer. Death and life are in the power of the 2 1

tongue, And those who love it will eat its

10 The name of the LORD is a strong fruit.

tower; The righteous run to it and are 2 He who finds a wife finds a good thing,

safe. 2

And obtains favor from the LORD.

11 The rich man's

wealth is his strong city,

And like a high wall in his own esteem. The poor man uses entreaties,  
But the

rich answers roughly.

12

Before destruction the heart of a man

24

is haughty, And before honor is humility. A man who has friends must  
himself

be friendly, But there is a friend who

13He who answers a matter before he sticks closer than a brother.

hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

14The spirit of a man will sustain him in 1 9Better is the poor who  
walks in his

sickness, But who can bear a broken integrity Than one who is  
perverse in his

spirit? lips, and is a fool.

1 2 5The heart of the prudent acquires

Also it is not good for a soul to be

knowledge, And the ear of the wise without knowledge, And he sins  
who

seeks knowledge. hastens with his feet.

16A man's gift makes room for him, And 3The foolishness of a man  
twists his way,

brings him before great men. And his heart frets against the LORD.

4 1 Wealth makes many friends, But the 6He who keeps the  
commandment poor is separated from his friend. keeps his soul, But  
he who is careless

of his ways will die.

5A false witness will not go unpunished,

1 7

And he who speaks lies will not escape. He who has pity on the poor  
lends to

the LORD, And He will pay back what

6 he has given. Many entreat the favor of the nobility, And every man  
is a friend to one who

gives gifts. 1 8Chasten your son while there is hope,

And do not set your heart on his

7 destruction. All the brothers of the poor hate him; How much more  
do his friends go far

from him! He may pursue them with 1' A man of great wrath will  
suffer words, yet they abandon him. punishment; For if you rescue  
him, you

will have to do it again.

'He who gets wisdom loves his own 0Listen to counsel and receive

soul; He who keeps understanding will 2 find good. instruction, That  
you may be wise in

your latter days.

'A false witness will not go unpunished,

2 1

And he who speaks lies shall perish. There are many plans in a man's  
heart,

Nevertheless the LORD's counsel--that

10 will stand.

Luxury is not fitting for a fool, Much  
less for a servant to rule over princes.

22

What is desired in a man is kindness,  
11 And a poor man is better than a liar.

The discretion of a man makes him  
slow to anger, And his glory is to 3The fear of the LORD leads to life,  
And  
overlook a transgression. 2

he who has it will abide in satisfaction;  
12 He will not be visited with evil.

The king's wrath is like the roaring of a  
lion, But his favor is like dew on the  
grass. 24

A lazy man buries his hand in the bowl,  
And will not so much as bring it to his  
u mouth again. A foolish son is the ruin of his father, And the  
contentions of a wife are a

2 5

continual dripping. Strike a scoffer, and the simple will  
become wary; Rebuke one who has  
14 understanding, and he will discern

Houses and riches are an inheritance  
from fathers, But a prudent wife is from knowledge.

the LORD. 6He who mistreats his father and

2

15Laziness casts one into a deep sleep, chases away his mother 1s a  
son who

And an idle person will suffer hunger. causes shame and brings  
reproach. 2 9 7

Cease listening to instruction, my son, Who can say, "I have made  
my heart

And you will stray from the words of clean, I am pure from my sin"?  
knowledge.

1 0Diverse weights and diverse measures,

28

A disreputable witness scorns justice, They are both alike, an  
abomination to

And the mouth of the wicked devours the LORD. iniquity.

11

Even a child is known by his deeds,

29Judgments are prepared for scoffers, Whether what he does is pure  
and right.

And beatings for the backs of fools.

1 2

The hearing ear and the seeing eye,

The LORD has made them both.



2 OWine is a mocker, Strong drink is

1 3

a brawler, And whoever is led astray by Do not love sleep, lest you  
come to

it is not wise. poverty; Open your eyes, and you will

be satisfied with bread.

2The wrath of a king is like the roaring of 44a I is good for nothing,"  
cries the buyer;

1

a lion; Whoever provokes him to anger

sins against his own life. But when he has gone his way, then he

boasts.

Alt is honorable for a man to stop striving, 1 5There is gold and a  
multitude of rubies, Since any fool can start a quarrel.

But the lips of knowledge are a precious

4 jewel. The lazy man will not plow because of

winter; He will beg during harvest and 1 6Take the garment of one  
who is surety have nothing.

for a stranger, And hold it as a pledge

5 when it is for a seductress.

Counsel in the heart of man is like deep

water, But a man of understanding will 1 7 Bread gained by deceit is  
sweet to a draw it out.

man, But afterward his mouth will be

6 filled with gravel.

Most men will proclaim each his own

goodness, But who can find a faithful 1 8Plans are established by  
counsel; By man?

wise counsel wage war.

7The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed  
after 1 ' He who goes about as a talebearer

him. reveals secrets; Therefore do not

associate with one who flatters with his

8 lips.

A king who sits on the throne of

judgment Scatters all evil with his eyes.

20Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in  
deep 2 1 The king's heart is in the hand of darkness.

the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He

2 turns it wherever He wishes. 1 An inheritance gained hastily at the  
beginning Will not be blessed at the end. 2

Every way of a man is right in his own

2 eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts. 2 Do not say, "I will  
recompense evil";

Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. 3To do righteousness and  
justice Is

2 more acceptable to the LORD than 3Diverse weights are an  
abomination to

sacrifice.

the LORD, And dishonest scales are not

good. 4

A haughty look, a proud heart, And the

2 plowing of the wicked are sin. 4A

man's steps are of the LORD; How

then can a man understand his own 5

The plans of the diligent lead surely to

way?

plenty, But those of everyone who is

2 hasty, surely to poverty. 5 I is a snare for a man to devote rashly  
something as holy, And afterward to 6

Getting treasures by a lying tongue 1s

reconsider his vows.

the fleeting fantasy of those who seek

2 death. 6 A wise king sifts out the wicked, And brings the threshing  
wheel over them. 7

The violence of the wicked will destroy

2 them, Because they refuse to do justice. 7 The spirit of a man is the  
lamp of the

LORD, Searching all the inner depths of s

The way of a guilty man is perverse;  
his heart.

But as for the pure, his work is right.

2 ' Mercy and truth preserve the king, And 'Better to dwell in a corner  
of a

by lovingkindness he upholds his throne.

housetop, Than in a house shared with

2 a contentious woman. 9 The glory of young men is their

strength, And the splendor of old men is 1 0The soul of the wicked  
desires evil; His their gray head.

neighbor finds no favor in his eyes.

30

Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, As 1

When the scoffer is punished, the  
do stripes the inner depths of the heart.

simple is made wise; But when the wise

is instructed, he receives knowledge.

1 2 3Whoever guards his mouth and tongue The righteous God wisely  
considers

the house of the wicked, Overthrowing Keeps his soul from troubles.  
the wicked for their wickedness.

2 4

A proud and haughty man--"Scoffer" is

13Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of his name; He acts with arrogant  
pride.

the poor Will also cry himself and not be  
heard. 2 5

The desire of the lazy man kills him,  
For his hands refuse to labor.

14  
A gift in secret pacifies anger, And a  
bribe behind the back, strong wrath. 2 6He covets greedily all day  
long, But  
the righteous gives and does not spare.

15 I is a joy for the just to do justice, But destruction will come to the  
workers of 2 7

The sacrifice of the wicked is an  
iniquity. abomination; How much more when he

1  
6A man who wanders from the way of brings it with wicked intent!  
understanding Will rest in the assembly 2 8

A false witness shall perish, But the  
of the dead. man who hears him will speak endlessly.

1 2 7He who loves pleasure will be a poor

' A wicked man hardens his face, But as  
man; He who loves wine and oil will not for the upright, he  
establishes his way.  
be rich.

30There is no wisdom or understanding

18The wicked shall be a ransom for the

Or counsel against the LORD.

righteous, And the unfaithful for the

upright. 31

The horse is prepared for the day of

1 battle, But deliverance is of the LORD. 9Better to dwell in the wilderness, Than

with a contentious and angry woman.

2 22A good name is to be chosen 0There is desirable treasure, And oil in

rather than great riches, Loving favor

the dwelling of the wise, But a foolish

man squanders it. rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor have this in He who follows righteousness and

1 2

mercy Finds life, righteousness and common, The LORD is the maker of

honor. them all.

22 EA prudent man foresees evil and hides

A wise man scales the city of the

mighty, And brings down the trusted himself, But the simple pass on

and are

stronghold. punished.

4<sup>1</sup> By humility and the fear of the LORD 6He who oppresses the poor  
to Are riches and honor and life. increase his riches, And he who gives  
to

the rich, will surely come to poverty.

5Thorns and snares are in the way of the 7 ncline your ear and hear  
the words of

perverse; He who guards his soul will be 1 far from them. the wise,  
And apply your heart to my

knowledge;

6Train up a child in the way he should go, 8For it is a pleasant thing if  
you keep

And when he is old he will not depart 1 from it. them within you; Let  
them all be fixed

upon your lips,

7The rich rules over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the  
lender. 1' So that your trust may be in the LORD;

I have instructed you today, even you.

8He who sows iniquity will reap sorrow, And the rod of his anger will  
fail. 2 OHave I not written to you excellent

things Of counsels and knowledge,

'He who has a generous eye will be 1That I may make you know the

blessed, For he gives of his bread to the 2 poor. certainty of the words  
of truth, That you

may answer words of truth To those

<sup>10</sup> who send to you?

Cast out the scoffer, and contention  
will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will  
cease. <sup>2</sup> Do not rob the poor because he is

poor, Nor oppress the afflicted at the

<sup>11</sup>He who loves purity of heart And has gate;  
grace on his lips, The king will be his  
friend. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>For the LORD will plead their cause,

And plunder the soul of those who

<sup>12</sup> plunder them.

The eyes of the LORD preserve  
knowledge, But He overthrows the

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

words of the faithless. Make no friendship with an angry man,

And with a furious man do not go,

<sup>13</sup>The lazy man says, "There is a lion

<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>

outside! I shall be slain in the streets!" Lest you learn his ways And set  
a

snare for your soul.

<sup>14</sup>

The mouth of an immoral woman is a <sup>6</sup>Do not be one of those who  
shakes  
deep pit; He who is abhorred by the <sup>2</sup> LORD will fall there. hands in a  
pledge, One of those who is



surety for debts;

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction  
will drive it

far from him.

29 7 you have nothing with which to pay,

Do not speak in the hearing of a fool,

Why should he take away your bed from For he will despise the  
wisdom of your

under you? words.

21 80

Do not remove the ancient landmark Do not remove the ancient  
landmark,

Which your fathers have set. Nor enter the fields of the fatherless;

21 1 9 Do you see a man who excels in his For their Redeemer is  
mighty; He will

work? He will stand before kings; He will plead their cause against  
you. not stand before unknown men.

1 2

Apply your heart to instruction, And  
your ears to words of knowledge.

2 3 When you sit down to eat with a

ruler, Consider carefully what is before Do not withhold correction  
from a child, 1 3

you; For if you beat him with a rod, he will not

die.

2And put a knife to your throat If you are 4 ou shall beat him with a rod, And

1

a man given to appetite.

deliver his soul from hell.

3Do not desire his delicacies, For they 1 5My son, if your heart is wise, My heart are deceptive food.

will rejoice--indeed, I myself;

4Do not overwork to be rich; Because of 6 es, my inmost being will rejoice

1

your own understanding, cease!

When your lips speak right things.

5Will you set your eyes on that which is 7Do not let your heart envy sinners, But

1

not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; They fly away like an be zealous for the fear of the LORD all

eagle toward heaven. the day;

6 1 8For surely there is a hereafter, And

Do not eat the bread of a miser, Nor

desire his delicacies; your hope will not be cut off.

7 1' Hear, my son, and be wise; And guide For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his your heart in the way.

heart is not with you. 0Do not mix with winebibbers, Or with

2

8 gluttonous eaters of meat; The morsel you have eaten, you will vomit up, And waste your pleasant

words. 2 1For the drunkard and the glutton will

come to poverty, And drowsiness will

clothe a man with rags.

22 34 es, you will be like one who lies down

Listen to your father who begot you,

And do not despise your mother when in the midst of the sea, Or like one who

she is old. lies at the top of the mast, saying:

2 3 354 Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also 'They have struck me, but I was not

wisdom and instruction and hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not understanding. feel it. When shall I awake, that I may

seek another drink?

24

The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice, And he who begets a wise child

will delight in him. 24 Do not be envious of evil men,

2 Nor desire to be with them; 5 Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice. 2

For their heart devises violence, And

2 their lips talk of troublemaking. 6 My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways. 3

Through wisdom a house is built, And

2 by understanding it is established; 7 For a harlot is a deep pit, And a seductress is a narrow well. 4 By knowledge the rooms are filled With

2 all precious and pleasant riches. 8 She also lies in wait as for a victim,

And increases the unfaithful among men. 5 A wise man is strong, Yes, a man of 2 knowledge increases strength;

' Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who

has contentions? Who has complaints? 6

For by wise counsel you will wage your

Who has wounds without cause? Who own war, And in a multitude of has redness of eyes?

counselors there is safety.

30 Those who linger long at the wine,

Those who go in search of mixed wine. not open his mouth in the gate. 7 Wisdom is too lofty for a fool; He does

31 Do not look on the wine when it is red, <sup>8</sup> He who plots to do evil  
Will be called a When it sparkles in the cup, When it schemer.  
swirls around smoothly;

<sup>3</sup> 'The devising of foolishness is sin, And <sup>2</sup>

At the last it bites like a serpent, And

the scoffer is an abomination to men.

stings like a viper.

33 Your eyes will see strange things, And Your strength is small. <sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup>  
you faint in the day of adversity, your heart will utter perverse things.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Deliver those who are drawn toward My son, fear the LORD and  
the king;

death, And hold back those stumbling to Do not associate with those  
given to

the slaughter. change;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> you say, "Surely we did not know <sup>2</sup>

For their calamity will rise suddenly,

this," Does not He who weighs the And who knows the ruin those two  
can

hearts consider it? He who keeps your bring? soul, does He not know  
it? And will He

not render to each man according to his <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> These things also belong to  
the wise: deeds? It is not good to show partiality in

<sup>1</sup>

3 My son, eat honey because it is good, judgment.

And the honeycomb which is sweet to <sup>2</sup> 4He who says to the wicked,  
"You are your taste; righteous," Him the people will curse;

Nations will abhor him.

14

So shall the knowledge of wisdom be  
to your soul; If you have found it, there <sup>25</sup>But those who rebuke the  
wicked will is a prospect, And your hope will not be have delight, And  
a good blessing will  
cut off. come upon them.

15Do not lie in wait, O wicked man, <sup>6</sup>He who gives a right answer  
kisses

2

against the dwelling of the righteous; Do the lips. not plunder his  
resting place;

<sup>27</sup>Prepare your outside work, Make it fit

16 For a righteous man may fall seven for yourself in the field; And  
afterward

times And rise again, But the wicked build your house. shall fall by  
calamity.

<sup>2</sup> 8Do not be a witness against your

17Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,

neighbor without cause, For would you

And do not let your heart be glad when deceive with your lips? he  
stumbles;

1

8Lest the LORD see it, and it displease <sup>2</sup> ' Do not say, "I will do to him  
just as he

has done to me; I will render to the man

Him, And He turn away His wrath from according to his work." him.

1 30 went by the field of the lazy man, And

' Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor by the vineyard of the man  
devoid of

be envious of the wicked; understanding;

20For there will be no prospect for the 31And there it was, all  
overgrown with

evil man; The lamp of the wicked will be thorns; Its surface was  
covered with

put out. nettles; Its stone wall was broken down.

32 9 When I saw it, I considered it well; I Debate your case with your  
neighbor, looked on it and received instruction: And do not disclose  
the secret to

another;

USA little sleep, a little slumber, A little 0 1 folding of the hands to  
rest; Lest he who hears it expose your

shame, And your reputation be ruined.

34So shall your poverty come like a 1 1 prowler, And your need like  
an armed A word fitly spoken is like apples of man. gold In settings of  
silver.

1 2

Like an earring of gold and an

25These also are proverbs of ornament of fine gold 1s a wise

rebuker

to an obedient ear.

Solomon which the men of Hezekiah

king of Judah copied: 1 3 Like the cold of snow in time of harvest

2 1s a faithful messenger to those who It is the glory of God to conceal  
a

send him, For he refreshes the soul of

matter, But the glory of kings is to

search out a matter. his masters.

3As the heavens for height and the earth 1 4Whoever falsely boasts of  
giving 1s like

clouds and wind without rain.

for depth, So the heart of kings is

unsearchable. 1 5 By long forbearance a ruler is 4 persuaded, And a  
gentle tongue breaks

will go to the silversmith for jewelry. a bone. Take away the dross  
from silver, And it

1 6Have you found honey? Eat only as

5Take away the wicked from before the king, And his throne will be  
established much as you need, Lest you be filled

in righteousness. with it and vomit.

6 1 7 Do not exalt yourself in the presence of Seeldom set foot in your



neighbor's

the king, And do not stand in the place house, Lest he become weary  
of you

of the great; and hate you.

7 1 8 For it is better that he say to you, A man who bears false witness

"Come up here," Than that you should against his neighbor Is like a  
club, a

be put lower in the presence of the sword, and a sharp arrow. prince,  
Whom your eyes have seen.

1 ' Confidence in an unfaithful man in

8 time of trouble 1s like a bad tooth and a Do not go hastily to court;  
For what will

you do in the end, When your neighbor foot out of joint. has put you  
to shame?

20Like one who takes away a garment in EA whip for the horse, A  
bridle for the

cold weather, And like vinegar on soda, donkey, And a rod for the  
fool's back.

1s one who sings songs to a heavy heart.

2 folly, Lest you also be like him. 1 your enemy is hungry, give him  
4Do not answer a fool according to his

bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give

him water to drink; 5Answer a fool according to his folly,

Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

22

For so you will heap coals of fire on his

head, And the LORD will reward you. 6 He who sends a message by  
the hand

2 violence. 3The north wind brings forth rain, And a fool Cuts off  
his own feet and drinks

backbiting tongue an angry

countenance. 7Like the legs of the lame that hang limp

Is a proverb in the mouth of fools.

24 is better to dwell in a corner of a

housetop, Than in a house shared with 8Like one who binds a stone in  
a sling Is a contentious woman. he who gives honor to a fool.

25As cold water to a weary soul, So is 'Like a thorn that goes into the  
hand of a

good news from a far country. drunkard 1s a proverb in the mouth of  
fools.

26 A righteous man who falters before the wicked Is like a murky  
spring and a 1 0The great God who formed everything polluted well.  
Gives the fool his hire and the

transgressor his wages.

2 7 I is not good to eat much honey; So to seek one's own glory is not  
glory. 1 1As a dog returns to his own vomit, So

a fool repeats his folly.

2 ' Whoever has no rule over his own spirit Is like a city broken  
down, without 1 2Do you see a man wise in his own walls. eyes?  
There is more hope for a fool

than for him.

26As snow in summer and rain in 1 3The lazy man says, "There is a lion in

harvest, So honor is not fitting for a fool. the road! A fierce lion is in the streets!"

2 1 4As a door turns on its hinges, So does

Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying

swallow, So a curse without cause shall the lazy man on his bed. not alight.

1 2 5The lazy man buries his hand in the 6Though his hatred is covered by deceit, bowl; It wearies him to bring it back to His wickedness will be revealed before

his mouth. the assembly.

1 2 6 7Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, And The lazy man is wiser in his own eyes

Than seven men who can answer he who rolls a stone will have it roll back

sensibly. on him.

1 2 7 8A lying tongue hates those who are He who passes by and meddles in a

quarrel not his own 1s like one who crushed by it, And a flattering mouth

takes a dog by the ears. works ruin.

18

Like a madman who throws firebrands,

arrows, and death, 2 7Do not boast about tomorrow, For

1 you do not know what a day may bring

' Is the man who deceives his neighbor, forth.

And says, "I was only joking!"

2 your own mouth; A stranger, and not

0Where there is no wood, the fire goes 2 Let another man praise you,  
and not

out; And where there is no talebearer, your own lips. strife ceases.

2 EA stone is heavy and sand is weighty, 1 As charcoal is to burning  
coals, and But a fool's wrath is heavier than both of

wood to fire, So is a contentious man to them. kindle strife.

2 The words of a talebearer are like who is able to stand before  
jealousy?

2 4Wrath is cruel and anger a torrent, But

tasty trifles, And they go down into the

inmost body. 5

Open rebuke is better Than love

2

3Fervent lips with a wicked heart Are carefully concealed.

like earthenware covered with silver 6Faithful are the wounds of a  
friend, But

dross. the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

24 He who hates, disguises it with his lips, 7A satisfied soul loathes the  
honeycomb, And lays up deceit within himself; But to a hungry soul  
every bitter thing is

2 sweet. 5When he speaks kindly, do not believe him, For there are  
seven abominations 8

Like a bird that wanders from its nest Is

in his heart; a man who wanders from his place. 'Ointment and  
perfume delight the heart, 2 OHeII and Destruction are never full; So  
And the sweetness of a man's friend the eyes of man are never  
satisfied. gives delight by hearty counsel.

2 1

The refining pot is for silver and the

10

Do not forsake your own friend or your furnace for gold, And a man  
is valued by

father's friend, Nor go to your brother's what others say of him. house  
in the day of your calamity; Better

is a neighbor nearby than a brother far 2 Though you grind a fool in a  
mortar away. with a pestle along with crushed grain,

1 him. 1My son, be wise, and make my heart Yet his foolishness will  
not depart from

glad, That I may answer him who

reproaches me. 2 3

Be diligent to know the state of your

flocks, And attend to your herds;

12

A prudent man foresees evil and hides

himself; The simple pass on and are 24

For riches are not forever, Nor does a  
punished. crown endure to all generations.

13Take the garment of him who is surety 5When the hay is removed,  
and the

2

for a stranger, And hold it in pledge tender grass shows itself, And the  
herbs

when he is surety for a seductress. of the mountains are gathered in,

14 6

He who blesses his friend with a loud 2 The lambs will provide your  
clothing,

voice, rising early in the morning, It will And the goats the price of a  
field; be counted a curse to him.

27 ou shall have enough goats' milk for

15 A continual dripping on a very rainy your food, For the food of  
your

day And a contentious woman are alike; household, And the  
nourishment of your

1

6Whoever restrains her restrains the maidservants.

wind, And grasps oil with his right hand.

1 28The wicked flee when no one 7 As iron sharpens iron, So a  
man pursues, But the righteous are bold as a sharpens the

countenance of his friend. lion.

1' Whoever keeps the fig tree will eat its

2Because of the transgression of a land,

fruit; So he who waits on his master will

many are its princes; But by a man of

be honored.

understanding and knowledge Right will

1 be prolonged.

' As in water face reflects face, So a

man's heart reveals the man. EA poor man who oppresses the poor Is

like a driving rain which leaves no food.

4 14

Those who forsake the law praise the Happy is the man who is always

wicked, But such as keep the law reverent, But he who hardens his heart

contend with them. will fall into calamity.

5 1 5

EviI men do not understand justice, But Like a roaring lion and a charging bear

those who seek the LORD understand Is a wicked ruler over poor people. all.

1 6

A ruler who lacks understanding is a

6Better is the poor who walks in his great oppressor, But he who hates

integrity Than one perverse in his ways, covetousness will prolong his days. though he be rich.

1 7A man burdened with bloodshed will

7Whoever keeps the law is a discerning flee into a pit; Let no one help him. son, But a companion of gluttons

shames his father. 1 8Whoever walks blamelessly will be

saved, But he who is perverse in his

'One who increases his possessions by ways will suddenly fall. usury and extortion Gathers it for him

who will pity the poor. 1 ' He who tills his land will have plenty of

bread, But he who follows frivolity will

'One who turns away his ear from have poverty enough! hearing the law, Even his prayer is an

abomination. 20A faithful man will abound with

1 will not go unpunished. 0Whoever causes the upright to go blessings, But he who hastens to be rich

astray in an evil way, He himself will fall

into his own pit; But the blameless will 21To show partiality is not good, inherit good. Because for a piece of bread a man will

transgress.

11

The rich man is wise in his own eyes,

But the poor who has understanding 2 A man with an evil eye hastens after searches him out. riches, And does not consider that

1

2When the righteous rejoice, there is poverty will come upon him.

great glory; But when the wicked arise, 2 3He who rebukes a man will



find more men hide themselves. favor afterward Than he who flatters

1

3He who covers his sins will not prosper, with the tongue.

But whoever confesses and forsakes 2 4Whoever robs his father or his mother, them will have mercy. And says, "It is no transgression," The

same is companion to a destroyer.

2 8 5He who is of a proud heart stirs up

Scoffers set a city aflame, But wise

strife, But he who trusts in the LORD will men turn away wrath. be prospered.

9If a wise man contends with a foolish

26

He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, man, Whether the fool rages or laughs,

But whoever walks wisely will be there is no peace. delivered.

1 0The bloodthirsty hate the blameless,

27

He who gives to the poor will not lack, But the upright seek his well-being.

But he who hides his eyes will have

many curses. 11A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise

man holds them back.

28

When the wicked arise, men hide

themselves; But when they perish, the 12 a ruler pays attention to lies, All his righteous increase. servants become wicked.

The poor man and the oppressor have

29 He who is often rebuked, and this in common: The LORD gives light to

hardens his neck, Will suddenly be the eyes of both.

destroyed, and that without remedy. 4The king who judges the poor with

1

2 truth, His throne will be established When the righteous are in authority, the

people rejoice; But when a wicked man forever. rules, the people groan.

1 5The rod and rebuke give wisdom, But

3Whoever loves wisdom makes his child left to himself brings shame to

father rejoice, But a companion of his mother. harlots wastes his wealth.

16When the wicked are multiplied,

4The king establishes the land by justice, transgression increases; But the But he who receives bribes overthrows it. righteous will see their fall.

5 17

A man who flatters his neighbor Correct your son, and he will give you

Spreads a net for his feet. rest; Yes, he will give delight to your

soul.

6By transgression an evil man is snared, 8Where there is no revelation,  
the

But the righteous sings and rejoices. 1

people cast off restraint; But happy is he

7 who keeps the law. The righteous considers the cause of

the poor, But the wicked does not 1' A servant will not be corrected by  
understand such knowledge.

mere words; For though he understands,

he will not respond.

2 4 0Do you see a man hasty in his words? Who has ascended into  
heaven, or

There is more hope for a fool than for descended? Who has gathered  
the wind

him. in His fists? Who has bound the waters

in a garment? Who has established all

21 the ends of the earth? What is His name,

He who pampers his servant from

childhood Will have him as a son in the and what is His Son's name, If  
you

end. know?

2 5 2Every word of God is pure; He is a An angry man stirs up strife,  
And a furious man abounds in transgression. shield to those who put  
their trust in Him.

2 6Do not add to His words, Lest He man's pride will bring him low,

But 3A

the humble in spirit will retain honor. rebuke you, and you be found a liar.

2 Two things I request of You (Deprive

4Whoever is a partner with a thief hates 7

his own life; He swears to tell the truth, me not before I die): but reveals nothing.

8Remove falsehood and lies far from

25The fear of man brings a snare, But me; Give me neither poverty nor riches--

whoever trusts in the LORD shall be Feed me with the food allotted to me;

safe.

9Lest I be full and deny You, And say,

26 "Who is the LORD?" Or lest I be poor

Many seek the ruler's favor, But justice

for man comes from the LORD. and steal, And profane the name of my God.

27An unjust man is an abomination to

10Do not malign a servant to his master,

the righteous, And he who is upright in

the way is an abomination to the wicked. Lest he curse you, and you be found

guilty.

11There is a generation that curses its

30The words of Agur the son of

father, And does not bless its mother.

Jakeh, his utterance. This man declared

to Ithiel--to Ithiel and Ucal: 12There is a generation that is pure in its 2  
own eyes, Yet is not washed from its

Surely I am more stupid than any man, filthiness.

And do not have the understanding of a

man. 1 3There is a generation-- oh, how lofty

I I neither learned wisdom Nor have are their eyes! And their eyelids  
are

lifted up.

knowledge of the Holy One.

14

There is a generation whose teeth are  
like swords, And whose fangs are like knives, To devour the poor from  
off the 2 5The ants are a people not strong, Yet earth, And the needy  
from among men. they prepare their food in the summer;

1 2 5The leech has two daughters-- Give 6The rock badgers are a feeble  
folk, Yet and Give! There are three things that they make their homes  
in the crags; are never satisfied, Four never say,

"Enough!": 2 7

The locusts have no king, Yet they all  
advance in ranks;

The grave, The barren womb, The

earth that is not satisfied with water-- 2 8The spider skillfully grasps  
with its And the fire never says, "Enough!" hands, And it is in kings'  
palaces.

17 The eye that mocks his father, And 2 ' There are three things which  
are scorns obedience to his mother, The majestic in pace, Yes, four  
which are

ravens of the valley will pick it out, And stately in walk: the young  
eagles will eat it.

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1 A lion, which is mighty among beasts 8There are three things which  
are too

And does not turn away from any;

wonderful for me, Yes, four which I do

not understand: UA greyhound, A male goat also, And a

1 king whose troops are with him. 9The way of an eagle in the air, The  
way of a serpent on a rock, The way of 32 you have been foolish in  
exalting a ship in the midst of the sea, And the

yourself, Or if you have devised evil, put

way of a man with a virgin.

your hand on your mouth.

20 33For as the churning of milk produces

This is the way of an adulterous

woman: She eats and wipes her mouth,

butter, And wringing the nose produces

And says, "I have done no wickedness."

blood, So the forcing of wrath produces

2 strife. 1For three things the earth is perturbed, Yes, for four it cannot  
bear up:

2 3 1 The words of King Lemuel, the 2For a servant when he  
reigns, A fool

when he is filled with food, utterance which his mother taught him:

2 What, my son? And what, son of my A hateful woman when she is  
married,

3 2

And a maidservant who succeeds her womb? And what, son of my  
vows?

mistress. 3Do not give your strength to women,

24There are four things which are little Nor your ways to that which  
destroys

kings.

on the earth, But they are exceedingly

wise:

4 1 7

It is not for kings, O Lemuel, It is not for She girds herself with  
strength, And

kings to drink wine, Nor for princes strengthens her arms. intoxicating

drink;

1 8

She perceives that her merchandise is

5Lest they drink and forget the law, And good, And her lamp does not  
go out by

pervert the justice of all the afflicted. night.

6 1 Give strong drink to him who is ' She stretches out her hands to the  
perishing, And wine to those who are distaff, And her hand holds the  
spindle.

bitter of heart.

2 0She extends her hand to the poor, Yes,

7Let him drink and forget his poverty, she reaches out her hands to the  
needy.

And remember his misery no more.

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She is not afraid of snow for her

8open your mouth for the speechless, In household, For all her  
household is

the cause of all who are appointed to die. clothed with scarlet.

'Open your mouth, judge righteously, 2 She makes tapestry for herself;  
Her And plead the cause of the poor and clothing is fine linen and  
purple. needy.

2 3Her husband is known in the gates,

10Who can find a virtuous wife? For her

When he sits among the elders of the



worth is far above rubies. land.

1 2 4 1 The heart of her husband safely trusts

She makes linen garments and sells  
her; So he will have no lack of gain. them, And supplies sashes for the  
merchants.

12

She does him good and not evil All the  
days of her life. 2 5 Strength and honor are her clothing;  
She shall rejoice in time to come.

13

She seeks wool and flax, And willingly  
works with her hands. 2 6  
She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
And on her tongue is the law of  
14 kindness.

She is like the merchant ships, She  
brings her food from afar.

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She watches over the ways of her  
15 household, And does not eat the bread  
She also rises while it is yet night, And  
provides food for her household, And a of idleness.

portion for her maidservants. 8Her children rise up and call her

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16 blessed; Her husband also, and he

She considers a field and buys it;

From her profits she plants a vineyard. praises her:

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# Psalms of the Forefathers

PSALM 1 3"Let us break Their bonds in pieces

And cast away Their cords from us."

1 Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands 4He who sits in the heavens shall laugh;

in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the The LORD shall hold them in  
derision.

seat of the scornful;

5Then He shall speak to them in His

2 wrath, And distress them in His deep But his delight is in the law of  
the LORD,

And in His law he meditates day and displeasure: night.

6 Yet I have set My King On My holy hill

3He shall be like a tree Planted by the of Zion." rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit

in its season, Whose leaf also shall not 7 I will declare the decree: The  
LORD wither; And whatever he does shall has said to Me, "You are My  
Son, Today

prosper. I have begotten You.

4 8 The ungodly are not so, But are like the Ask of Me, and I will give  
You The chaff which the wind drives away. nations for Your  
inheritance, And the

ends of the earth for Your possession.

5Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in

the 'You shall break them with a rod of iron;  
congregation of the righteous. You shall dash them to pieces like a  
potter's vessel."

6For the LORD knows the way of the 0Now therefore, be wise, O  
kings; Be

righteous, But the way of the ungodly 1 shall perish. instructed, you  
judges of the earth.

PSALM 2 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice 11  
with trembling.

1 Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? Kiss the  
Son, lest He be angry, And 1 2

you perish in the way, When His wrath  
2 is kindled but a little. Blessed are all

The kings of the earth set themselves,  
those who put their trust in Him.

And the rulers take counsel together,

Against the LORD and against His

Anointed, saying, PSALM 3

1 LORD, how they have increased who 3But know that the LORD has  
set apart

trouble me! Many are they who rise up for Himself him who is godly;  
The LORD

against me. will hear when I call to Him.

2 4 Many are they who say of me, "There is Be angry, and do not sin.  
Meditate no help for him in God."Selah within your heart on your bed,  
and be

still.Selah

3But You, O LORD, are a shield for me,

My glory and the One who lifts up my 5Offer the sacrifices of  
righteousness, head. And put your trust in the LORD.

4 6 1 cried to the LORD with my voice, And There are many who say,  
"Who will He heard me from His holy hill.Selah show us any good?"  
LORD, lift up the

light of Your countenance upon us.

51 lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me. 7 You  
have put gladness in my heart,

More than in the season that their grain

6 and wine increased. 1 will not be afraid of ten thousands of people  
Who have set themselves

against me all around. 81 will both lie down in peace, and sleep;

For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell

7 in safety. Arise, O LORD; Save me, O my God! For You have struck  
all my enemies on

the cheekbone; You have broken the PSALM 5 teeth of the  
ungodly.

1Give ear to my words, O LORD,

8Salvation belongs to the LORD. Your Consider my meditation.  
blessing is upon Your people.Selah

2 Give heed to the voice of my cry, My

PSALM 4 King and my God, For to You I will pray.

1 Hear me when I call, O God of my 3My voice You shall hear in the morning,

righteousness! You have relieved me in O LORD; In the morning I will direct it to

my distress; Have mercy on me, and You, And I will look up. hear my prayer.

4 For You are not a God who takes

2How long, O you sons of men, Will you pleasure in wickedness, Nor shall evil

turn my glory to shame? How long will dwell with You. you love worthlessness And seek

falsehood?SeIah 5The boastful shall not stand in Your

sight; You hate all workers of iniquity.

6You shall destroy those who speak 3My soul also is greatly troubled; But

falsehood; The LORD abhors the You, O LORD--how long? bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

4Return, O LORD, deliver me! Oh, save

7But as for me, I will come into Your me for Your mercies' sake! house in the multitude of Your mercy; In

fear of You I will worship toward Your 5For in death there is no remembrance holy temple. of You; In the grave who will give You

thanks?

8Lead me, O LORD, in Your righteousness because of my enemies; 6I am weary with my groaning; All night I Make Your way straight before my face. make my bed swim; I drench my couch

with my tears.

'For there is no faithfulness in their

mouth; Their inward part is destruction; 7My eye wastes away because of grief; Their throat is an open tomb; They It grows old because of all

my enemies.

flatter with their tongue.

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0Pronounce them guilty, O God! Let 8Depart from me, all you workers  
of

iniquity; For the LORD has heard the

them fall by their own counsels; Cast voice of my weeping. them out  
in the multitude of their

transgressions, For they have rebelled 7The LORD has heard my  
supplication;

against You.

The LORD will receive my prayer.

11 But let all those rejoice who put their 1 0Let all my enemies be  
ashamed and trust in You; Let them ever shout for joy,

greatly troubled; Let them turn back and

because You defend them; Let those

be ashamed suddenly.

also who love Your name Be joyful in

You.

## PSALM 7

12For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With favor You will  
surround 1O LORD my God, in You I put my trust; him as with a  
shield. Save me from all those who persecute

me; And deliver me,



PSALM 6 2 Lest they tear me like a lion, Rending

1 me in pieces, while there is none to

O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your

deliver.

anger, Nor chasten me in Your hot

displeasure. T

O LORD my God, if I have done this: If

2 there is iniquity in my hands,

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am

weak; O LORD, heal me, for my bones

are troubled.

4 1 If I have repaid evil to him who was at 4 Behold, the wicked brings  
forth peace with me, Or have plundered my iniquity; Yes, he  
conceives trouble and

enemy without cause, brings forth falsehood.

5 1 5

Let the enemy pursue me and overtake He made a pit and dug it out,  
And has

me; Yes, let him trample my life to the fallen into the ditch which he  
made. earth, And lay my honor in the

dust. Selah 1 6

His trouble shall return upon his own

head, And his violent dealing shall come

6 Arise, O LORD, in Your anger; Lift down on his own crown. Yourself  
up because of the rage of my

enemies; Rise up for me to the <sup>1</sup> 7a will praise the LORD according to His judgment You have commanded! righteousness, And will sing praise to

the name of the LORD Most High.

<sup>7</sup>So the congregation of the peoples

shall surround You; For their sakes, PSALM 8 therefore, return on high.

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is

<sup>8</sup> The LORD shall judge the peoples;

Your name in all the earth, Who have

Judge me, O LORD, according to my

set Your glory above the heavens!

righteousness, And according to my

integrity within me. <sup>2</sup>

Out of the mouth of babes and nursing

infants You have ordained strength,

'Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked

Because of Your enemies, That You

come to an end, But establish the just; may silence the enemy and the avenger.

For the righteous God tests the hearts

and minds. <sup>3</sup>When I consider Your heavens, the

<sup>1</sup> work of Your fingers, The moon and the <sup>0</sup>My defense is of God, Who

saves the

stars, which You have ordained,

upright in heart.

<sup>1</sup> God is a just judge, And God is angry him, And the son of man that  
You visit

<sup>1 4</sup> What is man that You are mindful of

with the wicked every day. him?

<sup>12</sup> he does not turn back, He will

<sup>5</sup>For You have made him a little lower

sharpen His sword; He bends His bow than the angels, And You have  
crowned

and makes it ready. him with glory and honor.

<sup>13</sup>He also prepares for Himself <sup>6</sup>You have made him to have dominion

instruments of death; He makes His over the works of Your hands; You  
have

arrows into fiery shafts. put all things under his feet, <sup>7 9</sup> All sheep and  
oxen-- Even the beasts The LORD also will be a refuge for the of the  
field, oppressed, A refuge in times of trouble.

<sup>8 1</sup> The birds of the air, And the fish of the <sup>0</sup>And those who know Your  
name will sea That pass through the paths of the put their trust in  
You; For You, LORD,

seas. have not forsaken those who seek You.

'O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is <sup>1</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells Your name in all the earth! in Zion! Declare His deeds among the

people.

PSALM 9 <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>When He avenges blood, He

<sup>1</sup> remembers them; He does not forget

<sup>1</sup> will praise You, O LORD, with my

the cry of the humble.

whole heart; I will tell of all Your

marvelous works. <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD! <sup>2</sup> Consider my trouble from those who

<sup>1</sup> will be glad and rejoice in You; I will

hate me, You who lift me up from the

sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

gates of death,

<sup>3</sup>When my enemies turn back, They <sup>14</sup>That I may tell of all Your praise In the shall fall and perish at Your presence. gates of the daughter of Zion. I will <sup>4</sup> rejoice in Your salvation.

For You have maintained my right and

my cause; You sat on the throne judging <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>The nations have sunk down in the pit in righteousness.

which they made; In the net which they

<sup>5</sup> hid, their own foot is caught.

You have rebuked the nations, You

have destroyed the wicked; You have <sup>16</sup>The LORD is known by the  
judgment blotted out their name forever and ever.

He executes; The wicked is snared in

<sup>6</sup> the work of his own hands.

<sup>0</sup> enemy, destructions are finished

forever! And you have destroyed cities; <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>The wicked shall be turned  
into hell, Even their memory has perished. And all the nations that  
forget God.

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD shall endure forever; He <sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> For the needy shall not always be

has prepared His throne for judgment.

forgotten; The expectation of the poor

<sup>8</sup> shall not perish forever.

He shall judge the world in

righteousness, And He shall administer <sup>1</sup> ' Arise, O LORD, Do not let  
man prevail; judgment for the peoples in uprightness. Let the nations  
be judged in Your sight. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup> <sup>0</sup> ut them in fear, O LORD, That the So  
he crouches, he lies low, That the nations may know themselves to be  
but helpless may fall by his strength. men.Selah

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>

He has said in his heart, "God has

PSALM 10 forgotten; He hides His face; He will

never see."

1 Why do You stand afar off, O LORD? Why do You hide in times of trouble? Arise, O LORD! O God, lift up Your

hand! Do not forget the humble.

2The wicked in his pride persecutes the 3Why do the wicked renounce God? He

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poor; Let them be caught in the plots

which they have devised. has said in his heart, "You will not

require an account."

3For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire; He blesses the greedy and But You have seen, for You observe

renounces the LORD. trouble and grief, To repay it by Your

hand. The helpless commits himself to

4 You; You are the helper of the fatherless.

The wicked in his proud countenance

does not seek God; God is in none of 1 5Break the arm of the wicked and the his thoughts.

evil man; Seek out his wickedness until

5 You find none.

His ways are always prospering; Your

judgments are far above, out of his 1 6The LORD is King forever and ever; sight; As for all his enemies, he sneers at them. The nations have perished out of His

land.

6He has said in his heart, "I shall not be 1 7 moved; I shall never be in adversity." LORD, You have heard the desire of

the humble; You will prepare their heart;

7 You will cause Your ear to hear,

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit

and oppression; Under his tongue is 1 8To do justice to the fatherless and the trouble and iniquity.

oppressed, That the man of the earth

8 may oppress no more. He sits in the lurking places of the villages; In the secret places he murders

the innocent; His eyes are secretly fixed PSALM 11 on the helpless.

1In the LORD I put my trust; How can

'He lies in wait secretly, as a lion in his you say to my soul, "Flee as a bird to

den; He lies in wait to catch the poor; He your mountain"? catches the poor when he draws him

into his net.

2 5 For look! The wicked bend their bow, For the oppression of the poor, for the They make ready their arrow on the sighing of the needy, Now I will arise,"

string, That they may shoot secretly at says the LORD; "I will set him in the

the upright in heart. safety for which he yearns."

If the foundations are destroyed, What The words of the LORD are  
pure words,

can the righteous do? Like silver tried in a furnace of earth,

Purified seven times.

4The LORD is in His holy temple, The LORD's throne is in heaven; His  
eyes 7You shall keep them, O LORD, You behold, His eyelids test the  
sons of men. shall preserve them from this generation

forever.

5The LORD tests the righteous, But the wicked and the one who loves  
violence 8The wicked prowl on every side, When His soul hates.  
vileness is exalted among the sons of

men.

6Upon the wicked He will rain coals; Fire and brimstone and a burning  
wind Shall PSALM 13 be the portion of their cup.

1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me

7For the LORD is righteous, He loves forever? How long will You hide  
Your

righteousness; His countenance face from me? beholds the upright.

2How long shall I take counsel in my

PSALM 12 soul, Having sorrow in my heart daily?

How long will my enemy be exalted over

1 me? Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases! For the faithful  
disappear from among

the sons of men. 3Consider and hear me, O LORD my

God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the

2 sleep of death; They speak idly everyone with his neighbor; With  
flattering lips and a



double heart they speak. <sup>4</sup> Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed

against him"; Lest those who trouble me

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD cut off all flattering lips, rejoice when I am moved.  
And the tongue that speaks proud things,

<sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your mercy; My

<sup>4</sup> heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. Who have said, "With our  
tongue we will prevail; Our lips are our own; Who is

lord over us?" I will sing to the LORD, Because He

has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14 <sup>3</sup> He who does not backbite with his

tongue, Nor does evil to his neighbor,

<sup>1</sup> Nor does he take up a reproach against The fool has said in his  
heart, "There is

his friend;

no God." They are corrupt, They have

done abominable works, There is none <sup>4</sup> In whose eyes a vile person is  
despised, who does good.

But he honors those who fear the

<sup>2</sup> LORD; He who swears to his own hurt

The LORD looks down from heaven

and does not change;

upon the children of men, To see if there

are any who understand, who seek God. <sup>5</sup> He who does not put out his  
money at

3They have all turned aside, They have usury, Nor does he take a  
bribe against

the innocent. He who does these things  
together become corrupt; There is none  
who does good, No, not one. shall never be moved.

4 PSALM 16 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat  
up my people as

they eat bread, And do not call on the 1Preserve me, O God, for in You  
I put LORD? my trust.

5 2 There they are in great fear, For God is O my soul, you have said to  
the LORD, with the generation of the righteous. "You are my Lord, My  
goodness is

nothing apart from You."

6You shame the counsel of the poor, But the LORD is his refuge. 3As  
for the saints who are on the earth,

"They are the excellent ones, in whom is

7 all my delight." Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of  
Zion! When the LORD

brings back the captivity of His people, 4Their sorrows shall be  
multiplied who Let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad. hasten after  
another god; Their drink

offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor

PSALM 15 take up their names on my lips.

5O LORD, You are the portion of my

1 LORD, who may abide in Your

inheritance and my cup; You maintain  
tabernacle? Who may dwell in Your holy  
hill? my lot.

6 The lines have fallen to me in pleasant  
2He who walks uprightly, And works righteousness, And speaks the  
truth in places; Yes, I have a good inheritance.

his heart; 71 will bless the LORD who has given me  
counsel; My heart also instructs me in  
the night seasons.

8 7 I have set the LORD always before me; Show Your marvelous  
lovingkindness Because He is at my right hand I shall by Your right  
hand, O You who save

not be moved. those who trust in You From those who  
rise up against them.

"Therefore my heart is glad, and my  
glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in 8Keep me as the apple of Your  
eye; hope. Hide me under the shadow of Your

wings,  
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For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,  
Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see 'From the wicked who  
oppress me,  
corruption. From my deadly enemies who surround  
me.

1 1 ou will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;

At Your <sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup>They have closed up their fat hearts; right hand are pleasures forevermore. With their mouths they speak proudly.

PSALM 17 <sup>1</sup> They have now surrounded us in our

steps; They have set their eyes,

<sup>1</sup> crouching down to the earth,

Hear a just cause, O LORD, Attend to

my cry; Give ear to my prayer which is <sup>12</sup>As a lion is eager to tear his prey, And not from deceitful lips.

like a young lion lurking in secret places.

<sup>2</sup>Let my vindication come from Your <sup>3</sup>Arise, O LORD, Confront him, cast him

<sup>1</sup>

presence; Let Your eyes look on the

things that are upright. down; Deliver my life from the wicked

with Your sword,

<sup>3</sup>You have tested my heart; You have <sup>14</sup> visited me in the night; You have tried with Your hand from men, O LORD,

me and have found nothing; I have From men of the world who have their

purposed that my mouth shall not portion in this life, And whose belly You

transgress. fill with Your hidden treasure. They are

satisfied with children, And leave the

4 rest of their possession for their babes.

Concerning the works of men, By the

word of Your lips, I have kept away from <sup>1</sup> 5As for me, I will see Your face in the paths of the destroyer.

righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I

<sup>5</sup> awake in Your likeness.

Uphold my steps in Your paths, That

my footsteps may not slip.

## PSALM 18

<sup>6</sup>1 have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; Incline Your ear to me, <sup>1</sup>1 will love You, O LORD, my strength. and hear my speech.

<sup>2</sup>1 The LORD is my rock and my fortress <sup>3</sup>The LORD thundered from heaven, and my deliverer; My God, my strength, And the Most High uttered His voice,

in whom I will trust; My shield and the Hailstones and coals of fire. horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

<sup>1</sup> 4

He sent out His arrows and scattered

# I

I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and

to be praised; So shall I be saved from He vanquished them. my enemies.

1 5

Then the channels of the sea were

4The pangs of death surrounded me, seen, The foundations of the world were

And the floods of ungodliness made me uncovered At Your rebuke, O LORD, At

afraid. the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.

5 1 The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; 6He sent from above, He took me; He The snares of death confronted me. drew me out of many waters.

6 1 7

In my distress I called upon the LORD, He delivered me from my strong

And cried out to my God; He heard my enemy, From those who hated me, For

voice from His temple, And my cry came they were too strong for me. before Him, even to His ears.

18They confronted me in the day of my

7Then the earth shook and trembled; calamity, But the LORD was my support.

The foundations of the hills also quaked

and were shaken, Because He was <sup>1</sup> ' He also brought me out into a  
broad angry. place; He delivered me because He

delighted in me.

<sup>8</sup>Smoke went up from His nostrils, And

devouring fire from His mouth; Coals <sup>2</sup> 0The LORD rewarded me  
according to were kindled by it. my righteousness; According to the

cleanness of my hands He has

'He bowed the heavens also, and came recompensed me. down With  
darkness under His feet.

<sup>2</sup> 1

<sup>1</sup> And have not wickedly departed from

0And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; For I have kept the ways of  
the LORD,

He flew upon the wings of the wind. my God.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 1 <sup>2</sup> He made darkness His secret place; For all His judgments were  
before me, His canopy around Him was dark waters And I did not put  
away His statutes from

And thick clouds of the skies. me.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 2From the brightness before Him, His <sup>3</sup> was also blameless before  
Him, And thick clouds passed with hailstones and I kept myself from  
my iniquity. coals of fire.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore <sup>36</sup> ou enlarged my path under me, So

the LORD has

recompensed me according to my my feet did not slip. righteousness,  
According to the cleanness of my hands in His sight. <sup>37</sup> have pursued  
my enemies and

overtaken them; Neither did I turn back

25 again till they were destroyed.

With the merciful You will show

Yourself merciful; With a blameless man 8a have wounded them, So  
that they

You will show Yourself blameless; 3

could not rise; They have fallen under

26with the pure You will show Yourself my feet.

pure; And with the devious You will

show Yourself shrewd. 3' For You have armed me with strength

for the battle; You have subdued under

27For You will save the humble people, me those who rose up against  
me.

But will bring down haughty looks. 0 ou have also given me the necks  
of

4

28For You will light my lamp; The LORD my enemies, So that I  
destroyed those

my God will enlighten my darkness. who hated me.

4 1They cried out, but there was none to

2' For by You I can run against a troop, By my God I can leap over a  
wall. save; Even to the LORD, but He did not

answer them.



30As for God, His way is perfect; The LORD is  
proven; He is a Then I beat them as fine as the dust

shield to all who trust in Him. before the wind; I cast them out like  
dirt

in the streets.

31For who is God, except the LORD? 4 3 ou have delivered me from  
the And who is a rock, except our God?

strivings of the people; You have made

3 me the head of the nations; A people I 2 is God who arms me with  
strength,

have not known shall serve me.

And makes my way perfect.

33 4 4As soon as they hear of me they obey

He makes my feet like the feet of deer,

me; The foreigners submit to me.

And sets me on my high places.

The foreigners fade away, And come

34He teaches my hands to make war, So 4 5

frightened from their hideouts.

that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

35You have also given me the shield of 4 6The LORD lives! Blessed be  
my Rock!

Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

Your salvation; Your right hand has held

me up, Your gentleness has made me 4 7It is God who avenges me,  
And great.

subdues the peoples under me;

4 8 ' He delivers me from my enemies. You The statutes of the LORD  
are right, also lift me up above those who rise rejoicing the heart; The  
commandment

against me; You have delivered me from of the LORD is pure,  
enlightening the

the violent man. eyes;

4 ' Therefore I will give thanks to You, O 'The fear of the LORD is  
clean,

LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing enduring forever; The judgments  
of the

praises to Your name. LORD are true and righteous altogether.

5 1 0 0More to be desired are they than gold, Great deliverance He  
gives to His king,

And shows mercy to His anointed, To Yea, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also

David and his descendants forevermore. than honey and the  
honeycomb.

1 1Moreover by them Your servant is

## PSALM 19

warned, And in keeping them there is

1 great reward.

The heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament shows His handiwork. 1 2Who can understand his errors? 2 Cleanse me from secret faults.

Day unto day utters speech, And night

unto night reveals knowledge. 13Keep back Your servant also from

3There is no speech nor language presumptuous sins; Let them not have

dominion over me. Then I shall be

Where their voice is not heard.

blameless, And I shall be innocent of

4 great transgression.

Their line has gone out through all the

earth, And their words to the end of the 1 4

Let the words of my mouth and the

world. In them He has set a tabernacle

meditation of my heart Be acceptable in

for the sun,

Your sight, O LORD, my strength and

5 my Redeemer.

Which is like a bridegroom coming out

of his chamber, And rejoices like a

strong man to run its race. PSALM 20

61 May the LORD answer you in the day Its rising is from one end of heaven, And its circuit to the other end; And of trouble; May the name of the God of

there is nothing hidden from its heat. Jacob defend you;

72 May He send you help from the The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of sanctuary, And strengthen you out of

the LORD is sure, making wise the Zion; simple;

3May He remember all your offerings,

And accept your burnt sacrifice.Selah 45 May He grant you according to your His glory is great in Your salvation; heart's desire, And fulfill all your purpose. Honor and majesty You have placed

upon him.

5We will rejoice in your salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our 6For You have made him most blessed banners! May the LORD fulfill all your forever; You have made him petitions. exceedingly glad with Your presence.

67 Now I know that the LORD saves His For the king trusts in the LORD, And anointed; He will answer him from His through the mercy of the Most High he

holy heaven With the saving strength of shall not be moved. His right hand.

8Your hand will find all Your enemies;

7Some trust in chariots, and some in Your right hand will find those who hate

horses; But we will remember the name You. of the LORD our God.

'You shall make them as a fiery oven in

8They have bowed down and fallen; But the time of Your anger; The LORD shall

we have risen and stand upright. swallow them up in His wrath, And the

fire shall devour them.

'Save, LORD! May the King answer us

when we call. 1 0Their offspring You shall destroy from

the earth, And their descendants from

PSALM 21 among the sons of men.

1 1 The king shall have joy in Your strength, For they intended evil against You;

O LORD; And in Your salvation how They devised a plot which they are not

able to perform.

greatly shall he rejoice!

1 2Therefore You will make them turn

2You have given him his heart's desire, And have not withheld the request of his their back; You will make ready Your

arrows on Your string toward their faces.

lips.Selah

3For You meet him with the blessings of 1 3Be exalted, O LORD, in Your own

strength! We will sing and praise Your

goodness; You set a crown of pure gold

upon his head. power.

4 PSALM 22 He asked life from You, and You gave it to him-- Length of days forever and ever.

1My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from

helping Me, And from the words of My  
groaning?

21 O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You 4 am poured out like water, And all My do not hear; And in the night season, bones are out of joint; My heart is like

and am not silent. wax; It has melted within Me.

3 15

But You are holy, Enthroned in the My strength is dried up like a potsherd,

praises of Israel. And My tongue clings to My jaws; You

have brought Me to the dust of death.

4Our fathers trusted in You; They trusted, 6For dogs have surrounded Me; The

and You delivered them. 1

congregation of the wicked has

5 enclosed Me. They pierced My hands They cried to You, and were delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not and My feet; ashamed.

1 7a can count all My bones. They look

6 and stare at Me. But I am a worm, and no man; A

reproach of men, and despised by the 8They divide My garments  
among them,

people. 1

And for My clothing they cast lots.

7All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake  
the head, 1' But You, O LORD, do not be far from saying, Me; O My  
Strength, hasten to help Me!

8 2 He trusted in the LORD, let Him 0Deliver Me from the sword, My  
rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since precious life from the power  
of the dog.

He delights in Him!"

2 1Save Me from the lion's mouth And

'But You are He who took Me out of the from the horns of the wild  
oxen! You

womb; You made Me trust while on My have answered Me. mother's  
breasts.

2 2 will declare Your name to My

10 was cast upon You from birth. From brethren; In the midst of the  
assembly I

My mother's womb You have been My will praise You. God.

2 3You who fear the LORD, praise Him!

11

Be not far from Me, For trouble is near; All you descendants of  
Jacob, glorify

For there is none to help. Him, And fear Him, all you offspring of

12

Many bulls have surrounded Me;

2 4

Strong bulls of Bashan have encircled For He has not despised nor  
abhorred

Me. the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He

hidden His face from Him; But when He

13They gape at Me with their mouths, cried to Him, He heard.

Like a raging and roaring lion.

2 4 5My praise shall be of You in the great Yea, though I walk through  
the valley of

assembly; I will pay My vows before the shadow of death, I will fear  
no evil;

those who fear Him. For You are with me; Your rod and Your

staff, they comfort me.

26

The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

Those who seek Him will praise the 5You prepare a table before me in  
the LORD. Let your heart live forever! presence of my enemies; You  
anoint my

head with oil; My cup runs over.

27

All the ends of the world Shall

remember and turn to the LORD, And all 6 Surely goodness and mercy  
shall follow the families of the nations Shall worship me All the days  
of my life; And I will

before You. dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.



28For the kingdom is the LORD's, And

## PSALM 24

He rules over the nations.

1The earth is the LORD's, and all its

2' All the prosperous of the earth Shall fullness, The world and those  
who dwell

eat and worship; All those who go down therein. to the dust Shall bow  
before Him, Even

he who cannot keep himself alive. 2 For He has founded it upon the  
seas,

COA posterity shall serve Him. It will be And established it upon the  
waters.

recounted of the Lord to the next 3Who may ascend into the hill of the  
generation, LORD? Or who may stand in His holy

3 place?

1

They will come and declare His

righteousness to a people who will be 4 He who has clean hands and a  
pure born, That He has done this. heart, Who has not lifted up his soul  
to

an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully.

## PSALM 23

5He shall receive blessing from the

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not LORD, And righteousness from  
the God

want. of his salvation.

2 6 He makes me to lie down in green  
This is Jacob, the generation of  
those pastures; He leads me beside the still who seek Him, Who seek  
Your waters. face.Selah

3He restores my soul; He leads me in 7Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
And be the paths of righteousness For His lifted up, you everlasting  
doors! And the

name's sake. King of glory shall come in.

8 9 Who is this King of glory? The LORD The humble He guides in  
justice, And strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in the humble He  
teaches His way. battle.

1 0 All the paths of the LORD are mercy

'Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, and truth, To such as keep  
His covenant

you everlasting doors! And the King of and His testimonies. glory shall  
come in.

1 1

1 Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

0Who is this King of glory? The LORD For Your name's sake, O LORD,  
of hosts, He is the King of glory.Selah

1 2

Who is the man that fears the LORD?

PSALM 25 Him shall He teach in the way He  
chooses.

1 To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

1 3

He himself shall dwell in prosperity,

2 And his descendants shall inherit the

O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be

earth.

ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph

over me. 1 4The secret of the LORD is with those

3Indeed, let no one who waits on You be who fear Him, And He will  
show them

His covenant.

ashamed; Let those be ashamed who

deal treacherously without cause. 1 5 My eyes are ever toward the  
LORD, 4 For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach

me Your paths. 1 6Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy 5 on me, For I  
am desolate and afflicted.

Lead me in Your truth and teach me,

For You are the God of my salvation; On 1 7The troubles of my heart  
have You I wait all the day.

enlarged; Bring me out of my distresses!

6Remember, O LORD, Your tender 8Look on my affliction and my  
pain, And

mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For

they are from of old. forgive all my sins.

7 1 Do not remember the sins of my youth, ' Consider my enemies, for  
they are nor my transgressions; According to many; And they hate me  
with cruel

Your mercy remember me, For Your hatred. goodness' sake, O LORD.

2 0Keep my soul, and deliver me; Let me

8 not be ashamed, for I put my trust in Good and upright is the LORD;

Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. You.

2 1 11

Let integrity and uprightness preserve But as for me, I will walk in  
my

me, For I wait for You. integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to

me.

22

Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all their

1 2

troubles! My foot stands in an even place; In the

congregations I will bless the LORD.

PSALM 26

PSALM 27

1 Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have  
also 1The LORD is my light and my salvation; trusted in the LORD; I  
shall not slip. Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the

strength of my life; Of whom shall I be

2 afraid? Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart.

2 When the wicked came against me To

3For Your lovingkindness is before me, I have not eaten up my flesh, My enemies and foes,

eyes, And I have walked in Your truth. They stumbled and fell.

4 3Though an army may encamp against

1 have not sat with idolatrous mortals,

Nor will I go in with hypocrites. me, My heart shall not fear; Though war

may rise against me, In this I will be

5 confident.

1 have hated the assembly of evildoers,

And will not sit with the wicked. 4

One thing I have desired of the LORD,

6 That will I seek: That I may dwell in the

1 will wash my hands in innocence; So I

house of the LORD All the days of my

will go about Your altar, O LORD,

life, To behold the beauty of the LORD,

7 And to inquire in His temple.

That I may proclaim with the voice of

thanksgiving, And tell of all Your 5

For in the time of trouble He shall hide

wondrous works.

me in His pavilion; In the secret place of

8 His tabernacle He shall hide me; He

LORD, I have loved the habitation of shall set me high upon a rock.

Your house, And the place where Your

glory dwells. 6

And now my head shall be lifted up

above my enemies all around me;

'Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor Therefore I will offer  
sacrifices of joy in

my life with bloodthirsty men, His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will  
sing

1 praises to the LORD. 0 n whose hands is a sinister scheme,

And whose right hand is full of bribes. 7 Hear, 0 LORD, when I cry  
with my

voice! Have mercy also upon me, and

answer me.

8 When You said, "Seek My face," My speak peace to their neighbors,  
But evil

heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I is in their hearts. will seek."

4 Give them according to their deeds,

'Do not hide Your face from me; Do not And according to the  
wickedness of their

turn Your servant away in anger; You endeavors; Give them according  
to the

have been my help; Do not leave me work of their hands; Render to  
them

nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. what they deserve.

1 5 OWhen my father and my mother

Because they do not regard the works

forsake me, Then the LORD will take of the LORD, Nor the operation  
of His

care of me. hands, He shall destroy them And not

build them up.

11 Teach me Your way, O LORD, And lead me in a smooth path,  
because of 6 Blessed be the LORD, Because He has my enemies. heard  
the voice of my supplications!

1 7 2

Do not deliver me to the will of my The LORD is my strength and  
my

adversaries; For false witnesses have shield; My heart trusted in Him,  
and I am

risen against me, And such as breathe helped; Therefore my heart  
greatly

out violence. rejoices, And with my song I will praise

Him.

13 would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the  
goodness 8 The LORD is their strength, And He is of the LORD In the  
land of the living. the saving refuge of His anointed.

14 Wait on the LORD; Be of good 'Save Your people, And bless Your

courage, And He shall strengthen your inheritance; Shepherd them  
also, And

heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD! bear them up forever.

## PSALM 28 PSALM 29

1<sup>1</sup> To You I will cry, O LORD my Rock: Do Give unto the LORD, O you mighty not be silent to me, Lest, if You are ones, Give unto the LORD glory and

silent to me, I become like those who go strength. down to the pit.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to

2Hear the voice of my supplications His name; Worship the LORD in the

When I cry to You, When I lift up my beauty of holiness. hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

3The voice of the LORD is over the

3Do not take me away with the wicked waters; The God of glory thunders; The

And with the workers of iniquity, Who LORD is over many waters.

4<sup>4</sup> The voice of the LORD is powerful; The Sing praise to the LORD, you saints of voice of the LORD is full of majesty. His, And give thanks at the

remembrance of His holy name.

5The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the  
5For His anger is but for a moment, His cedars of Lebanon. favor is for life; Weeping may endure for

a night, But joy comes in the morning.

6He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. 6Now in my prosperity I said, "I shall

never be moved."

7The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. 7LORD, by Your



favor You have made

my mountain stand strong; You hid Your

face, and I was troubled. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the

Wilderness of Kadesh. 81 cried out to You, O LORD; And to the

LORD I made supplication:

"The voice of the LORD makes the deer

give birth, And strips the forests bare; "What profit is there in my blood, When

And in His temple everyone says, I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise

"Glory!" You? Will it declare Your truth?

110 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on

The LORD sat enthroned at the Flood,

And the LORD sits as King forever. me; LORD, be my helper!"

111 The LORD will give strength to His 1 ou have turned for me my mourning people; The LORD will bless His people into dancing; You have put off my

with peace. sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,

PSALM 30 To the end that my glory may sing 12

praise to You and not be silent. O LORD

1 my God, I will give thanks to You forever.

1 will extol You, O LORD, for You have

lifted me up, And have not let my foes

rejoice over me. PSALM 31

21 O LORD my God, I cried out to You, In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me And You healed me. never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your

righteousness.

T

O LORD, You brought my soul up from

the grave; You have kept me alive, that I 2Bow down Your ear to me, Deliver me should not go down to the pit. speedily; Be my rock of refuge, A

fortress of defense to save me.

3For You are my rock and my fortress; together against me, They scheme to

Therefore, for Your name's sake, Lead take away my life. me and guide me.

14

But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD;

4Pull me out of the net which they have I say, "You are my God." secretly laid for me, For You are my

strength. 1 5My times are in Your hand; Deliver me

from the hand of my enemies, And from

slnto Your hand I commit my spirit; You those who persecute me. have redeemed me, O LORD God of

truth. 16Make Your face shine upon Your

servant; Save me for Your mercies' sake.

61 have hated those who regard useless

idols; But I trust in the LORD. <sup>1</sup> 7 Do not let me be ashamed, O LORD,

for I have called upon You; Let the

<sup>7</sup>1 will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy, wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent

For You have considered my trouble; in the grave. You have known my soul in adversities,

<sup>1</sup> 8 Let the lying lips be put to silence,

<sup>8</sup>And have not shut me up into the hand Which speak insolent things proudly and

of the enemy; You have set my feet in a contemptuously against the righteous.

wide place.

<sup>1</sup> ' Oh, how great is Your goodness,

'Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am Which You have laid up for those who

in trouble; My eye wastes away with fear You, Which You have prepared for

grief, Yes, my soul and my body! those who trust in You In the presence

of the sons of men!

<sup>10</sup>For my life is spent with grief, And my years with sighing; My strength fails <sup>2</sup> 0 ou shall hide them in the secret place because of my iniquity, And my bones of Your presence From the plots of man;

waste away. You shall keep them secretly in a

pavilion From the strife of tongues.

<sup>1</sup> 1a am a reproach among all my enemies, But especially among my <sup>2</sup> 1 Blessed be the LORD, For He has neighbors, And am repulsive to my shown me His marvelous kindness in a

acquaintances; Those who see me strong city! outside flee from me.

2 2For I said in my haste, "I am cut off

1 2a am forgotten like a dead man, out of

from before Your eyes"; Nevertheless

mind; I am like a broken vessel. You heard the voice of my  
supplications

When I cried out to You.

13For I hear the slander of many; Fear is on every side; While they  
take counsel 2 9 3

Oh, love the LORD, all you His saints! Do not be like the horse or  
like the mule,

For the LORD preserves the faithful, Which have no understanding,  
Which

And fully repays the proud person. must be harnessed with bit and  
bridle,

Else they will not come near you.

24

Be of good courage, And He shall

1 0

strengthen your heart, All you who hope Many sorrows shall be to the  
wicked;

in the LORD. But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy

shall surround him.

PSALM 32 1 1Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you

1 righteous; And shout for joy, all you

Blessed is he whose transgression is

upright in heart!

forgiven, Whose sin is covered.

2 PSALM 33 Blessed is the man to whom the LORD does not impute iniquity, And in whose

spirit there is no deceit. 1Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

For praise from the upright is beautiful.

3When I kept silent, my bones grew old

Through my groaning all the day long. 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; Make

melody to Him with an instrument of ten

4 strings. For day and night Your hand was

heavy upon me; My vitality was turned

into the drought of summer.Selah Sing 3 to Him a new song; Play skillfully

with a shout of joy.

5I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will 4For the word of the LORD is right, And confess my transgressions to the all His work is done in truth. LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of

my sin.Selah 5He loves righteousness and justice;

The earth is full of the goodness of the

6For this cause everyone who is godly LORD. shall pray to You In a time when You

may be found; Surely in a flood of great 6By the word of the LORD the heavens

waters They shall not come near him. were made, And all the host of them by

the breath of His mouth.

7You are my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall 7He gathers the waters of the sea surround me with songs of together as a heap; He lays up the deep deliverance.Selah in storehouses.

81 will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with

My eye.

8 2 0

Let all the earth fear the LORD; Let all Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our

the inhabitants of the world stand in awe help and our shield. of Him.

2 1

For our heart shall rejoice in Him,

'For He spoke, and it was done; He Because we have trusted in His holy

commanded, and it stood fast. name.

1 2 0The LORD brings the counsel of the 2

Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us,

nations to nothing; He makes the plans Just as we hope in You. of the peoples of no effect.

1 PSALM 34 1The counsel of the LORD stands forever, The plans of His heart to all 1

1 will bless the LORD at all times; His

generations.

praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the nation whose God is the

<sup>2</sup> My soul shall make its boast in the  
LORD, The people He has chosen as

LORD; The humble shall hear of it and  
His own inheritance.

be glad.

<sup>13</sup>The LORD looks from heaven; He <sup>3</sup>Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
And let

sees all the sons of men.

us exalt His name together.

<sup>14</sup>

From the place of His dwelling He <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> sought the LORD, and He heard me,  
looks On all the inhabitants of the earth; And delivered me from all  
my fears.

<sup>15</sup>He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works. <sup>5</sup>  
They looked to Him and were radiant,

And their faces were not ashamed.

<sup>16</sup>No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not  
delivered by <sup>6</sup> This poor man cried out, and the LORD

heard him, And saved him out of all his  
great strength.

troubles.

17

A horse is a vain hope for safety; 7

The angel of the LORD encamps all

Neither shall it deliver any by its great

around those who fear Him, And

strength.

delivers them.

18Behold, the eye of the LORD is on

8Oh, taste and see that the LORD is

those who fear Him, On those who hope

good; Blessed is the man who trusts in

in His mercy,

Him!

19To deliver their soul from death, And to

'Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints!

keep them alive in famine.

There is no want to those who fear Him.

1 2 0The young lions lack and suffer 2

The LORD redeems the soul of His

hunger; But those who seek the LORD servants, And none of those  
who trust in

shall not lack any good thing. Him shall be condemned.



Come, you children, listen to me; I will PSALM 35

teach you the fear of the LORD.

1 Plead my cause, O LORD, with those

12 Who is the man who desires life, And who strive with me; Fight  
against those

loves many days, that he may see who fight against me. good?

1 stand up for my help. 3Keep your tongue from evil, And your 2 Take  
hold of shield and buckler, And

lips from speaking deceit.

1 3Also draw out the spear, And stop 4 Depart from evil and do good;  
Seek those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I

peace and pursue it. am your salvation."

1 4 5The eyes of the LORD are on the

Let those be put to shame and brought

righteous, And His ears are open to their to dishonor Who seek after  
my life; Let

cW' those be turned back and brought to

confusion Who plot my hurt.

16The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, To cut off the  
remembrance 5Let them be like chaff before the wind, of them from  
the earth. And let the angel of the LORD chase

them.

17 The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, And delivers them out of all their 6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And troubles. let the angel of the LORD pursue them.

17 ' The LORD is near to those who have For without cause they have hidden a broken heart, And saves such as have their net for me in a pit, Which they have

a contrite spirit. dug without cause for my life.

18 Many are the afflictions of the

Let destruction come upon him

righteous, But the LORD delivers him unexpectedly, And let his net that he

out of them all. has hidden catch himself; Into that very

destruction let him fall.

20 He guards all his bones; Not one of them is broken. 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the

LORD; It shall rejoice in His salvation.

21

Evil shall slay the wicked, And those who hate the righteous shall be condemned.

12 O All my bones shall say, "LORD, who is 0 For they do not speak peace, But they like You, Delivering the poor from him devise deceitful matters Against the

who is too strong for him, Yes, the poor quiet ones in the land. and the needy from him who plunders

him?" 2 1

They also opened their mouth wide  
against me, And said, "Aha, aha! Our

11

Fierce witnesses rise up; They ask me eyes have seen it."  
things that I do not know.

1 keep silence. O Lord, do not be far from

2They reward me evil for good, To the 2 This You have seen, O LORD;  
Do not  
sorrow of my soul. me.

1 2 3

But as for me, when they were sick, Stir up Yourself, and awake to  
my

My clothing was sackcloth; I humbled vindication, To my cause, my  
God and

myself with fasting; And my prayer my Lord. would return to my own  
heart.

24Vindicate me, O LORD my God,

14a paced about as though he were my

according to Your righteousness; And  
friend or brother; I bowed down heavily, let them not rejoice over me.  
as one who mourns for his mother.

2 5Let them not say in their hearts, "Ah,

15But in my adversity they rejoiced And so we would have it!" Let  
them not say,

gathered together; Attackers gathered "We have swallowed him up."  
against me, And I did not know it; They

tore at me and did not cease; <sup>26</sup>Let them be ashamed and brought to

mutual confusion Who rejoice at my

16

with ungodly mockers at feasts They hurt; Let them be clothed with  
shame

gnashed at me with their teeth. and dishonor Who exalt themselves

against me.

17

Lord, how long will You look on? <sup>7</sup>Let them shout for joy and be  
glad,

Rescue me from their destructions, My <sup>2</sup> precious life from the lions.  
Who favor my righteous cause; And let

them say continually, "Let the LORD be

<sup>1</sup> magnified, Who has pleasure in the ' I will give You thanks in the  
great

assembly; I will praise You among many prosperity of His servant."  
people.

<sup>2'</sup> And my tongue shall speak of Your

<sup>1</sup> righteousness And of Your praise all the ' Let them not rejoice over  
me who are

wrongfully my enemies; Nor let them day long. wink with the eye who  
hate me without a

cause. PSALM 36

1 11

An oracle within my heart concerning Let not the foot of pride come  
against

the transgression of the wicked: There is me, And let not the hand of  
the wicked

no fear of God before his eyes. drive me away.

21 2

For he flatters himself in his own eyes, There the workers of iniquity  
have

When he finds out his iniquity and when fallen; They have been cast  
down and

he hates. are not able to rise.

3

The words of his mouth are wickedness PSALM 37

and deceit; He has ceased to be wise

and to do good. 1

Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor

4 be envious of the workers of iniquity.

He devises wickedness on his bed; He

sets himself in a way that is not good; 2

For they shall soon be cut down like the

He does not abhor evil.

grass, And wither as the green herb.

5Your mercy, O LORD, is in the 3Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
Dwell

heavens; Your faithfulness reaches to in the land, and feed on His  
faithfulness.

the clouds.

4 Delight yourself also in the LORD, And

6Your righteousness is like the great

He shall give you the desires of your  
mountains; Your judgments are a great  
heart.

deep; O LORD, You preserve man and

beast. 5Commit your way to the LORD, Trust 7 also in Him, And He  
shall bring it to pass.

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O

God! Therefore the children of men put 6 their trust under the shadow  
of Your He shall bring forth your righteousness

wings. as the light, And your justice as the  
noonday.

8They are abundantly satisfied with the

7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for  
fullness of Your house, And You give  
them drink from the river of Your Him; Do not fret because of him  
who

pleasures. prospers in his way, Because of the

man who brings wicked schemes to  
pass.

'For with You is the fountain of life; In

Your light we see light. 8Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;

1 Do not fret--it only causes harm. 0 Oh, continue Your lovingkindness to

those who know You, And Your 9For evildoers shall be cut off; But those righteousness to the upright in heart. who wait on the LORD, They shall

inherit the earth.

1 2 0For yet a little while and the wicked 1

The wicked borrows and does not

shall be no more; Indeed, you will look repay, But the righteous shows mercy

carefully for his place, But it shall be no and gives. more.

2 For those blessed by Him shall inherit

11

But the meek shall inherit the earth, the earth, But those cursed by Him shall

And shall delight themselves in the be cut off. abundance of peace.

2 3The steps of a good man are ordered

12The wicked plots against the just, And by the LORD, And He delights in his

gnashes at him with his teeth. way.

1 2 34

The Lord laughs at him, For He sees Though he fall, he shall not be utterly

that his day is coming. cast down; For the LORD upholds him

with His hand.

<sup>14</sup>The wicked have drawn the sword And have bent their bow, To cast  
down the <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>a have been young, and now am old; poor and needy, To  
slay those who are Yet I have not seen the righteous

of upright conduct. forsaken, Nor his descendants begging

bread.

<sup>15</sup>Their sword shall enter their own heart, And their bows shall be  
broken. <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>He is ever merciful, and lends; And his

descendants are blessed.

<sup>16</sup>A little that a righteous man has Is

<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>

better than the riches of many wicked. Depart from evil, and do good;  
And

dwell forevermore.

<sup>17</sup>For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds  
the <sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>For the LORD loves justice, And does righteous. not forsake His  
saints; They are

preserved forever, But the descendants

<sup>1</sup> of the wicked shall be cut off. ' The LORD knows the days of the  
upright, And their inheritance shall be

forever. <sup>2</sup> ' The righteous shall inherit the land,

And dwell in it forever.

<sup>19</sup>

They shall not be ashamed in the evil

<sup>30</sup>

time, And in the days of famine they The mouth of the righteous  
speaks

shall be satisfied. wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice.



2 31 OBut the wicked shall perish; And the The law of his God is in his  
heart;

enemies of the LORD, Like the splendor None of his steps shall slide.  
of the meadows, shall vanish. Into

smoke they shall vanish away. 32The wicked watches the righteous,  
And seeks to slay him.

33The LORD will not leave him in his 3There is no soundness in my  
flesh

hand, Nor condemn him when he is Because of Your anger, Nor any  
health

judged. in my bones Because of my sin.

34 4

Wait on the LORD, And keep His way, For my iniquities have gone  
over my

And He shall exalt you to inherit the head; Like a heavy burden they  
are too

land; When the wicked are cut off, you heavy for me. shall see it.

5My wounds are foul and festering

35a have seen the wicked in great power, Because of my foolishness.  
And spreading himself like a native

green tree. 6I am troubled, I am bowed down

36Yet he passed away, and behold, he greatly; I go mourning all the  
day long.

was no more; Indeed I sought him, but 7For my loins are full of  
inflammation, he could not be found. And there is no soundness in my  
flesh.

37 Mark the blameless man, and observe 8 I am feeble and severely broken; I the upright; For the future of that man is groan because of the turmoil of my heart.

peace.

3' But the transgressors shall be Lord, all my desire is before You; And  
my sighing is not hidden from You.

destroyed together; The future of the  
wicked shall be cut off. 1 O My heart pants, my strength fails me;

39 But the salvation of the righteous is As for the light of my eyes, it  
also has

gone from me.

from the LORD; He is their strength in  
the time of trouble. 1 My loved ones and my friends stand

4 aloof from my plague, And my relatives O And the LORD shall help  
them and

stand afar off.

deliver them; He shall deliver them from  
the wicked, And save them, Because 12

Those also who seek my life lay  
they trust in Him.

snare for me; Those who seek my hurt  
speak of destruction, And plan

# PSALM 38 deception all the day long.

11 O LORD, do not rebuke me in Your 3But I, like a deaf man, do not hear; wrath, Nor chasten me in Your hot And I am like a mute who does not open

displeasure! his mouth.

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For Your arrows pierce me deeply, And Thus I am like a man who does not

Your hand presses me down. hear, And in whose mouth is no response.

14 5For in You, O LORD, I hope; You will LORD, make me to know my end, And

hear, O Lord my God. what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am.

16For I said, "Hear me, lest they rejoice over me, Lest, when my foot slips, they s Indeed, You have made my days as exalt themselves against me." handbreadths, And my age is as nothing

before You; Certainly every man at his

17 best state is but vapor.Selah

For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.

6 Surely every man walks about like a

1 shadow; Surely they busy themselves in ' For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in

anguish over my sin. vain; He heaps up riches, And does not

know who will gather them.

<sup>1</sup> ' But my enemies are vigorous, and they are strong; And those who hate me <sup>7</sup> And now, Lord, what do I wait for? My

wrongfully have multiplied. hope is in You.

<sup>2 8</sup> OThose also who render evil for good, Deliver me from all my transgressions;

They are my adversaries, because I Do not make me the reproach of the

follow what is good. foolish.

<sup>2 9 1</sup> Do not forsake me, O LORD; <sup>0</sup> my <sup>1</sup> was mute, I did not open my mouth,

God, be not far from me! Because it was You who did it.

<sup>2 1 2</sup> Make haste to help me, O Lord, my <sup>0</sup> Remove Your plague from me; I am salvation! consumed by the blow of Your hand.

<sup>1 1</sup>

PSALM 39 When with rebukes You correct man

for iniquity, You make his beauty melt

<sup>1</sup> away like a moth; Surely every man is

<sup>1</sup> said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin vapor. Selah

with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth

with a muzzle, While the wicked are <sup>1 2</sup> Hear my prayer, O LORD, And give before me." ear to my cry; Do not be silent at my <sup>2</sup> tears; For

I am a stranger with You, A

I was mute with silence, I held my

sojourner, as all my fathers were.

peace even from good; And my sorrow

was stirred up. 1 3Remove Your gaze from me, that I

3My heart was hot within me; While I may regain strength, Before I  
go away

and am no more."

was musing, the fire burned. Then I

spoke with my tongue:

## PSALM 40

1 11

1 waited patiently for the LORD; And He Do not withhold Your tender  
mercies

inclined to me, And heard my cry. from me, O LORD; Let Your

lovingkindness and Your truth

2 continually preserve me. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit,  
Out of the miry clay, And set my feet

upon a rock, And established my steps. For innumerable 1 2 evils have

surrounded me; My iniquities have

3 overtaken me, so that I am not able to He has put a new song in my  
mouth--

Praise to our God; Many will see it and look up; They are more than  
the hairs of

fear, And will trust in the LORD. my head; Therefore my heart fails

me.

1 3Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; 0

4Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not  
respect LORD, make haste to help me! the proud, nor such as turn  
aside to lies.

1 4

Let them be ashamed and brought to

5 mutual confusion Who seek to destroy Many, O LORD my God, are  
Your

wonderful works Which You have done; my life; Let them be driven  
backward

And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be and brought to dishonor Who  
wish me

recounted to You in order; If I would evil. declare and speak of them,  
They are

more than can be numbered. 15Let them be confounded because of

their shame, Who say to me, "Aha, aha!"

6Sacrifice and offering You did not

1 6

desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt Let all those who seek You  
rejoice and

offering and sin offering You did not be glad in You; Let such as love  
Your

require. salvation say continually, "The LORD be

magnified!"

7Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the 7But I am poor and needy; Yet

the

scroll of the book it is written of me. <sup>1</sup>

LORD thinks upon me. You are my help

and my deliverer; Do not delay, O my <sup>1</sup> delight to do Your will, O my God, And

Your law is within my heart." God.

I have proclaimed the good news of PSALM 41 righteousness  
In the great assembly;

Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O <sup>1</sup> Blessed is he who considers the poor; LORD, You Yourself know. The LORD will deliver him in time of

<sup>1</sup>

Oa have not hidden Your righteousness trouble.

within my heart; I have declared Your <sup>2</sup> The LORD will preserve him and keep faithfulness and Your salvation; I have him alive, And he will be blessed on the

not concealed Your lovingkindness and earth; You will not deliver him to the will

Your truth From the great assembly. of his enemies.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will strengthen him on his <sup>1</sup>As the deer pants for the water brooks, bed of illness; You will sustain him on So pants my soul for You, O God. his sickbed.

<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living

<sup>41</sup> said, "LORD, be merciful to me; Heal God. When shall I come and appear

my soul, for I have sinned against You." before God?

My enemies speak evil of me: "When My tears have been my food day and

will he die, and his name perish?" night, While they continually say to me,

"Where is your God?"

6And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies; His heart gathers iniquity to itself; 4When I remember these things, I pour When he goes out, he tells it. out my soul within me. For I used to go

with the multitude; I went with them to

7 the house of God, With the voice of joy All who hate me whisper together

against me; Against me they devise my and praise, With a multitude that kept a

hurt. pilgrim feast.

8 5Why are you cast down, O my soul? An evil disease," they say, "clings to him. And now that he lies down, he will And why are you disquieted within me?

rise up no more." Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him

For the help of His countenance.

Even my own familiar friend in whom I 6

trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up O my God, my soul is cast down within

his heel against me. me; Therefore I will remember You from

the land of the Jordan, And from the

1 heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. 0But You, O LORD, be merciful to me,



and raise me up, That I may repay them. 7 Deep calls unto deep at the  
noise of 11 Your waterfalls; All Your waves and

By this I know that You are well

billows have gone over me.

pleased with me, Because my enemy

does not triumph over me. 8 The LORD will command His 12  
lovingkindness in the daytime, And in

As for me, You uphold me in my

the night His song shall be with me-- A

integrity, And set me before Your face

prayer to the God of my life.

forever.

1 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have 3Blessed be the LORD God of  
Israel

You forgotten me? Why do I go

From everlasting to everlasting! Amen

mourning because of the oppression of

and Amen.

the enemy?"

## PSALM 42

1 2 OAs with a breaking of my bones, My You drove out the nations  
with Your

enemies reproach me, While they say to hand, But them You planted;  
You

me all day long, "Where is your God?" afflicted the peoples, and cast them out.

11 3

Why are you cast down, O my soul? For they did not gain possession of the

And why are you disquieted within me? land by their own sword, Nor did their

Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, own arm save them; But it was Your

The help of my countenance and my right hand, Your arm, and the light of

God. Your countenance, Because You

avored them.

PSALM 43 <sup>4</sup> You are my King, O God; Command

<sup>1</sup> victories for Jacob.

Vindicate me, O God, And plead my

cause against an ungodly nation; Oh, <sup>5</sup>Through You we will push down our deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man! enemies; Through Your name we will

trample those who rise up against us.

<sup>2</sup>For You are the God of my strength; <sup>6</sup>For I will not trust in my bow, Nor shall

Why do You cast me off? Why do I go

mourning because of the oppression of my sword save me. the enemy?

7But You have saved us from our

3 enemies, And have put to shame those Oh, send out Your light and  
Your truth!

Let them lead me; Let them bring me to who hated us. Your holy hill  
And to Your tabernacle.

8 In God we boast all day long, And

4 praise Your name forever.Selah Then I will go to the altar of God, To  
God my exceeding joy; And on the harp

I will praise You, O God, my God. 9 But You have cast us off and put  
us to

shame, And You do not go out with our

5 armies. Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you  
disquieted within me?

Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, 10 ou make us turn back from  
the The help of my countenance and my enemy, And those who hate  
us have

God. taken spoil for themselves.

11 ou have given us up like sheep

## PSALM 44

intended for food, And have scattered

1 us among the nations. We have heard with our ears, O God,

Our fathers have told us, The deeds 12 ou sell Your people for next to  
You did in their days, In days of old:

nothing, And are not enriched by selling  
them.

13 You make us a reproach to our 5For our soul is bowed down to

the neighbors, A scorn and a derision to dust; Our body clings to the ground. those all around us.

2 6 Arise for our help, And redeem us for

14 You make us a byword among the Your mercies' sake. nations, A shaking of the head among

the peoples. PSALM 45

15

My dishonor is continually before me, 1

My heart is overflowing with a good

And the shame of my face has covered

theme; I recite my composition

me, concerning the King; My tongue is the

1 pen of a ready writer. 6 Because of the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, Because of the 2

You are fairer than the sons of men;

enemy and the avenger.

Grace is poured upon Your lips;

1 Therefore God has blessed You forever. 7 All this has come upon us; But we

have not forgotten You, Nor have we 3 Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, O

dealt falsely with Your covenant.

Mighty One, With Your glory and Your

1 majesty.

' Our heart has not turned back, Nor

have our steps departed from Your way; 4 And in Your majesty ride prosperously

1 because of truth, humility, and ' But You have severely broken us in righteousness; And Your right hand

the place of jackals, And covered us shall teach You awesome things. with the shadow of death.

2 the King's enemies; The peoples fall

0 we had forgotten the name of our 5Your arrows are sharp in the heart of

God, Or stretched out our hands to a under You. foreign god,

2 6Your throne, O God, is forever and 1 Would not God search this out? For ever; A scepter of righteousness is the

He knows the secrets of the heart. scepter of Your kingdom.

2 2 Yet for Your sake we are killed all day You love righteousness and hate long; We are accounted as sheep for wickedness; Therefore God, Your God,

the slaughter. has anointed You With the oil of

gladness more than Your companions.

23

Awake! Why do You sleep, O Lord?

Arise! Do not cast us off forever. 8All Your garments are scented with

myrrh and aloes and cassia, Out of the

24Why do You hide Your face, And ivory palaces, by which they have made

forget our affliction and our oppression? You glad.

'Kings' daughters are among Your <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear, Even though honorable women; At Your right hand the earth be removed, And though the

stands the queen in gold from Ophir. mountains be carried into the midst of

the sea;

<sup>10</sup>Listen, O daughter, Consider and

3

incline your ear; Forget your own people Though its waters roar and be troubled,

also, and your father's house; Though the mountains shake with its

swelling.Selah

<sup>11</sup>

So the King will greatly desire your

beauty; Because He is your Lord, <sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams shall worship Him. make glad the city of God, The holy

place of the tabernacle of the Most High.

<sup>12</sup> And the daughter of Tyre will come with a gift; The rich among the people <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of her, she shall not will seek your favor. be moved; God shall help her, just at the

break of dawn.

<sup>13</sup>The royal daughter is all glorious within the palace; Her clothing is woven <sup>6</sup>The nations raged, the kingdoms were with gold. moved; He uttered His voice, the earth

melted.

<sup>14</sup>

She shall be brought to the King in

robes of many colors; The virgins, her 7The LORD of hosts is with us;  
The God companions who follow her, shall be of Jacob is our  
refuge.Selah brought to You.

1 Who has made desolations in the earth.

5With gladness and rejoicing they shall 8Come, behold the works of  
the LORD,

be brought; They shall enter the King's

palace. 9He makes wars cease to the end of the

earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the

16 nstead of Your fathers shall be Your spear in two; He burns the  
chariot in the

sons, Whom You shall make princes in fire. all the earth.

1 0

Be still, and know that I am God; I will

1 7 will make Your name to be

be exalted among the nations, I will be

remembered in all generations; exalted in the earth! Therefore the  
people shall praise You

forever and ever. 1 1 The LORD of hosts is with us; The

God of Jacob is our refuge.Selah

## PSALM 46

## PSALM 47

1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

1 3

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! God is in her palaces; He is  
known as

Shout to God with the voice of triumph! her refuge.

2 4 For the LORD Most High is awesome; For behold, the kings assembled, They He is a great King over all the earth. passed by together.

3He will subdue the peoples under us, 5They saw it, and so they marveled; And the nations under our feet. They were troubled, they hastened

away.

4He will choose our inheritance for us, The excellence of Jacob whom He 6Fear took hold of them there, And pain, loves.Selah as of a woman in birth pangs,

5 7 God has gone up with a shout, The As when You break the ships of LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Tarshish With an east wind.

6 8 Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing As we have heard, So we have seen In praises to our King, sing praises! the city of the LORD of hosts, In the city

of our God: God will establish it

7 forever.Selah For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding.

'We have thought, O God, on Your

8 lovingkindness, In the midst of Your God reigns over the nations; God sits

on His holy throne. temple.

1 0According to Your name, O God, So is



"The princes of the people have

gathered together, The people of the Your praise to the ends of the earth;

God of Abraham. For the shields of the Your right hand is full of righteousness.

earth belong to God; He is greatly

1 1

exalted. Let Mount Zion rejoice, Let the

daughters of Judah be glad, Because of

PSALM 48 Your judgments.

1 2

1 Walk about Zion, And go all around

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be

her. Count her towers;

praised In the city of our God, In His

holy mountain. 1 3Mark well her bulwarks; Consider her 2 palaces;  
That you may tell it to the

Beautiful in elevation, The joy of the

generation following.

whole earth, 1s Mount Zion on the sides

of the north, The city of the great King. 14For this is God, Our God  
forever and

ever; He will be our guide Even to death.

PSALM 49 Nevertheless man, though in honor, 1 2

does not remain; He is like the beasts

1 that perish.

Hear this, all peoples; Give ear, all

inhabitants of the world, 1 3 This is the way of those who are

2 foolish, And of their posterity who Both low and high, Rich and poor

together. approve their sayings.Selah

3My mouth shall speak wisdom, And the 1 4Like sheep they are laid in  
the grave;

meditation of my heart shall give Death shall feed on them; The  
upright

understanding. shall have dominion over them in the

morning; And their beauty shall be

4 consumed in the grave, far from their

1 will incline my ear to a proverb; I will dwelling.

disclose my dark saying on the harp.

1 5But God will redeem my soul from the

5Why should I fear in the days of evil,

power of the grave, For He shall receive

When the iniquity at my heels surrounds me.Selah me?

1 6Do not be afraid when one becomes

6Those who trust in their wealth And rich, When the glory of his  
house is

boast in the multitude of their riches,

increased;

7None of them can by any means 1 7

For when he dies he shall carry

redeem his brother, Nor give to God a

nothing away; His glory shall not

ransom for him--

descend after him.

8For the redemption of their souls is 1 8Though while he lives he  
blesses costly, And it shall cease forever--

himself (For men will praise you when

you do well for yourself),

'That he should continue to live eternally,

And not see the Pit. 1

' He shall go to the generation of his

1 fathers; They shall never see light. 0For he sees wise men die;  
Likewise the fool and the senseless person perish, 2 0

A man who is in honor, yet does not

And leave their wealth to others.

understand, 1s like the beasts that perish.

11Their inner thought is that their houses will last forever, Their  
dwelling places to PSALM 50

all generations; They call their lands

after their own names. <sup>1</sup>The Mighty One, God the LORD, Has

spoken and called the earth From the

rising of the sun to its going down.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, Offer to God thanksgiving, And  
pay

God will shine forth. your vows to the Most High.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

Our God shall come, and shall not keep Call upon Me in the day of  
trouble; I

silent; A fire shall devour before Him, will deliver you, and you shall  
glorify

And it shall be very tempestuous all Me." around Him.

<sup>16</sup>But to the wicked God says: "What

<sup>4</sup>He shall call to the heavens from above, right have you to declare My  
statutes,

And to the earth, that He may judge His Or take My covenant in your  
mouth, people:

<sup>17</sup>

Seeing you hate instruction And cast

<sup>5</sup> Gather My saints together to Me, My words behind you? Those who  
have made a covenant with

Me by sacrifice." <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup> When you saw a thief, you consented

with him, And have been a partaker with

<sup>6</sup>Let the heavens declare His adulterers. righteousness, For God  
Himself is

Judge. Selah 1 ' You give your mouth to evil, And your

tongue frames deceit.

7 Hear, O My people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify  
against you; I am 2 0 ou sit and speak against your God, your God!  
brother; You slander your own mother's

son.

8 I will not rebuke you for your sacrifices Or your burnt offerings,  
Which are 2 1 These things you have done, and I continually before Me.  
kept silent; You thought that I was

altogether like you; But I will rebuke you,

'I will not take a bull from your house, And set them in order before  
your eyes.

Nor goats out of your folds.

2 2 Now consider this, you who forget

10 For every beast of the forest is Mine, God, Lest I tear you in pieces,  
And there

And the cattle on a thousand hills. be none to deliver:

1 2 I know all the birds of the mountains, 3 Whoever offers praise  
glorifies Me; And the wild beasts of the field are Mine. And to him  
who orders his conduct

aright I will show the salvation of God."

12 § If I were hungry, I would not tell you; For the world is Mine, and  
all its fullness. PSALM 51

1 1 3 Will I eat the flesh of bulls, Or drink the

Have mercy upon me, O God,

blood of goats? According to Your lovingkindness; According to the  
multitude of Your 13 Then I will teach transgressors Your tender

mercies, Blot out my ways, And sinners shall be converted to transgressions. You.

2<sup>1</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, 4<sup>2</sup> Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, And cleanse me from my sin. O God, The God of my salvation, And

my tongue shall sing aloud of Your

3 righteousness. For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

1 5

O Lord, open my lips, And my mouth

4 shall show forth Your praise. Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-- That

You may be found just when You speak, For You do not desire sacrifice, or else 1 6

And blameless when You judge. I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. 1 7 The sacrifices of God are a broken

spirit, A broken and a contrite heart--

6 These, O God, You will not despise. Behold, You desire truth in the inward

parts, And in the hidden part You will 8 Do good in Your good pleasure to

make me to know wisdom. 1

Zion; Build the walls of Jerusalem.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter 1 ' Then You shall be pleased with the than snow. sacrifices of

righteousness, With burnt

offering and whole burnt offering; Then

'Make me hear joy and gladness, That they shall offer bulls on Your altar. the bones You have broken may rejoice.

## PSALM 52

'Hide Your face from my sins, And blot

out all my iniquities. <sup>1</sup>Why do you boast in evil, O mighty <sup>1</sup> man? The goodness of God endures

0

Create in me a clean heart, O God, continually.

And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>2</sup>Your tongue devises destruction, Like a

<sup>1</sup>1

Do not cast me away from Your sharp razor, working deceitfully.

presence, And do not take Your Holy

Spirit from me. <sup>3</sup>You love evil more than good, Lying

rather than speaking

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, righteousness. Selah

And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>You love all devouring words, You they eat bread, And do not call upon

deceitful tongue. God?

<sup>5 5</sup> God shall likewise destroy you forever; There they are in great fear Where no He shall take you away, and pluck you fear was, For God has scattered the

out of your dwelling place, And uproot bones of him who encamps  
against you;

you from the land of the living.Selah You have put them to shame,  
Because

God has despised them.

6The righteous also shall see and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,  
6Oh, that the salvation of Israel would

come out of Zion! When God brings

7 back the captivity of His people, Let Here is the man who did not  
make

God his strength, But trusted in the Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.  
abundance of his riches, And

strengthened himself in his wickedness." PSALM 54

8But I am like a green olive tree in the Save me, O God, by Your name,  
And

1

house of God; I trust in the mercy of vindicate me by Your strength.  
God forever and ever.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the

'I will praise You forever, Because You words of my mouth. have done  
it; And in the presence of

Your saints I will wait on Your name, for 3For strangers have risen up  
against me,

it is good. And oppressors have sought after my

life; They have not set God before

PSALM 53 them.Selah



<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> The fool has said in his heart, "There is Behold, God is my helper;  
The Lord is no God." They are corrupt, and have with those who  
uphold my life. done abominable iniquity; There is none

who does good. <sup>5</sup>He will repay my enemies for their evil.

Cut them off in Your truth.

<sup>2</sup>God looks down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if  
there are any <sup>II</sup> I will freely sacrifice to You; I will

who understand, who seek God. praise Your name, O LORD, for it  
is

good.

<sup>3</sup>Every one of them has turned aside; <sup>7</sup>For He has delivered me out of  
all They have together become corrupt; There is none who does good,  
No, not trouble; And my eye has seen its desire

one. upon my enemies.

<sup>4</sup>Have the workers of iniquity no PSALM 55 knowledge, Who eat up  
my people as <sup>1</sup> Give ear to my prayer, O God, And do who hates me  
who has exalted himself

not hide Yourself from my supplication. against me; Then I could hide  
from him.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Attend to me, and hear me; I am <sup>3</sup>But it was you, a man my equal,  
My restless in my complaint, and moan companion and my  
acquaintance. noisily,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

We took sweet counsel together, And

3

Because of the voice of the enemy, walked to the house of God in

the

Because of the oppression of the throng, wicked; For they bring down trouble

upon me, And in wrath they hate me. <sup>15</sup>Let death seize them; Let them go

down alive into hell, For wickedness is

<sup>4</sup>My heart is severely pained within me, in their dwellings and among them. And the terrors of death have fallen

upon me. <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>As for me, I will call upon God, And the

LORD shall save me.

<sup>5</sup>Fearfulness and trembling have come

upon me, And horror has overwhelmed <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>Evening and morning and at noon I will me. pray, and cry aloud, And He shall hear

my voice.

<sup>6</sup>So I said, "Oh, that I had wings like a

dove! I would fly away and be at rest. <sup>1</sup> ' He has redeemed my soul in peace

from the battle that was against me, For

<sup>7</sup>Indeed, I would wander far off, And there were many against me. remain in the wilderness.Selah

<sup>1</sup> ' God will hear, and afflict them, Even

'I would hasten my escape From the He who abides from of old.Selah

windy storm and tempest." Because they do not change, Therefore

they do not fear God.

'Destroy, O Lord, and divide their OHe has put forth his hands against

tongues, For I have seen violence and <sup>2</sup> strife in the city. those who were at peace with him; He

has broken his covenant.

<sup>10</sup>Day and night they go around it on its walls; Iniquity and trouble  
are also in the <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

The words of his mouth were  
midst of it. smoother than butter, But war was in his  
heart; His words were softer than oil,  
<sup>11</sup> Yet they were drawn swords.

Destruction is in its midst; Oppression  
and deceit do not depart from its streets.

<sup>2</sup> Cast your burden on the LORD, And  
<sup>12</sup> He shall sustain you; He shall never

For it is not an enemy who reproaches  
me; Then I could bear it. Nor is it one permit the righteous to be  
moved. <sup>21</sup> <sup>3</sup>But You, O God, shall bring them <sup>1</sup> n God I have put my  
trust; I will not be down to the pit of destruction; afraid. What can  
man do to me? Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall not  
live out half their days; But I will trust in <sup>12</sup>Vows made to You are  
binding upon You. me, O God; I will render praises to You,

PSALM 56 <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For You have delivered my soul from  
death. Have You not kept my feet from  
<sup>1</sup> falling, That I may walk before God In Be merciful to me, O God, for  
man

would swallow me up; Fighting all day the light of the living? he  
oppresses me.

PSALM 57

<sup>2</sup>My enemies would hound me all day,

For there are many who fight against me, <sup>1</sup>Be merciful to me, O God,  
be merciful O Most High. to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in

<sup>3</sup>Whenever the shadow of Your wings I will make

I am afraid, I will trust in You. my refuge, Until these calamities have  
passed by.

<sup>4</sup>In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not  
fear. What <sup>2</sup>1 will cry out to God Most High, To God can flesh do to  
me? who performs all things for me.

<sup>5</sup>All day they twist my words; All their <sup>3</sup>He shall send from heaven  
and save

thoughts are against me for evil. me; He reproaches the one who  
would

swallow me up. Selah God shall send

<sup>6</sup> forth His mercy and His truth. They gather together, They hide, they  
mark my steps, When they lie in wait for

my life. <sup>4</sup> My soul is among lions; I lie among the

sons of men Who are set on fire, Whose

<sup>7</sup> teeth are spears and arrows, And their Shall they escape by iniquity?  
In anger

cast down the peoples, O God! tongue a sharp sword.

'You number my wanderings; Put my <sup>5</sup>Be exalted, O God, above the  
heavens;

tears into Your bottle; Are they not in Let Your glory be above all the  
earth.

Your book?

6 They have prepared a net for my steps;

'When I cry out to You, Then my My soul is bowed down; They have dug

enemies will turn back; This I know, a pit before me; Into the midst of it they

because God is for me. themselves have fallen. Selah

17 My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart O n God (I will praise His word), In the LORD (I will praise His word), is steadfast; I will sing and give praise.

88 Awake, my glory! Awake, lute and harp! Let them be like a snail which melts I will awaken the dawn. away as it goes, Like a stillborn child of

a woman, that they may not see the sun.

'I will praise You, O Lord, among the

peoples; I will sing to You among the 'Before your pots can feel the burning

nations. thorns, He shall take them away as with

a whirlwind, As in His living and burning

10 wrath.

For Your mercy reaches unto the

heavens, And Your truth unto the clouds. OThe righteous shall rejoice when he

1

11 sees the vengeance; He shall wash his

Be exalted, O God, above the

heavens; Let Your glory be above all the feet in the blood of the wicked, earth.

<sup>1</sup> So that men will say, "Surely there is a

PSALM 58 reward for the righteous; Surely He is

God who judges in the earth."

<sup>1</sup> Do you indeed speak righteousness, you silent ones? Do you judge  
uprightly, PSALM 59 you sons of men?

<sup>1</sup> Deliver me from my enemies, O my

<sup>2</sup> God; Defend me from those who rise up No, in heart you work  
wickedness; You

weigh out the violence of your hands in against me. the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,

<sup>3</sup> The wicked are estranged from the And save me from bloodthirsty  
men.

womb; They go astray as soon as they <sup>3</sup> For look, they lie in wait for  
my life; The

are born, speaking lies.

mighty gather against me, Not for my

<sup>4</sup> transgression nor for my sin, O LORD. Their poison is like the poison  
of a

serpent; They are like the deaf cobra

that stops its ear, <sup>4</sup> They run and prepare themselves

through no fault of mine. Awake to help

<sup>5</sup> me, and behold! Which will not heed the voice of

charmers, Charming ever so skillfully.

<sup>5</sup> You therefore, O LORD God of hosts,

6 the God of Israel, Awake to punish all Break their teeth in their mouth, O God!

Break out the fangs of the young lions, the nations; Do not be merciful to any

O LORD! wicked transgressors.Selah

7 SAI evening they return, They growl like

Let them flow away as waters which

run continually; When he bends his bow, a dog, And go all around the city. Let his arrows be as if cut in pieces.

7Indeed, they belch with their mouth; PSALM 60 Swords are in their lips; For they say,

"Who hears?" 1

O God, You have cast us off; You have

8 broken us down; You have been

But You, O LORD, shall laugh at them; displeased; Oh, restore us again!

You shall have all the nations in derision.

2You have made the earth tremble; You

'I will wait for You, O You his Strength; have broken it; Heal its breaches, for it

For God is my defense. is shaking.

10My God of mercy shall come to meet 3You have shown Your people hard

me; God shall let me see my desire on things; You have made us drink the

my enemies. wine of confusion.

1 4 1 Do not slay them, lest my people

You have given a banner to those who

forget; Scatter them by Your power, And fear You, That it may be displayed

bring them down, O Lord our shield. because of the truth. Selah

1 2 For the sin of their mouth and the

5 That Your beloved may be delivered,

words of their lips, Let them even be Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

taken in their pride, And for the cursing

and lying which they speak. 6 God has spoken in His holiness: "I will

1 rejoice; I will divide Shechem And 3 Consume them in wrath, consume

measure out the Valley of Succoth.

them, That they may not be; And let

them know that God rules in Jacob To 7

Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine;

the ends of the earth. Selah

Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;

1 Judah is My lawgiver. 4 And at evening they return, They growl like a dog, And go all around the city. 8

Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will



1 cast My shoe; Philistia, shout in triumph 5They wander up and down for food,

because of Me."

And howl if they are not satisfied.

1 Who will bring me to the strong city?

6 But I will sing of Your power; Yes, I will Who will lead me to Edom?

sing aloud of Your mercy in the morning;

For You have been my defense And 10A

s it not You, O God, who cast us off?

refuge in the day of my trouble.

And You, O God, who did not go out

1 with our armies? 7To You, O my Strength, I will sing praises; For God is my defense, My God 11

Give us help from trouble, For the help

of mercy. of man is useless.

12Through God we will do valiantly, For it 3How long will you attack a man? You

is He who shall tread down our enemies. shall be slain, all of you, Like a leaning

wall and a tottering fence.

**PSALM 61** 4They only consult to cast him down

1 from his high position; They delight in

Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my

prayer. lies; They bless with their mouth, But

they curse inwardly.Selah

<sup>2</sup>From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is  
overwhelmed; <sup>5</sup>My soul, wait silently for God alone, For

Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. my expectation is from Him.

<sup>3</sup>For You have been a shelter for me, A <sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my  
salvation;

strong tower from the enemy. He is my defense; I shall not be moved.

4

I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I <sup>7</sup>In God is my salvation and  
my glory;

will trust in the shelter of Your The rock of my strength, And my  
refuge,

wings.Selah is in God.

5

For You, O God, have heard my vows; <sup>8</sup>Trust in Him at all times, you  
people;

You have given me the heritage of those Pour out your heart before  
Him; God is

who fear Your name. a refuge for us.Selah

<sup>6</sup> <sup>9</sup>Surely men of low degree are a vapor, You will prolong the king's  
life, His years as many generations. Men of high degree are a lie; If  
they are

weighed on the scales, They are

7 altogether lighter than vapor.

He shall abide before God forever. Oh,

prepare mercy and truth, which may 1 0Do not trust in oppression,  
Nor vainly preserve him!

hope in robbery; If riches increase, Do

8 not set your heart on them.

So I will sing praise to Your name

forever, That I may daily perform my 1 1 God has spoken once, Twice  
I have VowS. heard this: That power belongs to God.

PSALM 62 12 Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy;

1 For You render to each one according to

Truly my soul silently waits for God; his work.

From Him comes my salvation.

2 PSALM 63

He only is my rock and my salvation;

He is my defense; I shall not be greatly

moved.

1 1 O God, You are my God; Early will I Hear my voice, O God, in my  
seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My meditation; Preserve my life  
from fear of

flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty the enemy. land Where there is

no water.

2 Hide me from the secret plots of the

2So I have looked for You in the wicked, From the rebellion of the  
sanctuary, To see Your power and Your workers of iniquity, glory.

3

Who sharpen their tongue like a sword,

3Because Your lovingkindness is better And bend their bows to shoot  
their

than life, My lips shall praise You. arrows--bitter words,

4 4 Thus I will bless You while I live; I will That they may shoot in  
secret at the lift up my hands in Your name. blameless; Suddenly they  
shoot at him

and do not fear.

5My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth  
5They encourage themselves in an evil shall praise You with joyful  
lips. matter; They talk of laying snares

secretly; They say, "Who will see them?"

6When I remember You on my bed, I 6They devise iniquities: "We  
have

meditate on You in the night watches.

perfected a shrewd scheme." Both the

7 inward thought and the heart of man are Because You have been my  
help,

Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I deep. will rejoice.

7 But God shall shoot at them with an

'My soul follows close behind You; Your arrow; Suddenly they shall be wounded.

right hand upholds me.

8 So He will make them stumble over

'But those who seek my life, to destroy it, their own tongue; All who see them shall

Shall go into the lower parts of the earth. flee away.

10 All men shall fear, And shall declare the They shall fall by the sword; They shall

be a portion for jackals. work of God; For they shall wisely

consider His doing.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God; 1 Everyone who swears by Him shall The righteous shall be glad in the 0

glory; But the mouth of those who speak LORD, and trust in Him. And all the

lies shall be stopped. upright in heart shall glory.

## PSALM 64 PSALM 65

11 Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion; 1 ou crown the year with Your And to You the vow shall be performed. goodness, And Your paths drip with

abundance.

2 O You who hear prayer, To You all

1 2

flesh will come. They drop on the pastures of the

wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on

3 every side. Iniquities prevail against me; As for our transgressions,  
You will provide

1 3

atonement for them. The pastures are clothed with flocks;

The valleys also are covered with grain;

4 They shout for joy, they also sing. Blessed is the man You choose,  
And cause to approach You, That he may

dwell in Your courts. We shall be PSALM 66 satisfied with the  
goodness of Your

house, Of Your holy temple. 1

Make a joyful shout to God, all the

5 earth!

By awesome deeds in righteousness

You will answer us, O God of our 2

salvation, You who are the confidence His praise glorious. Sing out the  
honor of His name; Make of all the ends of the earth, And of the

far-off seas; 3Say to God, "How awesome are Your 6 works! Through  
the greatness of Your

Who established the mountains by His power Your enemies shall  
submit

strength, Being clothed with power; themselves to You.

7You who still the noise of the seas, The All the earth shall worship  
You And sing

noise of their waves, And the tumult of praises to You; They shall sing

praises

the peoples. to Your name."Selah

8 They also who dwell in the farthest 5Come and see the works of God;  
He is parts are afraid of Your signs; You make awesome in His doing  
toward the sons

the outgoings of the morning and of men. evening rejoice.

6 He turned the sea into dry land; They

'You visit the earth and water it, You went through the river on foot.  
There we

greatly enrich it; The river of God is full will rejoice in Him. of water;  
You provide their grain, For so

You have prepared it. 7

He rules by His power forever; His eyes

1 observe the nations; Do not let the 0 ou water its ridges abundantly,  
You

rebellious exalt themselves.Selah

settle its furrows; You make it soft with

showers, You bless its growth.

8 2 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And 0Blessed be God, Who has not  
turned make the voice of His praise to be heard, away my prayer, Nor  
His mercy from

me!

'Who keeps our soul among the living,

And does not allow our feet to be moved. PSALM 67

11 OFor You, O God, have tested us; You

God be merciful to us and bless us,  
have refined us as silver is refined. And cause His face to shine upon  
us, Selah

11  
You brought us into the net; You laid  
affliction on our backs. 2 That Your way may be known on earth,  
Your salvation among all nations.

12  
You have caused men to ride over our  
heads; We went through fire and 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
Let  
through water; But You brought us out all the peoples praise You. to  
rich fulfillment.

1 joy! For You shall judge the people  
3 will go into Your house with burnt 4 Oh, let the nations be glad and  
sing for  
offerings; I will pay You my vows, righteously, And govern the nations  
on  
earth. Selah

14 Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was  
in trouble. 5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; Let  
all the peoples praise You.

15 a will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat  
animals, With the sweet aroma of rams; 6 Then the earth shall yield



her increase; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah God, our own God,  
shall bless us.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> 6 Come and hear, all you who fear God, God shall bless us, And all  
the ends of And I will declare what He has done for the earth shall  
fear Him. my soul.

<sup>1</sup> PSALM 68 <sup>7</sup> cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled  
with my tongue. <sup>1</sup>

Let God arise, Let His enemies be

<sup>1</sup> scattered; Let those also who hate Him

' If I regard iniquity in my heart, The flee before Him.

Lord will not hear.

<sup>2</sup> As smoke is driven away, So drive

<sup>1</sup>' But certainly God has heard me; He

them away; As wax melts before the fire,

has attended to the voice of my prayer. So let the wicked perish at the  
presence

of God.

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad; Let them a dove covered with silver,  
And her

rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice feathers with yellow gold."  
exceedingly.

<sup>14</sup>

When the Almighty scattered kings in it,

<sup>4</sup> Sing to God, sing praises to His name; It was white as snow in  
Zalmon. Extol Him who rides on the clouds, By

His name YAH, And rejoice before Him. <sup>1</sup> 5A mountain of God is the mountain of

Bashan; A mountain of many peaks is

<sup>5</sup>A father of the fatherless, a defender of the mountain of Bashan.  
widows, <sup>1s</sup> God in His holy habitation.

<sup>16</sup>Why do you fume with envy, you

<sup>6</sup>God sets the solitary in families; He mountains of many peaks? This is the

brings out those who are bound into mountain which God desires to dwell in;

prosperity; But the rebellious dwell in a Yes, the LORD will dwell in it forever.

dry land.

<sup>1</sup> 7

The chariots of God are twenty

<sup>7</sup>O God, when You went out before Your thousand, Even thousands of people, When You marched through the thousands; The Lord is among them as

wilderness, Selah in Sinai, in the Holy Place.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> The earth shook; The heavens also <sup>8</sup>You have ascended on high, You have dropped rain at the presence of God; led captivity captive; You have received

Sinai itself was moved at the presence gifts among men, Even from the of God, the God of Israel. rebellious, That the LORD God might

dwell there.

'You, O God, sent a plentiful rain,

Whereby <sup>1</sup> You confirmed Your ' Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads inheritance, When it was weary. us with benefits, The God of our

10Your congregation dwelt in it; You, O

2 0

God, provided from Your goodness for Our God is the God of salvation; And

the poor. to GOD the Lord belong escapes from

death.

11The Lord gave the word; Great was the company of those who proclaimed it: 2 1But God will wound the head of His

enemies, The hairy scalp of the one who

12a Kings of armies flee, they flee, And still goes on in his trespasses. she who remains at home divides the

spoil. 2 2The Lord said, "I will bring back from

Bashan, I will bring them back from the

13Though you lie down among the depths of the sea,

sheepfolds, You will be like the wings of 23That your foot may crush them in 33To Him who rides on the heaven of

blood, And the tongues of your dogs heavens, which were of old! Indeed, He

may have their portion from your sends out His voice, a mighty voice. enemies."

2 They have seen Your procession, 0 excellence is over Israel, And His

4 34Ascribe strength to God; His

God, The procession of my God, my strength is in the clouds. King, into the sanctuary.

2 Your holy places. The God of Israel is

5The singers went before, the players o God, You are more awesome  
than

on instruments followed after; Among He who gives strength and  
power to His

them were the maidens playing timbrels. people. Blessed be God!

26Bless God in the congregations, The

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Lord, from the fountain of Israel.

1 Save me, O God! For the waters have

27There is little Benjamin, their leader, come up to my neck. The  
princes of Judah and their company,

The princes of Zebulun and the princes 2 1 sink in deep mire, Where  
there is no of Naphtali. standing; I have come into deep waters,

2 Where the floods overflow me.

' Your God has commanded your

strength; Strengthen, O God, what You Al am weary with my crying;  
My throat is have done for us. dry; My eyes fail while I wait for my  
God.

2 ' Because of Your temple at Jerusalem,

4Those who hate me without a cause

Kings will bring presents to You.

Are more than the hairs of my head;

30Rebuke the beasts of the reeds, The They are mighty who would

destroy me,

Being my enemies wrongfully; Though I

herd of bulls with the calves of the have stolen nothing, I still must restore it.

peoples, Till everyone submits himself

with pieces of silver. Scatter the peoples <sup>5</sup>

O God, You know my foolishness; And

who delight in war.

my sins are not hidden from You.

<sup>31</sup>Envoys will come out of Egypt; <sup>6</sup> Let not those who wait for You, O Lord Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her GOD of hosts, be ashamed because of hands to God. me; Let not those who seek You be <sup>3</sup> confounded because of me, O God of

<sup>2</sup>Sing to God, you kingdoms of the Israel.

earth; Oh, sing praises to the Lord, Selah

<sup>7</sup>Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Shame has covered my face.

<sup>8 1</sup> I have become a stranger to my ' You know my reproach, my shame, brothers, And an alien to my mother's and my dishonor; My adversaries are all

children; before You.

'Because zeal for Your house has eaten <sup>2</sup> OReproach has broken my heart, And I me up, And the reproaches of those am full of heaviness; I looked for

who reproach You have fallen on me. someone to take pity, but there was

none; And for comforters, but I found

10When I wept and chastened my soul none.

with fasting, That became my reproach. 1They also gave me gall for my food,

2

1 1a also made sackcloth my garment; I And for my thirst they gave me vinegar

became a byword to them. to drink.

1 Let their table become a snare before Those who sit in the gate speak

2 2

against me, And I am the song of the them, And their well-being a trap.

drunkards. 3Let their eyes be darkened, so that

2

13But as for me, my prayer is to You, O they do not see; And make  
their loins

LORD, in the acceptable time; O God, in shake continually.

the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in

2 4

the truth of Your salvation. Pour out Your indignation upon them,

And let Your wrathful anger take hold of

14 them.

Deliver me out of the mire, And let me

not sink; Let me be delivered from those 5Let their dwelling place be desolate;

who hate me, And out of the deep 2 waters. Let no one live in their tents.

1 2 5Let not the floodwater overflow me, 6For they persecute the ones You have Nor let the deep swallow me up; And let struck, And talk of the grief of those You

not the pit shut its mouth on me. have wounded.

1 2 6 7 Hear me, O LORD, for Your Add iniquity to their iniquity, And let lovingkindness is good; Turn to me them not come into Your righteousness.

according to the multitude of Your

tender mercies. 2 8

Let them be blotted out of the book of  
the living, And not be written with the

17And do not hide Your face from Your righteous.

servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me

speedily. 2 ' But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your

salvation, O God, set me up on high.

1' Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

30 will praise the name of God with a 5But I am poor and needy; Make haste song, And will magnify Him with to me, O God! You are my help and my

thanksgiving. deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.

31

This also shall please the LORD better PSALM 71  
than an ox or bull, Which has horns and  
hooves. 1

In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me

3 never be put to shame. 2 The humble shall see this and be glad; And  
you who seek God, your hearts 2

Deliver me in Your righteousness, and  
shall live.

cause me to escape; Incline Your ear to

33 me, and save me. For the LORD hears the poor, And  
does not despise His prisoners. 3 Be my strong refuge, To which I may

34 resort continually; You have given the Let heaven and earth praise  
Him, The commandment to save me, For You are  
seas and everything that moves in them. my rock and my fortress.

35 For God will save Zion And build the 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of  
the hand cities of Judah, That they may dwell of the wicked, Out of  
the hand of the  
there and possess it. unrighteous and cruel man.



3 5 6 Also, the descendants of His servants For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;

shall inherit it, And those who love His You are my trust from my youth. name shall dwell in it.

6By You I have been upheld from birth;

PSALM 70 You are He who took me out of my

mother's womb. My praise shall be

1 continually of You. Make haste, O God, to deliver me! Make haste to help me, O LORD!

7 I have become as a wonder to many,

2 But You are my strong refuge. Let them be ashamed and confounded Who seek my life; Let them be turned

back and confused Who desire my hurt. 8Let my mouth be filled with Your praise

And with Your glory all the day.

3Let them be turned back because of

their shame, Who say, "Aha, aha!" 'Do not cast me off in the time of old

age; Do not forsake me when my

4 strength fails. Let all those who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; And let those who love

Your salvation say continually, "Let God

be magnified!"

10For my enemies speak against me; And bring me up again from the depths

And those who lie in wait for my life take of the earth. counsel together,

You shall increase my greatness, And

<sup>1</sup><sup>1</sup>Saying, "God has forsaken him; comfort me on every side.

Pursue and take him, for there is none

to deliver him." <sup>2</sup> Also with the lute I will praise You--

And Your faithfulness, O my God! To

<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup>

o God, do not be far from me; O my You I will sing with the harp, O  
Holy One

God, make haste to help me! of Israel.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> them Let be confounded and <sup>3</sup>My lips shall greatly rejoice when I  
consumed Who are adversaries of my sing to You, And my soul, which  
You

life; Let them be covered with reproach have redeemed. and dishonor  
Who seek my hurt.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>My tongue also shall talk of Your

<sup>1</sup><sup>4</sup>But I will hope continually, And will righteousness all the day long;  
For they

praise You yet more and more. are confounded, For they are brought  
to

shame Who seek my hurt.

<sup>1</sup><sup>5</sup>My mouth shall tell of Your

righteousness And Your salvation all the PSALM 72 day,  
For I do not know their limits.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>6</sup> will go in the strength of the Lord <sup>1</sup>Give the king Your judgments, O  
God,

And Your righteousness to the king's

GOD; I will make mention of Your Son. righteousness, of Yours only.

2 He will judge Your people with

17 O God, You have taught me from my righteousness, And Your poor  
with

youth; And to this day I declare Your justice. wondrous works.

1 3 The mountains will bring peace to the

' Now also when I am old and people, And the little hills, by

grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, righteousness. Until I declare  
Your strength to this

generation, Your power to everyone 4 He will bring justice to the  
poor of the who is to come.

people; He will save the children of the

1 needy, And will break in pieces the

' Also Your righteousness, O God, is oppressor.

very high, You who have done great

things; O God, who is like You? 5

They shall fear You As long as the sun

2 and moon endure, Throughout all O You, who have shown me great  
and generations.

severe troubles, Shall revive me again, 6 He shall come down like rain  
upon the those of the city shall flourish like grass

grass before mowing, Like showers that of the earth. water the earth.

7In His days the righteous shall flourish, name shall continue as long as the sun.

And abundance of peace, Until the And men shall be blessed in Him;  
All

moon is no more. nations shall call Him blessed.

8 1 He shall have dominion also from sea 8Blessed be the LORD God,  
the God of to sea, And from the River to the ends of Israel, Who only  
does wondrous things!

the earth.

1 ' And blessed be His glorious name

'Those who dwell in the wilderness will forever! And let the whole  
earth be filled

bow before Him, And His enemies will with His glory. Amen and  
Amen. lick the dust.

20The prayers of David the son of Jesse

10The kings of Tarshish and of the isles are ended.

Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba

and Seba Will offer gifts. PSALM 73

11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before 1TruIy God is good to Israel, To  
such as Him; All nations shall serve Him. are pure in heart.

12For He will deliver the needy when he 2 But as for me, my feet had  
almost cries, The poor also, and him who has stumbled; My steps had  
nearly slipped.

no helper.

<sup>1</sup> For I was envious of the boastful, When <sup>3</sup>He will spare the poor and needy, And

I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

will save the souls of the needy.

<sup>4</sup> For there are no pangs in their death,

<sup>14</sup> He will redeem their life from But their strength is firm. oppression and violence; And precious

shall be their blood in His sight. <sup>5</sup>They are not in trouble as other men,

<sup>1</sup> Nor are they plagued like other men. <sup>5</sup> And He shall live; And the gold of

Sheba will be given to Him; Prayer also <sup>6</sup>

Therefore pride serves as their

will be made for Him continually, And

necklace; Violence covers them like a

daily He shall be praised.

garment.

<sup>16</sup>There will be an abundance of grain in

<sup>7</sup>Their eyes bulge with abundance; They

the earth, On the top of the mountains;

have more than heart could wish.

Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon; And <sup>8 2</sup> They scoff and speak wickedly <sup>0</sup>As a dream when one awakes, So, concerning oppression; They speak Lord, when You awake, You shall

loftily. despise their image.

"They set their mouth against the 2 1

Thus my heart was grieved, And I was  
heavens, And their tongue walks vexed in my mind. through the earth.

2 2a was so foolish and ignorant; I was

10Therefore his people return here, And like a beast before You.  
waters of a full cup are drained by them.

2 3Nevertheless I am continually with

11And they say, "How does God know?

You; You hold me by my right hand.

And is there knowledge in the Most

High?" 2 4 ou will guide me with Your counsel,

And afterward receive me to glory.

12

Behold, these are the ungodly, Who  
are always at ease; They increase in 2 5

Whom have I in heaven but You? And

riches. there is none upon earth that I desire

1

3Surely I have cleansed my heart in besides You.

vain, And washed my hands in 2 6My flesh and my heart fail; But God  
is innocence. the strength of my heart and my portion

forever.

14

For all day long I have been plagued,  
And chastened every morning. 2 7For indeed, those who are far from  
1 those who desert You for harlotry. 5) I had said, "I will speak thus,"  
Behold, You shall perish; You have destroyed all  
I would have been untrue to the  
generation of Your children. 2 8But it is good for me to draw near to

1 God; I have put my trust in the Lord 6When I thought how to  
understand this,  
GOD, That I may declare all Your works.  
It was too painful for me--

1 PSALM 74 7 Until I went into the sanctuary of God; Then I  
understood their end. 1  
O God, why have You cast us off  
1 forever? Why does Your anger smoke 8Surely You set them in  
slippery places;  
against the sheep of Your pasture?  
You cast them down to destruction.

1  
9Oh, how they are brought to desolation, 2 Remember Your  
congregation, which  
You have purchased of old, The tribe of  
as in a moment! They are utterly Your inheritance, which You have

consumed with terrors.

redeemed-- This Mount Zion where You 13 ou divided the sea by Your strength; have dwelt. You broke the heads of the sea

serpents in the waters.

3Lift up Your feet to the perpetual

desolations. The enemy has damaged 1 4 ou broke the heads of Leviathan in everything in the sanctuary. pieces, And gave him as food to the

people inhabiting the wilderness.

4Your enemies roar in the midst of Your 5 ou broke open the fountain and the

meeting place; They set up their 1 banners for signs. flood; You dried up mighty rivers.

5 1 They seem like men who lift up Axes 6The day is Yours, the night also is among the thick trees. Yours; You have prepared the light and

the sun.

6And now they break down its carved work, all at once, With axes and 1 7 ou have set all the borders of the hammers. earth; You have made summer and

winter.

7They have set fire to Your sanctuary; They have defiled the dwelling place of 1 8Remember this, that the enemy has Your name to the ground. reproached, 0 LORD, And that a foolish

people has blasphemed Your name.

"They said in their hearts, "Let us

destroy them altogether." They have 1 ' Oh, do not deliver the life of Your burned up all the meeting places of God turtledove to the wild beast! Do not



in the land. forget the life of Your poor forever.

'We do not see our signs; There is no <sup>2</sup> 0Have respect to the covenant;  
For the longer any prophet; Nor is there any dark places of the earth  
are full of the

among us who knows how long. haunts of cruelty.

<sup>1 2</sup> 01

O God, how long will the adversary 0 h, do not let the oppressed  
return

reproach? Will the enemy blaspheme ashamed! Let the poor and  
needy praise

Your name forever? Your name.

<sup>1 2</sup> 12

Why do You withdraw Your hand, Arise, O God, plead Your own  
cause;

even Your right hand? Take it out of Remember how the foolish man

Your bosom and destroy them. reproaches You daily.

<sup>1 2</sup> 2For God is my King from of old, <sup>3</sup>Do not forget the voice of Your  
Working salvation in the midst of the enemies; The tumult of those  
who rise

earth. up against You increases continually.

PSALM 75 <sup>1</sup>In Judah God is known; His name is  
great in Israel.

<sup>1</sup> We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks! For Your wondrous  
works <sup>2</sup> In Salem also is His tabernacle, And

declare that Your name is near. His dwelling place in Zion.

2 3There He broke the arrows of the bow,

When I choose the proper time, I will  
judge uprightly. The shield and sword of battle.Selah

3The earth and all its inhabitants are 4You are more glorious and  
excellent  
dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly.Selah Than the mountains of prey.

4 5The stouthearted were plundered; They I said to the boastful, "Do  
not deal boastfully,' And to the wicked, "Do not lift have sunk into  
their sleep; And none of

up the horn. the mighty men have found the use of  
their hands.

5Do not lift up your horn on high; Do not

6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both  
speak with a stiff neck."

the chariot and horse were cast into a  
6 dead sleep.

For exaltation comes neither from the

east Nor from the west nor from the 7 You, Yourself, are to be feared;  
And south.

who may stand in Your presence When  
7 once You are angry?

But God is the Judge: He puts down

one, And exalts another. <sup>8</sup>You caused judgment to be heard from <sup>8</sup>heaven; The earth feared and was still,

For in the hand of the LORD there is a

cup, And the wine is red; It is fully mixed,

and He pours it out; Surely its dregs 'When God arose to judgment, To  
shall all the wicked of the earth Drain deliver all the oppressed of the  
and drink down. earth.Selah

'But I will declare forever, I will sing SureIy the wrath of man shall  
praise <sup>1</sup> 0

praises to the God of Jacob. You; With the remainder of wrath You  
shall gird Yourself.

<sup>1</sup> 0§§All the horns of the wicked I will also cut off, But the horns of  
the righteous Make vows to the LORD your God, <sup>1</sup> 1

shall be exalted." and pay them; Let all who are around

Him bring presents to Him who ought to  
be feared.

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<sup>12</sup>He shall cut off the spirit of princes; He is awesome to the kings of  
the earth.

<sup>1</sup> 2 will also meditate on all Your work,

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And talk of Your deeds.

1 I cried out to God with my voice-- To 3 Your way, O God, is in the sanctuary;

1

God with my voice; And He gave ear to  
me. Who is so great a God as our God?

2 14 You are the God who does wonders;

In the day of my trouble I sought the

Lord; My hand was stretched out in the You have declared Your  
strength among

night without ceasing; My soul refused the peoples. to be comforted.

1 5 You have with Your arm redeemed

I I remembered God, and was troubled; I Your people, The sons of  
Jacob and

complained, Joseph. Selah and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah

1 6

The waters saw You, O God; The

4 waters saw You, they were afraid; The You hold my eyelids open; I  
am so

troubled that I cannot speak. depths also trembled.

5 1 7 The clouds poured out water; The

1 have considered the days of old, The

years of ancient times. skies sent out a sound; Your arrows

also flashed about.

61 call to remembrance my song in the 1 8 night; I meditate within my heart, And The voice of Your thunder was in the

my spirit makes diligent search. whirlwind; The lightnings lit up the world;

The earth trembled and shook.

7Will the Lord cast off forever? And will He be favorable no more? 1 ' Your way was in the sea, Your path in

the great waters, And Your footsteps

8 were not known.

Has His mercy ceased forever? Has

His promise failed forevermore? 2 OYou led Your people like a flock By the

hand of Moses and Aaron.

'Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has

He in anger shut up His tender

mercies?Selah PSALM 78

1 1 OAnd I said, "This is my anguish; But I Give ear, O my people, to my law;

will remember the years of the right Incline your ears to the words of my

hand of the Most High." mouth.

1 2 I will remember the works of the 1 will open my mouth in a parable; I will LORD; Surely I will remember Your utter dark sayings of old, wonders of old.

3Which we have heard and known, And 13He divided the sea and

caused them our fathers have told us. to pass through; And He made the

waters stand up like a heap.

4We will not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to 14 n the daytime also He led them with come the praises of the LORD, And His the cloud, And all the night with a light of

strength and His wonderful works that fire. He has done.

1 5

He split the rocks in the wilderness,

5For He established a testimony in And gave them drink in abundance like

Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, the depths. Which He commanded our fathers, That

they should make them known to their 1 6He also brought streams out of the children; rock, And caused waters to run down

like rivers.

6That the generation to come might

know them, The children who would be 1 7But they sinned even more against born, That they may arise and declare Him By rebelling against the Most High

them to their children, in the wilderness.

7 1 That they may set their hope in God, 8And they tested God in their heart By And not forget the works of God, But asking for the food of their fancy. keep His commandments;

1 ' Yes, they spoke against God: They

8And may not be like their fathers, A said, "Can God prepare a table in the

stubborn and rebellious generation, A wilderness? generation that did not set its heart

aright, And whose spirit was not faithful 2 OBehold, He struck the rock, So that the to God.

waters gushed out, And the streams  
overflowed. Can He give bread also?

'The children of Ephraim, being armed Can He provide meat for His people?

and carrying bows, Turned back in the

day of battle. 2 1Therefore the LORD heard this and

1 was furious; So a fire was kindled 0They did not keep the covenant of

against Jacob, And anger also came up  
God; They refused to walk in His law, against Israel,

11 2Because they did not believe in God,

And forgot His works And His wonders 2  
that He had shown them. And did not trust in His salvation.

1 2Marvelous things He did in the sight of 3 et He had commanded the clouds their fathers, In the land of Egypt, in the above, And opened the doors of heaven,

field of Zoan.

24 36Nevertheless they flattered Him with

Had rained down manna on them to  
eat, And given them of the bread of their mouth, And they lied to Him  
with  
heaven. their tongue;

25 37 Men ate angels' food; He sent them For their heart was not  
steadfast with  
food to the full. Him, Nor were they faithful in His  
covenant.

26  
He caused an east wind to blow in the  
38  
heavens; And by His power He brought But He, being full of  
compassion,  
in the south wind. forgave their iniquity, And did not  
destroy them. Yes, many a time He

27 He also rained meat on them like the turned His anger away, And  
did not stir  
dust, Feathered fowl like the sand of the up all His wrath; seas;  
3' For He remembered that they were but  
28 And He let them fall in the midst of flesh, A breath that passes away  
and  
their camp, All around their dwellings. does not come again.

4 0 How often they provoked Him in the  
2' So they ate and were well filled, For He gave them their own desire.  
wilderness, And grieved Him in the



desert!

30 They were not deprived of their craving; But while their food was still in Yes, again and again they tempted 4 1

their mouths, God, And limited the Holy One of Israel.

3 They did not remember His power: The wrath of God came against them,

1 4 2

And slew the stoutest of them, And The day when He redeemed them from

struck down the choice men of Israel. the enemy,

32 n spite of this they still sinned, And did 4 3 When He worked His signs in Egypt,

not believe in His wondrous works. And His wonders in the field of Zoan;

33 Therefore their days He consumed in 4 4 Turned their rivers into blood, And

futility, And their years in fear. their streams, that they could not drink.

3 He sent swarms of flies among them, When He slew them, then they sought

4 4 5

Him; And they returned and sought which devoured them, And frogs, which

earnestly for God. destroyed them.

5 Then they remembered that God was 4 6 He also gave their crops to the

their rock, And the Most High God their caterpillar, And their labor to the locust.

Redeemer.

4 5 78 For they provoked Him to anger with He destroyed their vines with hail, And

their sycamore trees with frost. their high places, And moved Him to

jealousy with their carved images.

4' He also gave up their cattle to the hail, And their flocks to fiery lightning. 5 ' When God heard this, He was furious,

And greatly abhorred Israel,

4' He cast on them the fierceness of His

6 0

anger, Wrath, indignation, and trouble, So that He forsook the tabernacle of

By sending angels of destruction among Shiloh, The tent He had placed among

them. men,

5 6 0 He made a path for His anger; He did 1 And delivered His strength into not spare their soul from death, But captivity, And His glory into the enemy's gave their life over to the plague, hand.

5 6 1 2 He also gave His people over to the And destroyed all the firstborn in Egypt, The first of their strength in the tents of sword, And was furious with His

Ham. inheritance.

5 6 2But He made His own people go forth 3The fire consumed their  
young men, like sheep, And guided them in the And their maidens  
were not given in

wilderness like a flock; marriage.

5 6 4Their priests fell by the sword, And 3And He led them on safely,  
so that they did not fear; But the sea their widows made no  
lamentation. overwhelmed their enemies.

6 5Then the Lord awoke as from sleep,

54

And He brought them to His holy Like a mighty man who shouts  
because

border, This mountain which His right of wine. hand had acquired.

66And He beat back His enemies; He put

55He also drove out the nations before them to a perpetual reproach.

them, Allotted them an inheritance by

survey, And made the tribes of Israel 67Moreover He rejected the  
tent of

dwell in their tents. Joseph, And did not choose the tribe of

Ephraim,

56

Yet they tested and provoked the Most

High God, And did not keep His 6 8

But chose the tribe of Judah, Mount

testimonies, Zion which He loved.

57But turned back and acted unfaithfully 6' And He built His sanctuary  
like the

like their fathers; They were turned heights, Like the earth which He  
has

aside like a deceitful bow. established forever.

7 8 0He also chose David His servant, And Oh, do not remember  
former iniquities

took him from the sheepfolds; against us! Let Your tender mercies

come speedily to meet us, For we have

71 been brought very low. From following the ewes that had young He  
brought him, To shepherd

Jacob His people, And Israel His 'Help us, O God of our salvation, For  
inheritance. the glory of Your name; And deliver us,

and provide atonement for our sins, For

72 Your name's sake! So he shepherded them according to

the integrity of his heart, And guided 0Why should the nations say,  
"Where is

them by the skillfulness of his hands. 1

their God?" Let there be known among

PSALM 79 the nations in our sight The avenging of  
the blood of Your servants which has

1 been shed.

O God, the nations have come into

Your inheritance; Your holy temple they 11Let the groaning of the

prisoner come have defiled; They have laid Jerusalem before You;  
According to the greatness in heaps. of Your power Preserve those  
who are <sup>2</sup> appointed to die;

The dead bodies of Your servants They

have given as food for the birds of the <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>And return to our neighbors  
sevenfold heavens, The flesh of Your saints to the

into their bosom Their reproach with  
beasts of the earth.

which they have reproached You, O

<sup>3</sup>Their blood they have shed like water Lord.

all around Jerusalem, And there was no <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>So we, Your people and  
sheep of Your one to bury them. pasture, Will give You thanks forever;  
<sup>4</sup> We will show forth Your praise to all

We have become a reproach to our generations.

neighbors, A scorn and derision to those

who are around us.

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<sup>5</sup>How long, LORD? Will You be angry forever? Will Your jealousy burn  
like <sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You

fire? who lead Joseph like a flock; You who

dwell between the cherubim, shine forth!

<sup>6</sup>Pour out Your wrath on the nations that do not know You, And on  
the kingdoms <sup>2</sup> Before Ephraim, Benjamin, and

that do not call on Your name. Manasseh, Stir up Your strength, And

come and save us!

7For they have devoured Jacob, And 3Restore us, O God; Cause Your face to

laid waste his dwelling place.

shine, And we shall be saved!

41 O LORD God of hosts, How long will 6It is burned with fire, it is cut down; You be angry Against the prayer of Your They perish at the rebuke of Your

people? countenance.

517

You have fed them with the bread of Let Your hand be upon the man of

tears, And given them tears to drink in Your right hand, Upon the son of man

great measure. whom You made strong for Yourself.

61 You have made us a strife to our 8Then we will not turn back from You; neighbors, And our enemies laugh Revive us, and we will call upon Your

among themselves. name.

71 Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause ' Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; Your face to shine, And we shall be Cause Your face to shine, And we shall

saved! be saved!

<sup>8</sup>You have brought a vine out of Egypt; PSALM 81 You have cast out the nations, and

planted it. <sup>1</sup>

Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a  
joyful shout to the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup>You prepared room for it, And caused it  
to take deep root, And it filled the land. <sup>2</sup>

Raise a song and strike the timbrel,

<sup>1</sup> The pleasant harp with the lute. <sup>0</sup>The hills were covered with its shadow,

And the mighty cedars with its boughs. <sup>3</sup>Blow the trumpet at the time of the New

<sup>1</sup> Moon, At the full moon, on our solemn <sup>1</sup> She sent out her boughs to the Sea, feast day.

And her branches to the River.

<sup>4</sup> For this is a statute for Israel, A law of

<sup>12</sup>

Why have You broken down her the God of Jacob.  
hedges, So that all who pass by the way  
pluck her fruit? <sup>5</sup>This He established in Joseph as a

<sup>1</sup> testimony, When He went throughout <sup>3</sup>The boar out of the woods uproots it,

the land of Egypt, Where I heard a  
And the wild beast of the field devours it. language I did not

understand.

1 6 4Return, we beseech You, O God of I removed his shoulder from  
the

hosts; Look down from heaven and see, burden; His hands were freed  
from the

And visit this vine baskets.

1 7 5And the vineyard which Your right

You called in trouble, and I delivered

hand has planted, And the branch that you; I answered you in the  
secret place

You made strong for Yourself.

of thunder; I tested you at the waters of 2How long will you judge  
unjustly, And Meribah.SeIah show partiality to the wicked?SeIah

8 3 Hear, O My people, and I will

Defend the poor and fatherless; Do

admonish you! O Israel, if you will listen justice to the afflicted and  
needy. to Me!

4Deliver the poor and needy; Free them

"There shall be no foreign god among from the hand of the wicked.  
you; Nor shall you worship any foreign

god. 5They do not know, nor do they

1 darkness; All the foundations of the

0a am the LORD your God, Who understand; They walk about in



brought you out of the land of Egypt; earth are unstable. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.

61 said, "You are gods, And all of you are

11 But My people would not heed My

children of the Most High.

voice, And Israel would have none of

Me. 7 But you shall die like men, And fall like

one of the princes."

12

So I gave them over to their own

stubborn heart, To walk in their own 8Arise, O God, judge the earth;  
For You counsels. shall inherit all nations.

13 §

0 h, that My people would listen to Me, PSALM 83

That Israel would walk in My ways!

1

4a would soon subdue their enemies, 1Do not keep silent, 0 God! Do  
not hold

Your peace, And do not be still, 0 God!

And turn My hand against their

adversaries. 2

For behold, Your enemies make a

1 tumult; And those who hate You have 5The haters of the LORD

would pretend

lifted up their head.

submission to Him, But their fate would

endure forever. 3They have taken crafty counsel against

1 Your people, And consulted together 6

He would have fed them also with the against Your sheltered ones.  
finest of wheat; And with honey from the  
rock I would have satisfied you." 4

They have said, "Come, and let us cut  
them off from being a nation, That the

PSALM 82 name of Israel may be remembered no  
more."

1 God stands in the congregation of the mighty; He judges among the  
gods.

5 1 For they have consulted together with 8That they may know that  
You, whose one consent; They form a confederacy name alone is the  
LORD, Are the Most

against You: High over all the earth.

6The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; PSALM 84 Moab and the  
Hagrites;

1How lovely is Your tabernacle, O LORD

<sup>7</sup>Gebal, Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia of hosts! with the inhabitants  
of Tyre;

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, yes, even faints For the

<sup>8</sup> Assyria also has joined with them; They courts of the LORD; My  
heart and my

have helped the children of Lot. Selah flesh cry out for the living God.

Deal with them as with Midian, As with <sup>3</sup>Even the sparrow has found  
a home,

Sisera, As with Jabin at the Brook And the swallow a nest for herself,

Kishon, Where she may lay her young-- Even

<sup>1</sup> and my God.

O Who perished at En Dor, Who became Your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
My King

as refuse on the earth.

<sup>1</sup> house; They will still be praising

<sup>1</sup> Make their nobles like Oreb and like <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who dwell in  
Your

Zeeb, Yes, all their princes like Zebah You. Selah and Zalmunna,

<sup>1</sup> You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage.

<sup>2</sup> Who said, "Let us take for ourselves <sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man whose  
strength is in

The pastures of God for a possession."

<sup>6</sup> As they pass through the Valley of

13 O my God, make them like the whirling Baca, They make it a  
spring; The rain

dust, Like the chaff before the wind! also covers it with pools.

17 4As the fire burns the woods, And as They go from strength to  
strength; Each

the flame sets the mountains on fire, one appears before God in Zion.

18 50 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; So pursue them with Your  
tempest, And frighten them with Your storm. Give ear, O God of  
Jacob! Selah

16 Fill their faces with shame, That they 'O God, behold our shield,  
And look

may seek Your name, O LORD. upon the face of Your anointed.

11 70 For a day in Your courts is better than

Let them be confounded and

dismayed forever; Yes, let them be put a thousand. I would rather be a  
to shame and perish, doorkeeper in the house of my God people and  
to His saints; But let them

Than dwell in the tents of wickedness. not turn back to folly.

19 1

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; Surely His salvation is near  
to those

The LORD will give grace and glory; No who fear Him, That glory may  
dwell in

good thing will He withhold From those our land. who walk uprightly.

1 0Mercy and truth have met together;

12

0 LORD of hosts, Blessed is the man Righteousness and peace have  
kissed.

who trusts in You!

1 1

Truth shall spring out of the earth, And

PSALM 85 righteousness shall look down from  
heaven.

1 LORD, You have been favorable to 2 es, the LORD will give what is  
good;

1

Your land; You have brought back the  
captivity of Jacob. And our land will yield its increase.

2 1 3Righteousness will go before Him, And

You have forgiven the iniquity of Your

people; You have covered all their shall make His footsteps our  
pathway.

sin.Selah

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3

You have taken away all Your wrath;

You have turned from the fierceness of 1Bow down Your ear, O LORD,

hear me; Your anger. For I am poor and needy.

<sup>4</sup>Restore us, O God of our salvation, Preserve my life, for I am holy;  
You are

2

And cause Your anger toward us to my God; Save Your servant who  
trusts

cease. in You!

<sup>5</sup>Will You be angry with us forever? Will <sup>3</sup>Be merciful to me, O Lord,  
For I cry to

You prolong Your anger to all You all day long. generations?

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to

<sup>6</sup>Will You not revive us again, That Your You, O Lord, I lift up my  
soul. people may rejoice in You?

<sup>5</sup>For You, Lord, are good, and ready to

<sup>7</sup>Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant forgive, And abundant in  
mercy to all

us Your salvation. those who call upon You.

<sup>8</sup>I will hear what God the LORD will Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;  
And <sup>6</sup>

speak, For He will speak peace To His attend to the voice of my  
supplications.

<sup>7</sup>In the day of my trouble I will call upon ashamed, Because You,  
LORD, have

You, For You will answer me. helped me and comforted me.

<sup>8</sup>Among the gods there is none like You, PSALM 87 O Lord; Nor are there any works like

Your works. <sup>1</sup>

His foundation is in the holy mountains.

All nations whom You have made Shall <sup>2</sup> The LORD loves the gates of Zion

come and worship before You, O Lord,

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

And shall glorify Your name.

<sup>1</sup> Glorious things are spoken of you, O

O For You are great, and do wondrous <sup>3</sup>

city of God! Se Iah

things; You alone are God.

<sup>1</sup> Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will <sup>1 4</sup> I will make mention of Rahab and

Babylon to those who know Me; Behold,

walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: "This

Your name.

one was born there.'

<sup>12a</sup> will praise You, O Lord my God, with

<sup>5</sup>And of Zion it will be said, "This one

all my heart, And I will glorify Your name

and that one were born in her; And the  
forevermore.

Most High Himself shall establish her."

13

For great is Your mercy toward me, 6

The LORD will record, When He

And You have delivered my soul from registers the peoples: "This one  
was

the depths of Sheol.

born there."Selah

14

o God, the proud have risen against 7

me, And a mob of violent men have Both the singers and the players  
on

instruments say, "All my springs are in

sought my life, And have not set You

you."

before them.

1 PSALM 88 5But You, O Lord, are a God full of

compassion, and gracious, 1 O LORD, God of my salvation, I have  
Longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth. cried out day and  
night before You.



1 2 6 Let my prayer come before You; Incline Oh, turn to me, and have mercy on me! Give Your strength to Your servant, Your ear to my cry. And save the son of Your maidservant.

3For my soul is full of troubles, And my  
17 life draws near to the grave.

Show me a sign for good, That those  
who hate me may see it and be 4 1 4

1 am counted with those who go down LORD, why do You cast off my soul?

to the pit; I am like a man who has no Why do You hide Your face from me?

strength,

15 have been afflicted and ready to die

5 from my youth; I suffer Your terrors; I Adrift among the dead, Like the slain

who lie in the grave, Whom You am distraught.

remember no more, And who are cut off 16 our fierce wrath has gone over me; from Your hand.

Your terrors have cut me off.

6You have laid me in the lowest pit, In 1 7 darkness, in the depths. They came around me all day long like

water; They engulfed me altogether.

7Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And 1 8 You have afflicted me with all Your Loved one and friend You have put far

waves.Selah from me, And my acquaintances into

darkness.

<sup>8</sup>You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an PSALM 89 abomination to them; I am shut up, and I

cannot get out; <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the mercies of the LORD

forever; With my mouth will I make

'My eye wastes away because of known Your faithfulness to all affliction. LORD, I have called daily generations. upon You; I have stretched out my

hands to You. <sup>2</sup> For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up

forever; Your faithfulness You shall

<sup>10</sup>Will You work wonders for the dead? establish in the very heavens."

Shall the dead arise and praise

You?Selah <sup>3</sup>"I have made a covenant with My

chosen, I have sworn to My servant

<sup>11</sup>

Shall Your lovingkindness be declared David:

in the grave? Or Your faithfulness in the

place of destruction? <sup>4</sup> Your seed I will establish forever, And

build up your throne to all

<sup>12</sup> Shall Your wonders be known in the generations."Selah dark? And Your righteousness in the

land of forgetfulness? <sup>5</sup>And the heavens will praise Your

wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness

<sup>13</sup>But to You I have cried out, O LORD, also in the assembly of the saints.

And in the morning my prayer comes

before You. <sup>6</sup>For who in the heavens can be

compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to <sup>18</sup>For our shield belongs to the LORD, the LORD? And our king to the Holy One of Israel.

<sup>71</sup> God is greatly to be feared in the ' Then You spoke in a vision to Your assembly of the saints, And to be held in holy one, And said: "I have given help to

reverence by all those around Him. one who is mighty; I have exalted one

chosen from the people.

<sup>8</sup>O LORD God of hosts, Who is mighty <sup>0a</sup> have found My servant David; With

like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness <sup>2</sup> also surrounds You. My holy oil I have anointed him,

<sup>2</sup> 1

'You rule the raging of the sea; When its wi th whom My hand shall be waves rise, You still them. established; Also My arm shall

strengthen him.

<sup>10</sup>

You have broken Rahab in pieces, as

<sup>22</sup>

one who is slain; You have scattered The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor

Your enemies with Your mighty arm. the son of wickedness afflict him.

1 2 1The heavens are Yours, the earth also 3 will beat down his foes  
before his is Yours; The world and all its fullness, face, And plague  
those who hate him.

You have founded them.

2 4 'But My faithfulness and My mercy

12 The north and the south, You have shall be with him, And in My  
name his

created them; Tabor and Hermon horn shall be exalted. rejoice in  
Your name.

25Also I will set his hand over the sea,

13 ou have a mighty arm; Strong is Your And his right hand over the  
rivers. hand, and high is Your right hand.

2 6He shall cry to Me, "You are my Father,

14 Righteousness and justice are the My God, and the rock of my  
salvation.'

foundation of Your throne; Mercy and

truth go before Your face. 2 7Also I will make him My firstborn, The

highest of the kings of the earth.

15

Blessed are the people who know the

joyful sound! They walk, O LORD, in the 2' My mercy I will keep for  
him forever, light of Your countenance. And My covenant shall stand  
firm with

him.

16 n Your name they rejoice all day long,

And in Your righteousness they are 2 ' His seed also I will make to  
endure exalted. forever, And his throne as the days of

heaven.

17For You are the glory of their strength, And in Your favor our horn is exalted.

34 2 O§§f his sons forsake My law And do not You have exalted the right hand of his walk in My judgments, adversaries; You have made all his

enemies rejoice.

31 they break My statutes And do not 43 ou have also turned back the edge of keep My commandments,

his sword, And have not sustained him

32 in the battle.

Then I will punish their transgression

with the rod, And their iniquity with 44 ou have made his glory cease, And stripes.

cast his throne down to the ground.

33NevertheIess My lovingkindness I will 4 5The days of his youth You have not utterly take from him, Nor allow My shortened; You have covered him with faithfulness to fail. shame.Selah

34 4 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter 6How long, LORD? Will You hide the word that has gone out of My lips. Yourself forever? Will Your wrath burn

35 like fire? Once I have sworn by My holiness; I

will not lie to David: 47Remember how short my time is; For

3 what futility have You created all the 6His seed shall endure forever, And his

children of men?

throne as the sun before Me;

4 8What man can live and not see death?

37 shall be established forever like the

Can he deliver his life from the power of

moon, Even like the faithful witness in the grave?Selah the  
sky."Selah

38But You have cast off and abhorred, 4' Lord, where are Your former

lovingkindnesses, Which You swore to

You have been furious with Your David in Your truth? anointed.

50Remember, Lord, the reproach of Your

39You have renounced the covenant of servants-- How I bear in my  
bosom the

Your servant; You have profaned his reproach of all the many peoples,  
crown by casting it to the ground.

4 with which Your enemies have 0 51

You have broken down all his hedges; reproached, O LORD, With  
which they

You have brought his strongholds to ruin. have reproached the  
footsteps of Your

anointed.

41

All who pass by the way plunder him;

He is a reproach to his neighbors. 52Blessed be the LORD forevermore!

Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90 Who knows the power of Your anger? 1 1

For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath.

1 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. So teach us to number our days, That 12

we may gain a heart of wisdom.

2Before the mountains were brought 3Return, O LORD! How long?  
And have

1

forth, Or ever You had formed the earth

and the world, Even from everlasting to compassion on Your servants.  
everlasting, You are God.

1 4

Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,

3You turn man to destruction, And say, That we may rejoice and be  
glad all our

"Return, O children of men." days!

4 1 5 For a thousand years in Your sight Are Make us glad according to  
the days in

like yesterday when it is past, And like a which You have afflicted us,  
The years

watch in the night. in which we have seen evil.

5 1 6Let Your work appear to Your servants,

You carry them away like a flood; They

are like a sleep. In the morning they are And Your glory to their  
children.

like grass which grows up: 7And let the beauty of the LORD our

1

6 God be upon us, And establish the work In the morning it flourishes  
and grows

up; In the evening it is cut down and of our hands for us; Yes,  
establish the

withers. work of our hands.

7For we have been consumed by Your PSALM 91 anger, And by  
Your wrath we are

terrified. 1He who dwells in the secret place of the

Most High Shall abide under the shadow

8You have set our iniquities before You, of the Almighty. Our secret  
sins in the light of Your

countenance. 21 will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge

and my fortress; My God, in Him I will

"For all our days have passed away in trust." Your wrath; We finish our  
years like a

sigh. 3Surely He shall deliver you from the

1 perilous pestilence.

0The days of our lives are seventy snare of the fowler And from the  
years; And if by reason of strength they

are eighty years, Yet their boast is only 4He shall cover you with  
His feathers, labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, And under His



wings you shall take

and we fly away.

refuge; His truth shall be your shield and <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>with long life I will satisfy him, And buckler. show him My salvation."

<sup>5</sup>You shall not be afraid of the terror by PSALM 92 night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

<sup>1</sup>It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

<sup>6</sup>Nor of the pestilence that walks in And to sing praises to Your name,  
O

darkness, Nor of the destruction that Most High; lays waste at  
noonday.

<sup>2</sup> To declare Your lovingkindness in the

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side, And morning, And Your faithfulness  
every

ten thousand at your right hand; But it night, shall not come near you.

3

<sup>8</sup> On an instrument of ten strings, On the

Only with your eyes shall you look, And lute, And on the harp, With  
harmonious

see the reward of the wicked. sound.

Because you have made the LORD, <sup>4</sup>For You, LORD, have made me  
glad

who is my refuge, Even the Most High, through Your work; I will  
triumph in the

your dwelling place, works of Your hands.

1 5 O No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any

O LORD, how great are Your works!

plague come near your dwelling; Your thoughts are very deep.

1 6 1 For He shall give His angels charge

A senseless man does not know, Nor

over you, To keep you in all your ways. does a fool understand this.

1 2 n their hands they shall bear you up,

7 When the wicked spring up like grass,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone. And when all the workers of iniquity

flourish, It is that they may be destroyed

1 3 ou shall tread upon the lion and the forever. cobra, The young lion and the serpent

you shall trample underfoot. 8 But You, LORD, are on high

forevermore.

1 4 Because he has set his love upon Me,

therefore I will deliver him; I will set him 'For behold, Your enemies, O LORD,

on high, because he has known My For behold, Your enemies shall perish;

name. All the workers of iniquity shall be

1

5 He shall call upon Me, and I will scattered.

answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> O But my horn You have exalted like a Your testimonies are very  
sure;

wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh Holiness adorns Your house,  
O LORD,

oil. forever.

<sup>1</sup>1

My eye also has seen my desire on PSALM 94

my enemies; My ears hear my desire on

the wicked Who rise up against me. <sup>1</sup>O LORD God, to whom  
vengeance <sup>1</sup> belongs-- O God, to whom vengeance

<sup>2</sup> The righteous shall flourish like a palm belongs, shine forth!

tree, He shall grow like a cedar in

Lebanon. <sup>2</sup> Rise up, O Judge of the earth; Render <sup>1</sup> punishment to the  
proud.

<sup>3</sup>

Those who are planted in the house of

the LORD Shall flourish in the courts of <sup>3</sup>LORD, how long will the  
wicked, How

our God. long will the wicked triumph?

<sup>1</sup><sup>4</sup>They shall still bear fruit in old age;

<sup>4</sup>They utter speech, and speak insolent

They shall be fresh and flourishing, things; All the workers of iniquity  
boast

<sup>1</sup>

5To declare that the LORD is upright; in themselves.

He is my rock, and there is no 5They break in pieces Your people, O  
unrighteousness in Him. LORD, And afflict Your heritage.

PSALM 93 6 They slay the widow and the stranger,

And murder the fatherless.

1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed,  
He has 7Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, girded Himself with  
strength. Surely the Nor does the God of Jacob understand."

world is established, so that it cannot be

moved. 8Understand, you senseless among the

people; And you fools, when will you be

2Your throne is established from of old; wise? You are from  
everlasting.

3The floods have lifted up, 0 LORD, The He who planted the ear, shall  
He not

hear? He who formed the eye, shall He

floods have lifted up their voice; The not see? floods lift up their  
waves.

1 0He who instructs the nations, shall He

4The LORD on high is mightier Than the not correct, He who teaches  
man

noise of many waters, Than the mighty knowledge? waves of the sea.

1 2 1 3He has brought on them their own The LORD knows the  
thoughts of man,

That they are futile. iniquity, And shall cut them off in their

own wickedness; The LORD our God

<sup>12</sup> shall cut them off.

Blessed is the man whom You instruct,

<sup>0</sup> LORD, And teach out of Your law,

## PSALM 95

<sup>13</sup> That You may give him rest from the

days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let the wicked. us shout joyfully to the Rock of our

salvation.

<sup>14</sup>

For the LORD will not cast off His

people, Nor will He forsake His <sup>2</sup> Let us come before His presence with inheritance. thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to

Him with psalms.

<sup>15</sup>

But judgment will return to

righteousness, And all the upright in <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God, And the heart will follow it. great King above all gods.

<sup>1 4 6</sup> Who will rise up for me against the

In His hand are the deep places of the

evildoers? Who will stand up for me earth; The heights of the hills are His

against the workers of iniquity? also.

<sup>1 5 7</sup> Unless the LORD had been my help, The sea is His, for He made it; And His

My soul would soon have settled in hands formed the dry land.

silence.

6 Oh come, let us worship and bow

18 I say, "My foot slips," Your mercy, O

down; Let us kneel before the LORD our

LORD, will hold me up. Maker.

17 9 n the multitude of my anxieties within

For He is our God, And we are the

me, Your comforts delight my soul. people of His pasture, And the  
sheep of

His hand. Today, if you will hear His

20

Shall the throne of iniquity, which voice:

devises evil by law, Have fellowship with

You? 8 Do not harden your hearts, as in the

rebellion, As in the day of trial in the

21

They gather together against the life of wilderness,

the righteous, And condemn innocent

blood. 9When your fathers tested Me; They

tried Me, though they saw My work.

22

But the LORD has been my defense,

And my God the rock of my refuge.

11 0 0For forty years I was grieved with that Say among the nations,

generation, And said, "It is a people who reigns; The world also is firmly

go astray in their hearts, And they do established, It shall not be moved; He

not know My ways.' shall judge the peoples righteously."

1 1 11

so I swore in My wrath, "They shall not Let the heavens rejoice, and let the

enter My rest.' earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all

its fullness;

PSALM 96 1 2Let the field be joyful, and all that is in

1 it. Then all the trees of the woods will

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing

to the LORD, all the earth. rejoice before the LORD.

1 3For He is coming, for He is coming to

2Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

judge the earth. He shall judge the world

Proclaim the good news of His salvation

with righteousness, And the peoples

from day to day.

with His truth.

3 Declare His glory among the nations,

His wonders among all peoples. PSALM 97

4 <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns; Let the earth rejoice; For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all Let the multitude of isles be glad! gods.

2 Clouds and darkness surround Him;

5 Righteousness and justice are the For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

But the LORD made the heavens. foundation of His throne.

6 EA fire goes before Him, And burns up

Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and beauty are in His His enemies round about. sanctuary.

4 His lightnings light the world; The earth

7 sees and trembles. Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and

strength. 5 The mountains melt like wax at the

presence of the LORD, At the presence

8 of the Lord of the whole earth. Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into

His courts. 6 The heavens declare His righteousness,

And all the peoples see His glory.

'Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of

holiness! Tremble before Him, all the

earth.

7 <sup>5</sup> Let all be put to shame who serve Sing to the LORD with the harp,



With carved images, Who boast of idols. the harp and the sound of a psalm, Worship Him, all you gods.

6 With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

8 Shout joyfully before the LORD, the Zion hears and is glad, And the daughters of Judah rejoice Because of King. Your judgments, O LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness,

'For You, LORD, are most high above The world and those who dwell in it; all the earth; You are exalted far above

all gods. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; Let the

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0 ou who love the LORD, hate evil! He hills be joyful together before the LORD,

preserves the souls of His saints; He 'For He is coming to judge the earth.

delivers them out of the hand of the With righteousness He shall judge the

wicked. world, And the peoples with equity.

11

Light is sown for the righteous, And PSALM 99

gladness for the upright in heart.

1

2 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous, 1 The LORD reigns; Let the peoples

tremble! He dwells between the

And give thanks at the remembrance of

cherubim; Let the earth be moved!

His holy name.

2 The LORD is great in Zion, And He is

## PSALM 98 high above all the peoples.

1 3 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! For

Let them praise Your great and

He has done marvelous things; His right awesome name-- He is holy.  
hand and His holy arm have gained Him

the victory. 4

The King's strength also loves justice;

2 You have established equity; You have

The LORD has made known His executed justice and righteousness in  
salvation; His righteousness He has Jacob. revealed in the sight of the  
nations.

3 5 Exalt the LORD our God, And worship

He has remembered His mercy and His at His footstool-- He is holy.  
faithfulness to the house of Israel; All  
the ends of the earth have seen the 6

Moses and Aaron were among His  
salvation of our God.

priests, And Samuel was among those

4 who called upon His name; They called

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the upon the LORD, and He answered them.

earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and  
sing praises.

7He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar; walk within my house with a perfect

They kept His testimonies and the heart. ordinance He gave them.

I I will set nothing wicked before my

8You answered them, O LORD our God; eyes; I hate the work of those who fall

You were to them God-Who-Forgives, away; It shall not cling to me. Though You took vengeance on their

deeds. 4A perverse heart shall depart from me; I

will not know wickedness.

'Exalt the LORD our God, And worship

at His holy hill; For the LORD our God is 5Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, holy. Him I will destroy; The one who has a

haughty look and a proud heart, Him I

**PSALM 100** will not endure.

1

Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all 6My eyes shall be on the faithful of the

you lands! land, That they may dwell with me; He

who walks in a perfect way, He shall

2 serve me.

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come

before His presence with singing. 7He who works deceit shall not dwell

3Know that the LORD, He is God; It is within my house; He who tells lies shall

He who has made us, and not we not continue in my presence. ourselves; We are His people and the

sheep of His pasture. 8Early I will destroy all the wicked of the

land, That I may cut off all the evildoers

4 from the city of the LORD.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,

And into His courts with praise. Be

thankful to Him, and bless His name. **PSALM 102**

5 1 For the LORD is good; His mercy is Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my everlasting, And His truth endures to all cry come to You. generations.

2 Do not hide Your face from me in the

**PSALM 101** day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to

me; In the day that I call, answer me

1 speedily. 1 will sing of mercy and justice; To You,

O LORD, I will sing praises. 3For my days are consumed like smoke,

2 And my bones are burned like a hearth. 1 will behave wisely in a perfect way.

Oh, when will You come to me? I will 4 1 My heart is stricken and withered like 6For the LORD shall build up Zion; He grass, So that I forget to eat my bread. shall appear in His glory.

Because of the sound of my groaning He shall regard the prayer of the  
 My bones cling to my skin. destitute, And shall not despise their  
 prayer.

61 am like a pelican of the wilderness; I 8This will be written for the  
 generation

am like an owl of the desert. 1

to come, That a people yet to be created

7 may praise the LORD. 1 lie awake, And am like a sparrow alone on  
 the housetop.

1' For He looked down from the height of

8 His sanctuary; From heaven the LORD My enemies reproach me all  
 day long;

Those who deride me swear an oath viewed the earth,

against me. 0To hear the groaning of the prisoner,

2

'For I have eaten ashes like bread, And To release those appointed to  
 death,

mingled my drink with weeping, 1To declare the name of the LORD in

2

10 Zion, And His praise in Jerusalem,

Because of Your indignation and Your

wrath; For You have lifted me up and 2When the peoples are gathered  
cast me away. 2

together, And the kingdoms, to serve  
11My days are like a shadow that the LORD.

lengthens, And I wither away like grass. 3He weakened my strength in  
the way;

2

12But You, O LORD, shall endure He shortened my days.  
forever, And the remembrance of Your  
name to all generations. 2 4a said, "O my God, Do not take me

away in the midst of my days; Your  
13 ou will arise and have mercy on Zion; years are throughout all  
generations.

For the time to favor her, Yes, the set

2 5

time, has come. Of old You laid the foundation of the  
earth, And the heavens are the work of  
14 Your hands.

For Your servants take pleasure in her

stones, And show favor to her dust. 6They will perish, but You will  
endure;

15 Yes, they will all grow old like a

So the nations shall fear the name of

the LORD, And all the kings of the earth garment; Like a cloak You  
will change

Your glory. them, And they will be changed.

2 7

But You are the same, And Your years

will have no end.

2 1 2

' The children of Your servants will As far as the east is from the west,  
So

continue, And their descendants will be far has He removed our  
transgressions

established before You." from us.

PSALM 103 As a father pities his children, So the 1 3

LORD pities those who fear Him.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all

1 4

that is within me, bless His holy name! For He knows our frame; He

remembers that we are dust.

2Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget 5As for man, his days are like  
grass; As

not all His benefits: 1

a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who 1 6 For the wind passes over it,  
and it is heals all your diseases,

gone, And its place remembers it no  
4 more. Who redeems your life from destruction,

Who crowns you with lovingkindness 7But the mercy of the LORD is  
from

and tender mercies, 1

everlasting to everlasting On those who  
5 fear Him, And His righteousness to Who satisfies your mouth with  
good

things, So that your youth is renewed children's children,

like the eagle's. 1 8To such as keep His covenant, And to

6 those who remember His The LORD executes righteousness And  
justice for all who are oppressed. commandments to do them.

7 1' The LORD has established His throne He made known His ways to  
Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. in heaven, And His kingdom  
rules over

all.

8The LORD is merciful and gracious, 0Bless the LORD, you His angels,  
Who

Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

excel in strength, who do His word,



Heeding the voice of His word.

'He will not always strive with us, Nor

will He keep His anger forever. 2 1 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, 1  
You ministers of His, who do His 0

He has not dealt with us according to pleasure.

our sins, Nor punished us according to

our iniquities. 2

Bless the LORD, all His works, In all

1 places of His dominion. Bless the LORD, 1 For as the heavens are  
high above the

O my soul!

earth, So great is His mercy toward

those who fear Him;

PSALM 104 1 1 They give drink to every beast of the

field; The wild donkeys quench their

1 thirst.

Bless the LORD, 0 my soul! 0 LORD

my God, You are very great: You are 1 2 By them the birds of the  
heavens have clothed with honor and majesty,

their home; They sing among the

2 branches. Who cover Yourself with light as with a

garment, Who stretch out the heavens 1 3 He waters the hills from His

upper like a curtain.

chambers; The earth is satisfied with the

3He lays the beams of His upper fruit of Your works.

chambers in the waters, Who makes the 14 He causes the grass to grow  
for the clouds His chariot, Who walks on the wings of the wind, cattle,  
And vegetation for the service of

man, That he may bring forth food from

4 the earth,

Who makes His angels spirits, His

ministers a flame of fire. 5And wine that makes glad the heart of

1

5 man, Oil to make his face shine, And You who laid the foundations  
of the

bread which strengthens man's heart.

earth, So that it should not be moved

forever, 1 6The trees of the LORD are full of sap,

6 The cedars of Lebanon which He You covered it with the deep as  
with a

garment; The waters stood above the planted,

mountains. 1 7 Where the birds make their nests; The

7 stork has her home in the fir trees. At Your rebuke they fled; At the  
voice of

Your thunder they hastened away. 1 8The high hills are for the wild  
goats; 8 The cliffs are a refuge for the rock

They went up over the mountains; They  
went down into the valleys, To the place badgers.

which You founded for them. 1 ' He appointed the moon for seasons;  
'You have set a boundary that they may The sun knows its going  
down.

not pass over, That they may not return 2 0 ou make darkness, and it is  
night, In to cover the earth.

which all the beasts of the forest creep

10He sends the springs into the valleys; about.

They flow among the hills. 2 1The young lions roar after their prey,

And seek their food from God.

22 33 will sing to the LORD as long as I

When the sun rises, they gather

together And lie down in their dens. live; I will sing praise to my God  
while I

have my being.

23Man goes out to his work And to his

34

labor until the evening. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I

will be glad in the LORD.

o LORD, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them

all. The earth is full of Your earth, And the wicked be no more. Bless possessions-- the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

25 This great and wide sea, In which are

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innumerable teeming things, Living

things both small and great. <sup>1</sup>

Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon

<sup>2</sup> His name; Make known His deeds <sup>6</sup> There the ships sail about; There is

among the peoples!

that Leviathan Which You have made to

play there. <sup>2</sup>

Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk

<sup>2</sup> of all His wondrous works! <sup>7</sup> These all wait for You, That You may

give them their food in due season. <sup>3</sup> Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts

of those rejoice who seek the LORD!

<sup>2'</sup> What You give them they gather in; You open Your hand, they are filled with <sup>4</sup>

good. His face evermore! Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek

2 ' You hide Your face, they are troubled;

5Remember His marvelous works which

You take away their breath, they die and He has done, His wonders,  
and the

return to their dust.

judgments of His mouth,

30 6 You send forth Your Spirit, they are O seed of Abraham His  
servant, You created; And You renew the face of the children of Jacob,  
His chosen ones! earth.

31 7He is the LORD our God; His

May the glory of the LORD endure judgments are in all the earth.

forever; May the LORD rejoice in His

works. 8He remembers His covenant forever,

32He looks on the earth, and it trembles; The word which He  
commanded, for a

thousand generations,

He touches the hills, and they smoke.

'The covenant which He made with

Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, 1 2 0And confirmed it to Jacob for a  
statute, 3 srael also came into Egypt, And To Israel as an everlasting  
covenant, Jacob dwelt in the land of Ham.

1 2 14

Saying, "To you I will give the land of He increased His people greatly, And

Canaan As the allotment of your made them stronger than their enemies.

inheritance,"

2 5He turned their heart to hate His

12

When they were few in number, people, To deal craftily with His servants.

Indeed very few, and strangers in it.

2 6He sent Moses His servant, And Aaron

13When they went from one nation to whom He had chosen.

another, From one kingdom to another

people, 2 7

They performed His signs among them,

And wonders in the land of Ham.

14

He permitted no one to do them

wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their 2 8

He sent darkness, and made it dark;

sakes, And they did not rebel against His word.

1 2 5Saying, "Do not touch My anointed

' He turned their waters into blood, And

ones, And do My prophets no harm." killed their fish.

1 3 Moreover He called for a famine in the 0 Their land abounded with  
frogs, Even land; He destroyed all the provision of in the chambers of  
their kings. bread.

### 31

1 He spoke, and there came swarms of 7 He sent a man before them--  
Joseph--

flies, And lice in all their territory.

who was sold as a slave.

### 32

1 He gave them hail for rain, And 8 They hurt his feet with fetters, He  
was

flaming fire in their land.

laid in irons.

1 33 He struck their vines also, and their fig 9 Until the time that his  
word came to trees, And splintered the trees of their  
pass, The word of the LORD tested him. territory.

20 The king sent and released him, The 34

He spoke, and locusts came, Young  
ruler of the people let him go free. locusts without number,

21 He made him lord of his house, And 35 And ate up all the vegetation  
in their

ruler of all his possessions, land, And devoured the fruit of their

2 ground. 2

To bind his princes at his pleasure,  
And teach his elders wisdom.

36He also destroyed all the firstborn in 3Blessed are those who keep  
justice,

their land, The first of all their strength. And he who does  
righteousness at all

times!

37He also brought them out with silver

and gold, And there was none feeble 4 Remember me, O LORD, with  
the favor among His tribes. You have toward Your people. Oh, visit

me with Your salvation,

3

' Egypt was glad when they departed,

For the fear of them had fallen upon 5That I may see the benefit of  
Your them. chosen ones, That I may rejoice in the

gladness of Your nation, That I may

3 glory with Your inheritance. ' He spread a cloud for a covering, And  
fire to give light in the night.

6 We have sinned with our fathers, We

40The people asked, and He brought have committed iniquity, We  
have done

quail, And satisfied them with the bread wickedly. of heaven.

7 Our fathers in Egypt did not understand

41He opened the rock, and water gushed Your wonders; They did not  
remember

out; It ran in the dry places like a river. the multitude of Your mercies,  
But



rebelled by the sea--the Red Sea.

42For He remembered His holy promise, And Abraham His servant.  
8Nevertheless He saved them for His

name's sake, That He might make His

4 mighty power known. 3He brought out His people with joy, His  
chosen ones with gladness.

'He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it

4 dried up; So He led them through the 4He gave them the lands of the  
depths, As through the wilderness.

Gentiles, And they inherited the labor of

the nations, 1 0He saved them from the hand of him

4 who hated them, And redeemed them 5That they might observe His  
statutes

from the hand of the enemy.

And keep His laws. Praise the LORD!

1 1The waters covered their enemies;

**PSALM 106** There was not one of them left.

1 Praise the LORD! Oh, give thanks to 2Then they believed His words;  
They

1

the LORD, for He is good! For His sang His praise. mercy endures  
forever.

1 3They soon forgot His works; They did

2Who can utter the mighty acts of the not wait for His counsel, LORD?

Who can declare all His praise?

1 2 4 But lusted exceedingly in the 6Therefore He raised His hand in an wilderness, And tested God in the oath against them, To overthrow them in

desert. the wilderness,

1 2 5 7

And He gave them their request, But To overthrow their descendants

sent leanness into their soul. among the nations, And to scatter them  
in the lands.

16When they envied Moses in the camp, And Aaron the saint of the LORD, 2 8They joined themselves also to Baal of

Peor, And ate sacrifices made to the

17 dead.

The earth opened up and swallowed

Dathan, And covered the faction of

Abiram. 2 ' Thus they provoked Him to anger with

their deeds, And the plague broke out

18 among them.

A fire was kindled in their company;

The flame burned up the wicked. 0Then Phinehas stood up and

1 intervened, And the plague was stopped. ' They made a calf in Horeb, And

worshiped the molded image. 31And that was accounted to him for

20Thus they changed their glory Into the righteousness To all  
generations

image of an ox that eats grass. forevermore.

2 32 1They forgot God their Savior, Who had They angered Him also at  
the waters

done great things in Egypt, of strife, So that it went ill with Moses on  
account of them;

22Wondrous works in the land of Ham, Awesome things by the Red  
Sea. 33Because they rebelled against His

Spirit, So that he spoke rashly with his

2 lips. 3Therefore He said that He would

destroy them, Had not Moses His 34 They did not destroy the  
peoples, chosen one stood before Him in the breach, To turn away  
His wrath, lest He Concerning whom the LORD had

destroy them. commanded them,

2 35 4 But they mingled with the Gentiles And Then they despised the  
pleasant land; They did not believe His word, learned their works;

2 36They served their idols, Which became 5But complained in their  
tents, And did not heed the voice of the LORD. a snare to them.

3 7They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, 3'  
And shed innocent blood, The blood of all the people say, "Amen!"

their sons and daughters, Whom they LORD! sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And

the land was polluted with blood. PSALM 107

3 they were defiled by their own ' Thus 1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is works, And played the harlot by their good! For His mercy endures forever. own deeds.

4

0Therefore the wrath of the LORD was 2Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

Whom He has redeemed from the hand  
kindled against His people, So that He  
of the enemy,  
abhorred His own inheritance.

4 3And gathered out of the lands, From 1And He gave them into the hand of the

the east and from the west, From the  
Gentiles, And those who hated them  
north and from the south.  
ruled over them.

4 They wandered in the wilderness in a

2 4

Their enemies also oppressed them,

desolate way; They found no city to

And they were brought into subjection dwell in. under their hand.

4

3Many times He delivered them; But 5Hungry and thirsty, Their soul fainted in

them.

they rebelled in their counsel, And were

brought low for their iniquity. 6 Then they cried out to the LORD in

4 their trouble, And He delivered them out 4 Nevertheless He regarded their of their distresses.

affliction, When He heard their cry;

4

5And for their sake He remembered His 7And He led them forth by the right way,

That they might go to a city for a

covenant, And relented according to the

dwelling place.

multitude of His mercies.

4 He also made them to be pitied By all 6 8Oh, that men would give thanks to the

LORD for His goodness, And for His

those who carried them away captive.

wonderful works to the children of men!

4 7

Save us, O LORD our God, And 'For He satisfies the longing soul,  
And

gather us from among the Gentiles, To

fills the hungry soul with goodness.

give thanks to Your holy name, To

triumph in Your praise. 1 0Those who sat in darkness and in the 4  
shadow of death, Bound in affliction and 8

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel

irons--

From everlasting to everlasting! And let 1 2 1Because they rebelled  
against the Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of

words of God, And despised the counsel thanksgiving, And declare His  
works

of the Most High, with rejoicing.

1 2 3 2Therefore He brought down their heart

Those who go down to the sea in

with labor; They fell down, and there ships, Who do business on great  
waters,

was none to help.

2 4

They see the works of the LORD, And

Then they cried out to the LORD in His wonders in the deep.  
their trouble, And He saved them out of  
their distresses. 2 5For He commands and raises the  
stormy wind, Which lifts up the waves of

14  
He brought them out of darkness and the sea.  
the shadow of death, And broke their  
chains in pieces. 2 6They mount up to the heavens, They  
go down again to the depths; Their soul

15  
Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD because of trouble.  
LORD for His goodness, And for His  
wonderful works to the children of men! 2 7They reel to and fro, and  
stagger like a

1  
6For He has broken the gates of bronze, drunken man, And are at  
their wits' end.  
And cut the bars of iron in two. 2 ' Then they cry out to the LORD in  
their

trouble, And He brings them out of their

17  
Fools, because of their transgression, distresses.  
And because of their iniquities, were  
afflicted. 2' He calms the storm, So that its waves  
are still.

1' Their soul abhorred all manner of food,

And they drew near to the gates of 30 Then they are glad because they are death. quiet; So He guides them to their

1

9 Then they cried out to the LORD in desired haven.

their trouble, And He saved them out of 31 Oh, that men would give thanks to the their distresses. LORD for His goodness, And for His

wonderful works to the children of men!

20

He sent His word and healed them,

And 32 delivered them from their Let them exalt Him also in the destructions. assembly of the people, And praise Him

in the company of the elders.

21

Oh, that men would give thanks to the

LORD for His goodness, And for His 33 He turns rivers into a wilderness, And

wonderful works to the children of men! the watersprings into dry ground; 34 2 A fruitful land into barrenness, For the Awake, lute and harp! I will awaken the

wickedness of those who dwell in it. dawn.

35 He turns a wilderness into pools of I I will praise You, O LORD, among the

water, And dry land into watersprings. peoples, And I will sing praises to You

among the nations.

36 There He makes the hungry dwell, That they may establish a city for a 4 For Your mercy is great above the dwelling place, heavens, And Your truth reaches to the



clouds.

37 And sow fields and plant vineyards,

That they may yield a fruitful harvest. 5 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,

And Your glory above all the earth;

38

He also blesses them, and they

multiply greatly; And He does not let 6 That Your beloved may be delivered, their cattle decrease. Save with Your right hand, and hear me.

3 7 9 When they are diminished and brought low God has spoken in His holiness: "I will

low Through oppression, affliction and rejoice; I will divide Shechem And

sorrow, measure out the Valley of Succoth.

4 8 0 He pours contempt on princes, And Gilead is Mine; Manasseh is Mine;

causes them to wander in the Ephraim also is the helmet for My head;

wilderness where there is no way; Judah is My lawgiver.

41 et He sets the poor on high, far from 'Moab is My washpot; Over Edom I will

affliction, And makes their families like a cast My shoe; Over Philistia I will

flock. triumph."

4 1 2 0 Who will bring me into the strong city?

The righteous see it and rejoice, And

all iniquity stops its mouth. Who will lead me to Edom?

4 1 3 1 Whoever is wise will observe these s it not You, O God, who  
cast us off? things, And they will understand the And You, O God,  
who did not go out

lovingkindness of the LORD. with our armies?

PSALM 108 1 2 Give us help from trouble, For the help  
of man is useless.

1 O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing 3 Through God we will do  
valiantly, For it

1

and give praise, even with my glory.

is He who shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM 109 1 3 Let his posterity be cut off, And in the  
generation following let their name be

1 blotted out. Do not keep silent, O God of my praise!

1 4

2 Let the iniquity of his fathers be For the mouth of the wicked and the  
remembered before the LORD, And let  
mouth of the deceitful Have opened  
against me; They have spoken against not the sin of his mother be

blotted out.

me with a lying tongue. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>Let them be continually before the

<sup>3</sup>They have also surrounded me with LORD, That He may cut off the  
memory

of them from the earth;

words of hatred, And fought against me

without a cause. <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>Because he did not remember to show

<sup>4</sup> mercy, But persecuted the poor and In return for my love they are  
my

accusers, But I give myself to prayer. needy man, That he might even  
slay the

broken in heart.

<sup>5</sup>Thus they have rewarded me evil for <sup>7</sup> good, And hatred for my love.

<sup>1</sup> As he loved cursing, so let it come to

him; As he did not delight in blessing, so

<sup>6</sup> let it be far from him.

Set a wicked man over him, And let an

accuser stand at his right hand. <sup>18</sup>As he clothed himself with cursing  
as

guilty, And let his prayer become sin. When he is judged, let him be  
found like water, And like oil into his bones. <sup>7</sup> with his garment, So let  
it enter his body

1 ' Let it be to him like the garment which

8Let his days be few, And let another

covers him, And for a belt with which he  
take his office.

girds himself continually.

Let his children be fatherless, And his 2 0Let this be the LORD's reward  
to my

wife a widow.

accusers, And to those who speak evil

1 against my person. 0Let his children continually be

vagabonds, and beg; Let them seek 2 1But You, O GOD the Lord, Deal  
with their bread also from their desolate me for Your name's sake;  
Because Your places.

mercy is good, deliver me.

11Let the creditor seize all that he has, 2For I am poor and needy, And  
my

2

And let strangers plunder his labor.

heart is wounded within me.

12Let there be none to extend mercy to 3 am gone like a shadow when  
it

2

him, Nor let there be any to favor his

lengthens; I am shaken off like a locust.

fatherless children.

24

My knees are weak through fasting, holiness, from the womb of the morning,

And my flesh is feeble from lack of You have the dew of Your youth. fatness.

2 relent, "You are a priest forever

5 also have become a reproach to 4The LORD has sworn And will not them; When they look at me, they shake According to the order of Melchizedek."

their heads.

2 execute kings in the day of His wrath.

6HeIp me, O LORD my God! Oh, save 5The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall

me according to Your mercy,

6 He shall judge among the nations, He

27That they may know that this is Your

shall fill the places with dead bodies, He

hand-- That You, LORD, have done it! shall execute the heads of many

countries.

28

Let them curse, but You bless; When

they arise, let them be ashamed, But let 7He shall drink of the brook by the Your servant rejoice. wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the

head.

<sup>2</sup> ' Let my accusers be clothed with shame, And let them cover themselves PSALM 111 with their own disgrace as with a mantle.

30 will greatly praise the LORD with my <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! I will praise the

LORD with my whole heart, In the

mouth; Yes, I will praise Him among the assembly of the upright and in the

multitude. congregation.

31 For He shall stand at the right hand of <sup>2</sup> The works of the LORD are great, the poor, To save him from those who Studied by all who have pleasure in

condemn him. them.

PSALM 110 <sup>3</sup> His work is honorable and glorious, And

His righteousness endures forever.

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies <sup>4</sup> He has made His wonderful works to Your footstool." be remembered; The LORD is gracious

and full of compassion.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of <sup>5</sup> He has given food to those who fear Your enemies! Him; He will ever be mindful of His

covenant.

<sup>3</sup> Your people shall be volunteers In the

day of Your power; In the beauties of <sup>6</sup> He has declared to His people the <sup>6</sup> Surely he will never be shaken; The

power of His works, In giving them the righteous will be in everlasting heritage of the nations. remembrance.

77 The works of His hands are verity and He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His justice; All His precepts are sure. heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

88 They stand fast forever and ever, And His heart is established; He will not be are done in truth and uprightness. afraid, Until he sees his desire upon his

enemies.

'He has sent redemption to His people;

He has commanded His covenant 'He has dispersed abroad, He has given forever: Holy and awesome is His name. to the poor; His righteousness endures

forever; His horn will be exalted with

10The fear of the LORD is the beginning honor.

of wisdom; A good understanding have 0The wicked will see it and be grieved;

all those who do His commandments. 1 His praise endures forever. He will gnash his teeth and melt away;

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

## **PSALM 112**

## **PSALM 113**

1 Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights 1Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of greatly in His commandments. the LORD, Praise the name of the

LORD!

2His descendants will be mighty on earth; The generation of the upright will 2Blessed be the name of the LORD be blessed. From this time forth and forevermore!

3Wealth and riches will be in his house, 3From the rising of the sun to its going

And his righteousness endures forever. down The LORD's name is to be praised.

4 4 Unto the upright there arises light in the The LORD is high above all nations, darkness; He is gracious, and full of His glory above the heavens. compassion, and righteous.

5Who is like the LORD our God, Who

5A good man deals graciously and dwells on high, lends; He will guide his affairs with

discretion. 6 Who humbles Himself to behold The

things that are in the heavens and in the  
earth?

7 1 He raises the poor out of the dust, And Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, But lifts the needy out of the ash heap, to Your name give glory, Because of

Your mercy, Because of Your truth.

8That He may seat him with princes-- With the princes of His people. 2 Why should the Gentiles say, "So

where is their God?"

Like a joyful mother of children. Praise our God is in heaven; He does 3But 'He grants the barren woman a home,

the LORD! whatever He pleases.



PSALM 114 <sup>4</sup>Their idols are silver and gold, The  
work of men's hands.

<sup>1</sup> When Israel went out of Egypt, The house of Jacob from a people of  
strange <sup>5</sup>They have mouths, but they do not

language, speak; Eyes they have, but they do not

see;

<sup>2</sup>Judah became His sanctuary, And Israel His dominion. <sup>6</sup> They have  
ears, but they do not hear;

Noses they have, but they do not smell;

<sup>3</sup>The sea saw it and fled; Jordan turned <sup>7</sup>They have hands, but they do  
not back.

handle; Feet they have, but they do not

<sup>4</sup> walk; Nor do they mutter through their

The mountains skipped like rams, The

throat.

little hills like lambs.

<sup>8</sup>Those who make them are like them;

<sup>5</sup>What ails you, O sea, that you fled? O

So is everyone who trusts in them.

Jordan, that you turned back?

<sup>6</sup> O Israel, trust in the LORD; He is their

O mountains, that you skipped like

help and their shield.

rams? O little hills, like lambs?

1 0

7 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of

He is their help and their shield.

the Lord, At the presence of the God of

Jacob, 1 1v ou who fear the LORD, trust in the 8 LORD; He is their help and their shield.

Who turned the rock into a pool of

water, The flint into a fountain of waters. 1 2The LORD has been mindful of us; He

PSALM 115 will bless us; He will bless the house of

Israel; He will bless the house of Aaron.

1 7 3He will bless those who fear the LORD,

Return to your rest, O my soul, For the

Both small and great. LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

1 8 4 May the LORD give you increase more For You have delivered my soul from and more, You and your children. death, My eyes from tears, And my feet

from falling.

15 May you be blessed by the LORD, Who made heaven and earth. 9 1

will walk before the LORD In the land

of the living.

<sup>16</sup>The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's; But the earth He has given  
<sup>10</sup>believed, therefore I spoke, "I am to the children of men.  
greatly afflicted."

<sup>11</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>1a</sup> said in my haste, "All men are liars." The dead do not praise  
the LORD, Nor any who go down into silence.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

What shall I render to the LORD For

<sup>18</sup>

But we will bless the LORD From this all His benefits toward me?

time forth and forevermore. Praise the

LORD! <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> will take up the cup of salvation, And

call upon the name of the LORD.

## PSALM 116

<sup>14a</sup> will pay my vows to the LORD Now in

<sup>1</sup> the presence of all His people. <sup>1</sup> love the LORD, because He has  
heard My voice and my supplications.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> Precious in the sight of the LORD Is

<sup>2</sup> the death of His saints. Because He has inclined His ear to me,  
Therefore I will call upon Him as long as

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>

I live. o LORD, truly I am Your servant; I am

Your servant, the son of Your

<sup>3</sup> The pains of death surrounded me, And maidservant; You have  
loosed my

the pangs of Sheol laid hold of me; I bonds.

found trouble and sorrow. 7a will offer to You the sacrifice of

1

4 thanksgiving, And will call upon the Then I called upon the name of  
the

LORD: "O LORD, I implore You, deliver name of the LORD. my soul!"

18a will pay my vows to the LORD Now in

5 the presence of all His people, Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
Yes, our God is merciful.

1 ' In the courts of the LORD's house, In

6 the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise The LORD preserves the  
simple; I was

brought low, and He saved me. the LORD!

PSALM 117 They surrounded me, Yes, they 1 1

surrounded me; But in the name of the

1 LORD I will destroy them.

Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles!

Laud Him, all you peoples! 1 2 They surrounded me like bees; They 2  
were quenched like a fire of thorns; For

For His merciful kindness is great

toward us, And the truth of the LORD in the name of the LORD I will  
destroy

them.

endures forever. Praise the LORD!

PSALM 118 fall, But the LORD helped me. 1 3 ou pushed  
me violently, that I might

1 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is 1 4

The LORD is my strength and song,

good! For His mercy endures forever. And He has become my  
salvation.

2Let Israel now say, "His mercy endures 1 5The voice of rejoicing and  
salvation 1s forever." in the tents of the righteous; The right

3Let the house of Aaron now say, "His hand of the LORD does  
valiantly.

mercy endures forever." 1 6The right hand of the LORD is exalted; 4  
The right hand of the LORD does

Let those who fear the LORD now say, valiantly.

"His mercy endures forever."

17a shall n I live, An the

t

51 called on the LORD in distress; The works of the LORD. LORD  
answered me and set me in a

|

broad place. 1 8The LORD has chastened me severely,

ot die, bu

But He has not given me over to death.

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6The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.

## d declare

What can man do to me? 1 to ' Open me the gates of 7 righteousness; I will go through them,

The LORD is for me among those who And I will praise the LORD.

help me; Therefore I shall see my desire

on those who hate me. 2 0This is the gate of the LORD, Through 8 which the righteous shall enter.

It is better to trust in the LORD Than to

put confidence in man. 2 1 will praise You, For You have

answered me, And have become my

'It is better to trust in the LORD Than to salvation. put confidence in princes.

1 Has become the chief cornerstone. 0All nations surrounded me, But in the 2 The stone which the builders rejected

name of the LORD I will destroy them.

2 6 3This was the LORD's doing; It is Then I would not be ashamed,  
When I

marvelous in our eyes. look into all Your commandments.

2 7 4

This is the day the LORD has made; 1 will praise You with  
uprightness of

We will rejoice and be glad in it. heart, When I learn Your righteous  
judgments.

25Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity. 81

will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not

forsake me utterly!

26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from 9 How can a young man cleanse his the house of the LORD. way? By taking heed according to Your

word.

27

God is the LORD, And He has given

1 0

us light; Bind the sacrifice with cords to with my whole heart I have sought

the horns of the altar. You; Oh, let me not wander from Your

commandments!

28 ou are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, I will exalt You. 1 1 our word I have hidden in my heart,

That I might not sin against You.

2 ' Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. 1 2 Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me

Your statutes.

**PSALM 119** 1 3 With my lips I have declared All the

1 judgments of Your mouth.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way,

Who walk in the law of the LORD! 1 4a have rejoiced in the way of Your 2 testimonies, As much as in all riches.

Blessed are those who keep His

testimonies, Who seek Him with the 1 5a will meditate on Your precepts, And whole heart!

contemplate Your ways.

3They also do no iniquity; They walk in 16a will delight myself in Your statutes; I His ways.

will not forget Your word.

4You have commanded us To keep Your 7Deal bountifully with Your servant,

1

precepts diligently.

That I may live and keep Your word.

5Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes! open my eyes, that I may see 1 8

Wondrous things from Your law.

19 am a stranger in the earth; Do not 32 will run the course of Your hide Your commandments from me. commandments, For You shall enlarge

my heart.

20My soul breaks with longing For Your

33

judgments at all times. Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your

statutes, And I shall keep it to the end.

21

You rebuke the proud--the cursed,



Who stray from Your commandments. Give me understanding, and I shall

keep Your law; Indeed, I shall observe it

22 with my whole heart.

Remove from me reproach and

contempt, For I have kept Your 35 Make me walk in the path of Your testimonies.

commandments, For I delight in it.

23 Princes also sit and speak against me, But Your servant meditates on Your 36 incline my heart to Your testimonies,

statutes. And not to covetousness.

24 our testimonies also are my delight 37 Turn away my eyes from looking at

And my counselors. worthless things, And revive me in Your

way.

25 My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

38 Establish Your word to Your servant,

Who is devoted to fearing You.

26a have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes. 3' Turn away my reproach which I dread,

For Your judgments are good.

27 Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your 4 O Behold, I long for Your precepts; wonderful works. Revive me in Your righteousness.

2 4 8My soul melts from heaviness; 1Let Your mercies come also to me,  
O Strengthen me according to Your word. LORD-- Your salvation  
according to

Your word.

29Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law  
graciously. So shall I have an answer for him who 4 2

reproaches me, For I trust in Your word.

30a have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid before  
me. 4 3And take not the word of truth utterly

out of my mouth, For I have hoped in

31 cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, Your ordinances. do not put me  
to shame!

4 5 47

So shall I keep Your law continually, You are my portion, O LORD; I  
have

Forever and ever. said that I would keep Your words.

4 5 5And I will walk at liberty, For I seek 8 entreated Your favor with  
my whole Your precepts. heart; Be merciful to me according to

Your word.

46 will speak of Your testimonies also before kings, And will not be  
ashamed. 5' I thought about my ways, And turned

my feet to Your testimonies.

47

And I will delight myself in Your O made haste, and did not delay  
To

commandments, Which I love. 6

keep Your commandments.

4' My hands also I will lift up to Your

6 1

commandments, Which I love, And I will The cords of the wicked  
have bound

meditate on Your statutes. me, But I have not forgotten Your law.

4 62 9Remember the word to Your servant, At midnight I will rise to  
give thanks to

Upon which You have caused me to You, Because of Your righteous  
hope. judgments.

5 6 0This is my comfort in my affliction, For 3 am a companion of all  
who fear You, Your word has given me life. And of those who keep  
Your precepts.

5 6 1The proud have me in great derision, 4The earth, O LORD, is full  
of Your Yet I do not turn aside from Your law. mercy; Teach me Your  
statutes.

5 6 2a remembered Your judgments of old, 5 ou have dealt well with  
Your servant, O LORD, And have comforted myself. O LORD,  
according to Your word.

5 6 3 ndignation has taken hold of me 6Teach me good judgment and  
Because of the wicked, who forsake knowledge, For I believe Your  
Your law. commandments.

54 67Before I was afflicted I went astray,

Your statutes have been my songs In

the house of my pilgrimage. But now I keep Your word.

5 6 5a remember Your name in the night, O 8 ou are good, and do good; Teach me LORD, And I keep Your law. Your statutes.

5 6 6This has become mine, Because I kept

' The proud have forged a lie against

Your precepts. me, But I will keep Your precepts with

my whole heart.

7 8 2 0Their heart is as fat as grease, But I My eyes fail from searching  
Your word,

delight in Your law. Saying, "When will You comfort me?"

7 8 1 is good for me that I have been 3For I have become like a  
wineskin in afflicted, That I may learn Your statutes. smoke, Yet I do  
not forget Your statutes.

7 2 8 4

The law of Your mouth is better to me How many are the days of  
Your

Than thousands of coins of gold and servant? When will You execute  
silver. judgment on those who persecute me?

7 8 3Your hands have made me and 5The proud have dug pits for me,  
Which fashioned me; Give me understanding, is not according to Your  
law. that I may learn Your commandments.

Those who fear You will be glad when They persecute me  
wrongfully; Help me!

they see me, Because I have hoped in

Your word. <sup>87</sup>They almost made an end of me on

<sup>7</sup> precepts. <sup>5a</sup> know, O LORD, that Your judgments earth, But I did not  
forsake Your

are right, And that in faithfulness You

have afflicted me. <sup>88</sup>Revive me according to Your

lovingkindness, So that I may keep the

76

Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be testimony of Your mouth.

for my comfort, According to Your word

to Your servant. <sup>8'</sup> Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled

in heaven.

77

Let Your tender mercies come to me,

that I may live; For Your law is my <sup>90</sup> our faithfulness endures to all  
delight. generations; You established the earth,

and it abides.

<sup>7'</sup> Let the proud be ashamed, For they treated me wrongfully with  
falsehood; <sup>91</sup>They continue this day according to But I will meditate  
on Your precepts. Your ordinances, For all are Your

servants.

79

Let those who fear You turn to me,

Those who know Your testimonies. 92Unless Your law had been my  
delight,

8 affliction. 0Let my heart be blameless regarding I would then have  
perished in my

Your statutes, That I may not be  
ashamed. 93 will never forget Your precepts, For

8

1My soul faints for Your salvation, But I by them You have given me  
life.

hope in Your word.

4 1 am Yours, save me; For I have

' 106 have sworn and confirmed That I will

sought Your precepts. keep Your righteous judgments.

' 107 am afflicted very much; Revive me,

5 The wicked wait for me to destroy me,

O LORD, according to Your word.

But I will consider Your testimonies.

1 08Accept, I pray, the freewill offerings of

' 61 have seen the consummation of all

my mouth, O LORD, And teach me Your

perfection, But Your commandment is

judgments.

exceedingly broad.

1 09 My life is continually in my hand, Yet I

' 7 Oh, how I love Your law! It is my

do not forget Your law.

meditation all the day.

' The wicked have laid a snare for me, 8 1 10

You, through Your commandments,  
make me wiser than my enemies; For Yet I have not strayed from Your  
they are ever with me. precepts.

1 11 our testimonies I have taken as a

"I have more understanding than all my

heritage forever, For they are the  
teachers, For Your testimonies are my  
meditation. rejoicing of my heart.

1

00a understand more than the ancients, 112a have inclined my heart  
to perform

Because I keep Your precepts. Your statutes Forever, to the very end.

1

01a have restrained my feet from every 113 hate the double-minded,  
But I love

Your law.

evil way, That I may keep Your word.

1 shield; I hope in Your word. 02a have not departed from Your 114 ou  
are my hiding place and my

judgments, For You Yourself have

taught me. 1 15Depart from me, you evildoers, For I

1 will keep the commandments of my 03How sweet are Your words to  
my

God!

taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

1 16

1 Uphold me according to Your word, 04Through Your precepts I get

that I may live; And do not let me be  
understanding; Therefore I hate every ashamed of my hope. false way.

1 17

1 Hold me up, and I shall be safe, And I 05 our word is a lamp to my  
feet And a

shall observe Your statutes continually.

light to my path.

1 1 18 ou reject all those who stray from 30The entrance of Your words  
gives Your statutes, For their deceit is light; It gives understanding to  
the

falsehood. simple.

1 1 19 ou put away all the wicked of the 31 pened my mouth and



panted, For I earth like dross; Therefore I love Your longed for Your commandments. testimonies.

1 32Look upon me and be merciful to me,

120

My flesh trembles for fear of You, And As Your custom is toward those who

I am afraid of Your judgments. love Your name.

1 1 21a have done justice and 33Direct my steps by Your word, And let righteousness; Do not leave me to my no iniquity have dominion over me. oppressors.

1 34

1 man, That I may keep Your precepts.

22Be surety for Your servant for good; Redeem me from the oppression of

Do not let the proud oppress me.

1 35Make Your face shine upon Your

123My eyes fail from seeking Your servant, And teach me Your statutes.

salvation And Your righteous word.

1 36Rivers of water run down from my

124

Deal with Your servant according to eyes, Because men do not keep Your

Your mercy, And teach me Your law. statutes.

1 37Righteous are You, O LORD, And

125a am Your servant; Give me

upright are Your judgments.

understanding, That I may know Your

testimonies. 1 38 our testimonies, which You have

commanded, Are righteous and very

126 I is time for You to act, O LORD, For faithful.

they have regarded Your law as void.

1 39My zeal has consumed me, Because

127

Therefore I love Your commandments my enemies have forgotten  
Your words.

More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

1 40

Your word is very pure; Therefore

128Therefore all Your precepts Your servant loves it. concerning all  
things I consider to be

right; I hate every false way. 141a am small and despised, Yet I do not

forget Your precepts.

129

Your testimonies are wonderful;

Therefore my soul keeps them. 1 42Your righteousness is an  
everlasting

righteousness, And Your law is truth.

1 1 4355

Trouble and anguish have overtaken Salvation is far from the  
wicked, For

me, Yet Your commandments are my they do not seek Your statutes.  
delights.

1 56

Great are Your tender mercies, O

144The righteousness of Your LORD; Revive me according to Your testimonies is everlasting; Give me judgments. understanding, and I shall live.

1 57Many are my persecutors and my

145 cry out with my whole heart; Hear

enemies, Yet I do not turn from Your

me, O LORD! I will keep Your statutes. testimonies.

1 1 46a cry out to You; Save me, and I will 58a see the treacherous, and am keep Your testimonies. disgusted, Because they do not keep

Your word.

147a rise before the dawning of the

1 59

morning, And cry for help; I hope in Your Consider how I love Your precepts;

word. Revive me, O LORD, according to Your

lovingkindness.

148My eyes are awake through the night watches, That I may meditate on Your 1 60The entirety of Your word is truth, And word. every one of Your righteous judgments

endures forever.

14 Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness; O LORD, revive me

1 61Princes persecute me without a cause, according to Your justice. But my heart stands in awe of Your

word.

150They draw near who follow after wickedness; They are far from Your law. 162 rejoice at Your word As one who

finds great treasure.

151 ou are near, O LORD, And all Your

163 hate and abhor lying, But I love Your  
commandments are truth.

law.

152

Concerning Your testimonies, I have 164

Seven times a day I praise You,  
known of old that You have founded

Because of Your righteous judgments.  
them forever.

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53Consider my affliction and deliver me, 165Great peace have those  
who love

Your law, And nothing causes them to  
For I do not forget Your law.

stumble.

154Plead my cause and redeem me; 66LORD, I hope for Your  
salvation, And

1

Revive me according to Your word.

I do Your commandments.

167My soul keeps Your testimonies, And 3What shall be given to you,  
Or what

I love them exceedingly. shall be done to you, You false tongue?

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>68a</sup> keep Your precepts and Your

Sharp arrows of the warrior, With coals  
testimonies, For all my ways are before of the broom tree! You.

<sup>5</sup>Woe is me, that I dwell in Meshech,

<sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before You, O That I dwell among the tents of  
Kedar!

LORD; Give me understanding according to Your word. <sup>6</sup> My soul has  
dwelt too long With one

who hates peace.

<sup>170</sup>Let my supplication come before You; Deliver me according to  
Your word. <sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> am for peace; But when I speak, they

are for war.

<sup>171</sup>

My lips shall utter praise, For You  
teach me Your statutes. **PSALM 121**

<sup>172</sup>My tongue shall speak of Your word,

<sup>1</sup> I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- From

For all Your commandments are whence comes my help?  
righteousness.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>73</sup>Let Your hand become my help, For I <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the  
LORD, Who

made heaven and earth.

have chosen Your precepts.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>He will not allow your foot to be moved; <sup>74a</sup> long for Your salvation, O LORD, He who keeps you will not slumber. And Your law is my delight.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>75</sup>Let my soul live, and it shall praise <sup>4</sup>Behold, He who keeps Israel  
Shall

neither slumber nor sleep.

You; And let Your judgments help me.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>76a</sup> have gone astray like a lost sheep; <sup>5</sup>The LORD is your keeper; The  
LORD

is your shade at your right hand.

Seek Your servant, For I do not forget

Your commandments. <sup>6</sup>The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor

the moon by night.

## PSALM 120

<sup>7</sup>The LORD shall preserve you from all

<sup>1</sup> In my distress I cried to the LORD, And evil; He shall preserve your  
soul. He heard me.

<sup>8</sup>The LORD shall preserve your going

<sup>2</sup>Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying out and your coming in From  
this time

lips And from a deceitful tongue. forth, and even forevermore.

**PSALM 122** 3Have mercy on us, O LORD, have

mercy on us! For we are exceedingly

1 filled with contempt.

1 was glad when they said to me, "Let

us go into the house of the LORD." 4Our soul is exceedingly filled With  
the 2 scorn of those who are at ease, With the

Our feet have been standing Within

contempt of the proud.

your gates, O Jerusalem!

**3 PSALM 124** Jerusalem is built As a city that is compact  
together,

1 If it had not been the LORD who was

4 on our side," Let Israel now say--Where the tribes go up, The tribes of  
the LORD, To the Testimony of Israel,

To give thanks to the name of the LORD. 2 If it had not been the LORD  
who was

on our side, When men rose up against

5 uS, For thrones are set there for judgment, The thrones of the house  
of David.

3Then they would have swallowed us

6 alive, When their wrath was kindled Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
"May

they prosper who love you. against us;

7 4 Then the waters would have Peace be within your walls, Prosperity  
within your palaces." overwhelmed us, The stream would

have gone over our soul;

8 For the sake of my brethren and companions, I will now say, "Peace  
be 5 Then the swollen waters Would have

within you." gone over our soul."

'Because of the house of the LORD our 6 Blessed be the LORD, Who has  
not

God I will seek your good. given us as prey to their teeth.

PSALM 123 7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from

the snare of the fowlers; The snare is

1 broken, and we have escaped.

Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who

dwell in the heavens. 8

Our help is in the name of the LORD,

2 Who made heaven and earth.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look to

the hand of their masters, As the eyes of

a maid to the hand of her mistress, So **PSALM 125**

our eyes look to the LORD our God,

Until He has mercy on us.

1 Those who trust in the LORD Are like 6 He who continually goes  
forth weeping,

Mount Zion, Which cannot be moved, Bearing seed for sowing, Shall



but abides forever. doubtless come again with rejoicing,

Bringing his sheaves with him.

2As the mountains surround Jerusalem,

So the LORD surrounds His people **PSALM 127** From this time  
forth and forever.

3 1Unless the LORD builds the house,

For the scepter of wickedness shall not They labor in vain who build  
it; Unless

rest On the land allotted to the righteous, the LORD guards the city,  
The

Lest the righteous reach out their hands watchman stays awake in  
vain. to iniquity.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit

4Do good, O LORD, to those who are up late, To eat the bread of  
sorrows; For

good, And to those who are upright in so He gives His beloved  
sleep. their hearts.

5 3Behold, children are a heritage from the

As for such as turn aside to their LORD, The fruit of the womb is a  
reward.

crooked ways, The LORD shall lead

them away With the workers of iniquity. 4

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So

Peace be upon Israel! are the children of one's youth.

**PSALM 126** 5Happy is the man who has his quiver

full of them; They shall not be ashamed,

<sup>1</sup> When the LORD brought back the But shall speak with their enemies  
in the

captivity of Zion, We were like those gate. who dream.

## <sup>2</sup> **PSALM 128**

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

And our tongue with singing. Then they <sup>1</sup>

Blessed is every one who fears the  
said among the nations, "The LORD has

LORD, Who walks in His ways.  
done great things for them."

<sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>When you eat the labor of your hands,

The LORD has done great things for us,

You shall be happy, and it shall be well  
And we are glad.

with you.

<sup>4</sup>Bring back our captivity, O LORD, As <sup>3</sup>Your wife shall be like a  
fruitful vine In

the streams in the South.

the very heart of your house, Your  
<sup>5</sup> children like olive plants All around your

Those who sow in tears Shall reap in table.

Jy <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Behold, thus shall the man be blessed Out of the depths I have  
cried to You, O Who fears the LORD. LORD;

5 2 The LORD bless you out of Zion, And Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be may you see the good of Jerusalem All attentive To the voice of my the days of your life. supplications.

6 Yes, may you see your children's Elf You, LORD, should mark iniquities, O

children. Peace be upon Israel! Lord, who could stand?

**PSALM 129** 4 But there is forgiveness with You, That

You may be feared.

1 Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth," Let Israel now say-- 5 1 wait for the LORD, my soul waits, And

in His word I do hope.

2 Many a time they have afflicted me from my youth; Yet they have not 6 My soul waits for the Lord More than

prevailed against me. those who watch for the morning-- Yes,

more than those who watch for the

3 The plowers plowed on my back; They morning.

made their furrows long." 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD; For with

4 the LORD there is mercy, And with Him The LORD is righteous; He has cut in

pieces the cords of the wicked. is abundant redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel From all his

5 Let all those who hate Zion Be put to shame and turned back.

iniquities.

6 **PSALM 131** Let them be as the grass on the housetops, Which  
withers before it

grows up, 1LORD, my heart is not haughty, Nor my

eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself

7 with great matters, Nor with things too With which the reaper does  
not fill his

hand, Nor he who binds sheaves, his profound for me. arms.

2 Surely I have calmed and quieted my

8 soul, Like a weaned child with his Neither let those who pass by  
them say,

"The blessing of the LORD be upon you; mother; Like a weaned child  
is my soul

We bless you in the name of the LORD!" within me.

T

**PSALM 130** O Israel, hope in the LORD From this

time forth and forever.

**PSALM 132** them, Their sons also shall sit upon your

throne forevermore."

1 LORD, remember David And all his 3For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
He

1

afflictions;

has desired it for His dwelling place:

2How he swore to the LORD, And vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob:  
144" This is My resting place forever; Here

I will dwell, for I have desired it.

3 " Surely I will not go into the chamber of

15 will abundantly bless her provision; I

my house, Or go up to the comfort of my

will satisfy her poor with bread.

bed;

16 will also clothe her priests with

41 will not give sleep to my eyes Or salvation, And her saints shall  
shout

slumber to my eyelids, aloud for joy.

5 1 7 Until I find a place for the LORD, A

There I will make the horn of David

dwelling place for the Mighty One of grow; I will prepare a lamp for  
My

Jacob." Anointed.

6Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah; 1 8His enemies I will clothe with  
shame, We found it in the fields of the woods. But upon Himself His  
crown shall

7 flourish."

Let us go into His tabernacle; Let us

worship at His footstool.

**PSALM 133**

8 Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place, You and the ark of Your strength. 1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it

is For brethren to dwell together in unity!

'Let Your priests be clothed with 2

It is like the precious oil upon the head,  
righteousness, And let Your saints shout

Running down on the beard, The beard  
for joy.

of Aaron, Running down on the edge of

1 his garments. 0 For Your servant David's sake, Do not  
turn away the face of Your Anointed. 3 is like the dew of Hermon,

1 Descending upon the mountains of Zion; 1 The LORD has sworn in  
truth to David; For there the LORD commanded the He will not turn  
from it: "I will set upon blessing-- Life forevermore. your throne the  
fruit of your body.

1 **PSALM 134** 2 your sons will keep My covenant And My testimony  
which I shall teach 1 9 Behold, bless the LORD, All you He sent signs  
and wonders into the servants of the LORD, Who by night midst of  
you, O Egypt, Upon Pharaoh

stand in the house of the LORD! and all his servants.

2 1 0

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, And He defeated many nations  
And slew

bless the LORD. mighty kings--

3The LORD who made heaven and 11Sihon king of the Amorites, Og  
king of earth Bless you from Zion! Bashan, And all the kingdoms of

Canaan--

**PSALM 135** 1 2And gave their land as a heritage, A

1 heritage to Israel His people.

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of

the LORD; Praise Him, O you servants 1 3 our name, O LORD, endures  
forever, of the LORD!

Your fame, O LORD, throughout all

2 generations.

You who stand in the house of the

LORD, In the courts of the house of our 1 4For the LORD will judge His  
people, God,

And He will have compassion on His

3Praise the LORD, for the LORD is servants.

good; Sing praises to His name, for it is 1 5 The idols of the nations are  
silver and pleasant.

gold, The work of men's hands.

4For the LORD has chosen Jacob for 6They have mouths, but they do  
not





good! For His mercy endures forever. And made Israel pass through  
the

midst of it, For His mercy endures

2 forever; Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For

His mercy endures forever. 1 5But overthrew Pharaoh and his army 3  
in the Red Sea, For His mercy endures

Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For

His mercy endures forever: forever;

16To Him who led His people through

4To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures  
forever; the wilderness, For His mercy endures

forever;

5To Him who by wisdom made the 7To Him who struck down great  
kings,

1

heavens, For His mercy endures

forever; For His mercy endures forever;

1 8

6 And slew famous kings, For His mercy

To Him who laid out the earth above

the waters, For His mercy endures endures forever--

forever;

7 mercy endures forever;

To Him who made great lights, For His

mercy endures forever-- 2 0And Og king of Bashan, For His mercy 8  
endures forever--

The sun to rule by day, For His mercy

endures forever; 2 1And gave their land as a heritage, For

His mercy endures forever;

'The moon and stars to rule by night,

For His mercy endures forever. 2

A heritage to Israel His servant, For

10 His mercy endures forever.

To Him who struck Egypt in their

firstborn, For His mercy endures forever; 2 3Who remembered us in  
our lowly state,

11And brought out Israel from among For His mercy endures forever;

them, For His mercy endures forever; 2 4And rescued us from our  
enemies, For

His mercy endures forever;

2 9 5Who gives food to all flesh, For His Happy the one who takes and  
dashes

mercy endures forever. Your little ones against the rock!

Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! PSALM 138

For His mercy endures forever.

<sup>1</sup> I will praise You with my whole heart;

PSALM 137 Before the gods I will sing praises to

You.

<sup>1</sup> By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down, yea, we wept When we  
<sup>2</sup> I will worship toward Your holy temple, remembered Zion. And  
praise Your name For Your

lovingkindness and Your truth; For You

<sup>2</sup> have magnified Your word above all We hung our harps Upon the  
willows in

the midst of it. Your name.

<sup>3</sup> For there those who carried us away <sup>3</sup> In the day when I cried out,  
You

captive asked of us a song, And those answered me, And made me  
bold with

who plundered us requested mirth, strength in my soul. Saying, "Sing  
us one of the songs of

Zion!" <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise

You, O LORD, When they hear the

<sup>4</sup> words of Your mouth. How shall we sing the LORD's song In a  
foreign land?

<sup>5</sup> Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the

<sup>5</sup> LORD, For great is the glory of the If I forget you, O Jerusalem, Let  
my

right hand forget its skill! LORD.

6 6 Though the LORD is on high, Yet He If I do not remember you, Let  
my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth-- If regards the lowly; But  
the proud He

I do not exalt Jerusalem Above my chief knows from afar. joy.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,

7 You will revive me; You will stretch out Remember, O LORD, against  
the sons

of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who Your hand Against the wrath of  
my

said, "Raze it, raze it, To its very enemies, And Your right hand will  
save

foundation!" me.

8 The LORD will perfect that which 8

O daughter of Babylon, who are to be

destroyed, Happy the one who repays concerns me; Your mercy, O  
LORD,

you as you have served us! endures forever; Do not forsake the

works of Your hands.

PSALM 139 day; The darkness and the light are both

alike to You.

1 O LORD, You have searched me and 3 For You formed my inward  
parts; You

known me.

covered me in my mother's womb.

2You know my sitting down and my 4a will praise You, for I am  
fearfully and

1

rising up; You understand my thought

afar off. wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your

works, And that my soul knows very well.

3You comprehend my path and my lying 1 5My frame was not hidden  
from You, down, And are acquainted with all my ways. When I was  
made in secret, And

skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of

4 the earth.

For there is not a word on my tongue,

But behold, O LORD, You know it 16 our eyes saw my substance, being  
altogether.

yet unformed. And in Your book they all

5 were written, The days fashioned for me,

You have hedged me behind and

When as yet there were none of them.

before, And laid Your hand upon me.

1 7

6 How precious also are Your thoughts

me; It is high, I cannot attain it. to me, O God! How great is the sum  
of Such knowledge is too wonderful for

them!

7Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or 8 I should count them, they  
would be

1

where can I flee from Your presence?

more in number than the sand; When I

8 awake, I am still with You.

If I ascend into heaven, You are there;

If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are 1' Oh, that You would slay  
the wicked, O there. God! Depart from me, therefore, you

bloodthirsty men.

'If I take the wings of the morning, And

dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 2 0For they speak against You  
wickedly;

1 Your enemies take Your name in vain. 0Even there Your hand shall  
lead me,

And Your right hand shall hold me. 2 1Do I not hate them, O LORD,  
who hate

1 You? And do I not loathe those who rise 1 I say, "Surely the darkness  
shall fall

up against You?

on me," Even the night shall be light

about me; 2 2a hate them with perfect hatred; I count

1 them my enemies. 2 ndeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the 2 1 3Search me, O God, and know my OLet  
burning coals fall upon them; Let heart; Try me, and know my  
anxieties; them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits,

that they rise not up again.

24

And see if there is any wicked way in

me, And lead me in the way everlasting. 1 Let not a slanderer be  
established in

the earth; Let evil hunt the violent man

PSALM 140 to overthrow him."

1 2a know that the LORD will maintain

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from evil men;

The cause of the afflicted, And justice

Preserve me from violent men,

for the poor.

2Who plan evil things in their hearts; 3 They continually gather  
together for war. 1 Surely the righteous shall give thanks

to Your name; The upright shall dwell in

3They sharpen their tongues like a Your presence. serpent; The poison  
of asps is under

their lips. Selah PSALM 141

4 <sup>1</sup>LORD, I cry out to You; Make haste to Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from violent me! Give ear to my voice when I cry out

men, Who have purposed to make my to You. steps stumble.

2 Let my prayer be set before You as

5 incense, The lifting up of my hands as The proud have hidden a snare for me,

and cords; They have spread a net by the evening sacrifice. the wayside; They have set traps for

3

me. Selah Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;

Keep watch over the door of my lips.

6 <sup>1</sup>I said to the LORD: "You are my God; Hear the voice of my supplications, O <sup>4</sup>Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, LORD. To practice wicked works With men who

work iniquity; And do not let me eat of

7 their delicacies. O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, You have covered my head in

the day of battle. <sup>5</sup>Let the righteous strike me; It shall be a

kindness. And let him rebuke me; It shall

'Do not grant, O LORD, the desires of be as excellent oil; Let my head not

the wicked; Do not further his wicked refuse it. For still my prayer is against

scheme, Lest they be exalted. Selah the deeds of the wicked.



"As for the head of those who surround me Their judges are overthrown  
by the

me, Let the evil of their lips cover them; sides of the cliff, And they  
hear my

words, for they are sweet.

77 Our bones are scattered at the mouth Bring my soul out of prison,  
That I may of the grave, As when one plows and praise Your name;  
The righteous shall

breaks up the earth. surround me, For You shall deal

bountifully with me."

8But my eyes are upon You, O GOD the Lord; In You I take refuge; Do  
not leave **PSALM 143** my soul destitute.

1Hear my prayer, O LORD, Give ear to

'Keep me from the snares they have my supplications! In Your  
faithfulness

laid for me, And from the traps of the answer me, And in Your  
righteousness.

workers of iniquity.

2 Do not enter into judgment with Your

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, servant, For in Your sight no  
one living

While I escape safely. is righteous.

**PSALM 142** 3For the enemy has persecuted my soul;

He has crushed my life to the ground;

1 He has made me dwell in darkness, Like 1 cry out to the LORD with  
my voice;

With my voice to the LORD I make my those who have long been  
dead. supplication.

4 Therefore my spirit is overwhelmed

2 within me; My heart within me is 1 pour out my complaint before  
Him; I

declare before Him my trouble. distressed.

3When my spirit was overwhelmed 51 remember the days of old; I  
meditate

within me, Then You knew my path. In on all Your works; I muse on  
the work of

the way in which I walk They have Your hands.

secretly set a snare for me. I I spread out my hands to You; My soul

4 longs for You like a thirsty land.Selah Look on my right hand and  
see, For

there is no one who acknowledges me;

Refuge has failed me; No one cares for 7Answer me speedily, O LORD;  
My spirit my soul. fails! Do not hide Your face from me,

Lest I be like those who go down into

5 the pit. 1 cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You are my refuge, My  
portion in the land of

the living. 8Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness

in the morning, For in You do I trust;

6 Cause me to know the way in which I Attend to my cry, For I am  
brought very

low; Deliver me from my persecutors, should walk, For I lift up my  
soul to You.

For they are stronger than 1.

'Deliver me, O LORD, from my

enemies; In You I take shelter.

18 O Teach me to do Your will, For You are Whose mouth speaks lying  
words, And

my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in whose right hand is a right  
hand of

the land of uprightness. falsehood.

11 Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's 'I will sing a new song to You,  
O God;

sake! For Your righteousness' sake On a harp of ten strings I will sing  
bring my soul out of trouble. praises to You,

11 0 2 n Your mercy cut off my enemies, And

The One who gives salvation to kings,

destroy all those who afflict my soul; For Who delivers David His  
servant From

I am Your servant. the deadly sword.

PSALM 144 1 Rescue me and deliver me from the

hand of foreigners, Whose mouth

1 speaks lying words, And whose right

Blessed be the LORD my Rock, Who

hand is a right hand of falsehood--

trains my hands for war, And my fingers

for battle-- 1 2 That our sons may be as plants grown 2 up in their  
youth; That our daughters

My lovingkindness and my fortress, My

may be as pillars, Sculptured in palace

high tower and my deliverer, My shield

style;

and the One in whom I take refuge, Who

subdues my people under me. 13That our barns may be full, Supplying

3LORD, what is man, that You take all kinds of produce; That our  
sheep

may bring forth thousands And ten

knowledge of him? Or the son of man,

thousands in our fields;

that You are mindful of him?

1 4

4 That our oxen may be well laden; That

Man is like a breath; His days are like a

there be no breaking in or going out;

passing shadow.

That there be no outcry in our streets.

5Bow down Your heavens, O LORD, 5Happy are the people who are in  
such

1

and come down; Touch the mountains,

a state; Happy are the people whose

and they shall smoke.

God is the LORD!

Flash forth lightning and scatter them; Shoot out Your arrows and destroy them. **PSALM 145**

1 I will extol You, my God, O King; And I Stretch out Your hand from above; Rescue me and deliver me out of great will bless Your name forever and ever.

waters, From the hand of foreigners,

2 Every day I will bless You, And I will praise Your name forever and ever.

3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be 15 The eyes of all look expectantly to You, praised; And His greatness is And You give them their food in due unsearchable. season.

4 1 One generation shall praise Your works 6 ou open Your hand And satisfy the to another, And shall declare Your desire of every living thing. mighty acts.

17

The LORD is righteous in all His ways,

5 1 will meditate on the glorious splendor Gracious in all His works. of Your majesty, And on Your wondrous

works. 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon

Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.

6 Men shall speak of the might of Your

awesome acts, And I will declare Your 1' He will fulfill the desire of those who greatness. fear Him; He also will hear their cry and

save them.

7They shall utter the memory of Your

great goodness, And shall sing of Your 2 OThe LORD preserves all who  
love Him, righteousness. But all the wicked He will destroy.

8The LORD is gracious and full of 1My mouth shall speak the praise of  
the

2

compassion, Slow to anger and great in LORD, And all flesh shall bless  
His holy

mercy. name Forever and ever.

The LORD is good to all, And His **PSALM 146**

tender mercies are over all His works.

1

0All Your works shall praise You, O 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the  
LORD, O

my soul!

LORD, And Your saints shall bless You.

1 While I live I will praise the LORD; I will

1 2

They shall speak of the glory of Your

sing praises to my God while I have my

kingdom, And talk of Your power,

being.

12 3Do not put your trust in princes, Nor in  
To make known to the sons of men  
His mighty acts, And the glorious  
a son of man, in whom there is no help.  
majesty of His kingdom.

1  
3Your kingdom is an everlasting 4His spirit departs, he returns to his  
earth; In that very day his plans perish.  
kingdom, And Your dominion endures

throughout all generations. 5Happy is he who has the God of Jacob  
1 for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD 4The LORD upholds all who  
fall, And  
his God,  
raises up all who are bowed down.

6 7 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, Sing to the LORD with  
thanksgiving; and all that is in them; Who keeps truth Sing praises on  
the harp to our God,  
forever,

8Who covers the heavens with clouds,  
7Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who prepares rain for the  
earth, Who  
Who gives food to the hungry. The makes grass to grow on the  
mountains.  
LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.

9 He gives to the beast its food, And to

8The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the young ravens that cry. The LORD raises those who are bowed

down; The LORD loves the righteous. 1 0He does not delight in the strength of

the horse; He takes no pleasure in the

"The LORD watches over the strangers; legs of a man. He relieves the fatherless and widow;

But the way of the wicked He turns 1 1 The LORD takes pleasure in those upside down. who fear Him, In those who hope in His

1

0The LORD shall reign forever-- Your mercy.

God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise 1 2Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem! Praise the LORD! your God, O Zion!

PSALM 147 1 3For He has strengthened the bars of

your gates; He has blessed your

1 children within you. Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing

praises to our God; For it is pleasant, 4He makes peace in your borders, And

and praise is beautiful. 1

fills you with the finest wheat.

2The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He 5He sends out His command to the

gathers together the outcasts of Israel. 1

earth; His word runs very swiftly.



3He heals the brokenhearted And binds

up their wounds. 1 6He gives snow like wool; He scatters

the frost like ashes;

4He counts the number of the stars; He

1 7

calls them all by name. He casts out His hail like morsels;

Who can stand before His cold?

5Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; 8He sends out His word and melts

His understanding is infinite. 1

them; He causes His wind to blow, and

6 the waters flow. The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked down to the ground.

1 1 1 9He declares His word to Jacob, His Kings of the earth and all peoples;

statutes and His judgments to Israel. Princes and all judges of the earth;

2 1 2 0He has not dealt thus with any nation; Both young men and maidens; Old

And as for His judgments, they have not men and children. known them. Praise the LORD!

1 3Let them praise the name of the LORD,

PSALM 148 For His name alone is exalted; His glory

is above the earth and heaven.

1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise Him in

the And He has exalted the horn of His <sup>1</sup> 4

heights! people, The praise of all His saints-- Of

the children of Israel, A people near to

<sup>2</sup> Him. Praise the LORD!

Praise Him, all His angels; Praise Him,

all His hosts!

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<sup>3</sup> Praise Him, sun and moon; Praise Him,

all you stars of light! <sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a

new song, And His praise in the

<sup>4</sup> assembly of saints. Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, And you waters above the heavens!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; Let the

<sup>5</sup> children of Zion be joyful in their King. Let them praise the name of the LORD,

For He commanded and they were

3

created. Let them praise His name with the

dance; Let them sing praises to Him

<sup>6</sup> with the timbrel and harp. He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not

pass away. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD takes pleasure in His

people; He will beautify the humble with

<sup>7</sup> salvation. Praise the LORD from the earth, You great sea creatures and all the depths;

<sup>5</sup> Let the saints be joyful in glory; Let

8 them sing aloud on their beds. Fire and hail, snow and clouds;  
Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;

6 Let the high praises of God be in their

'Mountains and all hills; Fruitful trees mouth, And a two-edged sword  
in their

and all cedars; hand,

1 To execute vengeance on the nations,

0Beasts and all cattle; Creeping things 7

and flying fowl; And punishments on the peoples; 8 To bind their kings  
with chains, And 3Praise Him with the sound of the

their nobles with fetters of iron; trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and

harp!

'To execute on them the written judgment-- This honor have all His 4  
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; saints. Praise the LORD! Praise  
Him with stringed instruments

and flutes!

PSALM 150 5Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise

1 Hİm with clashing cymbals!

Praise the LORD! Praise God in His

sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty 6 Let everything that has breath  
praise firmament!

the LORD. Praise the LORD!

2Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent  
greatness!



# **The Books Of the Old**

# Covenant

# The Creation of Man on Earth

one place, and let the dry land appear";  
and it was so.

1 In the beginning God created the earth. And God called the dry land Earth, and heavens and the earth. the gathering together of the waters He

2 called Seas. And God saw that it was

The earth was without form, and void; good.

and darkness was on the face of the

deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let the earth bring

forth grass, the herb that yields seed,

3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. and the fruit tree that yields fruit

according to its kind, whose seed is in

there was light.

itself, on the earth"; and it was so.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good; 2

1 And the earth brought forth grass, the

and God divided the light from the

herb that yields seed according to its  
darkness.

kind, and the tree that yields fruit, whose  
seed is in itself according to its kind.

God called the light Day, and the And God saw that it was good.

darkness He called Night. So the

evening and the morning were the first <sup>13</sup>

So the evening and the morning were  
day.

the third day.

<sup>6</sup>Then God said, "Let there be a <sup>4</sup>Then God said, "Let there be lights in

<sup>1</sup>

firmament in the midst of the waters,

the firmament of the heavens to divide  
and let it divide the waters from the

the day from the night; and let them be  
waters."

for signs and seasons, and for days and  
<sup>7</sup> years;

Thus God made the firmament, and

divided the waters which were under the <sup>15</sup>and let them be for  
lights in the firmament from the waters which were firmament of the

heavens to give light above the firmament; and it was so. on the earth"; and it was so.

8And God called the firmament Heaven. 6Then God made two great lights: the

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So the evening and the morning were

greater light to rule the day, and the

the second day.

lesser light to rule the night. He made

the stars also.

"Then God said, "Let the waters under

the heavens be gathered together into 17

God set them in the firmament of the

heavens to give light on the earth, 1 ' and to rule over the day and over the the sea, over the birds of the air, and

night, and to divide the light from the over the cattle, over all the earth and

darkness. And God saw that it was good. over every creeping thing that creeps on

the earth."

1' So the evening and the morning were the fourth day. 2 7

So God created man in His own

image; in the image of God He created

20 him; male and female He created them.

Then God said, "Let the waters

abound with an abundance of living



creatures, and let birds fly above the 2 ' Then God blessed them, and God said earth across the face of the firmament of to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the

the heavens." earth and subdue it; have dominion over

the fish of the sea, over the birds of the

21 air, and over every living thing that

so God created great sea creatures

and every living thing that moves, with moves on the earth." which the waters abounded, according

to their kind, and every winged bird 2 ' And God said, "See, I have given you according to its kind. And God saw that every herb that yields seed which is on

it was good. the face of all the earth, and every tree

whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be

22 for food.

And God blessed them, saying, "Be

fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in 0Also, to every beast of the earth, to

the seas, and let birds multiply on the 3 earth." every bird of the air, and to everything

that creeps on the earth, in which there

23 is life, I have given every green herb for

So the evening and the morning were

the fifth day. food"; and it was so.

4Then God said, "Let the earth bring 31Then God saw everything that

He had

forth the living creature according to its made, and indeed it was very good. So

kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast the evening and the morning were the

of the earth, each according to its kind"; sixth day. and it was so.

25And God made the beast of the earth 2Thus the heavens and the earth, and

according to its kind, cattle according to all the host of them, were finished. its kind, and everything that creeps on

the earth according to its kind. And God 2And on the seventh day God ended His saw that it was good. work which He had done, and He rested

2 on the seventh day from all His work 6Then God said, "Let Us make man in

which He had done.

Our image, according to Our likeness;

let them have dominion over the fish of 3Then God blessed the seventh day and 12And the gold of that land is good. sanctified it, because in it He rested Bdeleium and the onyx stone are there.

from all His work which God had created

and made. 13The name of the second river is Gihon;

it is the one which goes around the

4This is the history of the heavens and whole land of Cush. the earth when they were created, in the

day that the LORD God made the earth 1 4The name of the third river is Hiddekel; and the heavens, it is the one which goes toward the east

of Assyria. The fourth river is the

before any plant of the field was in the Euphrates. earth and before  
any herb of the field

had grown. For the LORD God had not 1 5Then the LORD God took  
the man and caused it to rain on the earth, and there put him in the  
garden of Eden to tend

was no man to till the ground; and keep it.

6 1 but a mist went up from the earth and 6And the LORD God  
commanded the watered the whole face of the ground. man, saying,  
"Of every tree of the

garden you may freely eat;

7And the LORD God formed man of the

dust of the ground, and breathed into his 17but of the tree of the  
knowledge of nostrils the breath of life; and man good and evil you  
shall not eat, for in the

became a living being. day that you eat of it you shall surely

die."

8The LORD God planted a garden

eastward in Eden, and there He put the 1 8And the LORD God said, "It  
is not man whom He had formed. good that man should be alone; I  
will

make him a helper comparable to him."

'And out of the ground the LORD God

made every tree grow that is pleasant to 1' Out of the ground the LORD  
God the sight and good for food. The tree of formed every beast of the  
field and

life was also in the midst of the garden, every bird of the air, and  
brought them

and the tree of the knowledge of good to Adam to see what he would

call them.

and evil. And whatever Adam called each living

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0Now a river went out of Eden to water creature, that was its name.

the garden, and from there it parted and 20So Adam gave names to all  
cattle, to became four riverheads. the birds of the air, and to every  
beast of

the field. But for Adam there was not

11

The name of the first is Pishon; it is the found a helper comparable  
to him.

one which skirts the whole land of

Havilah, where there is gold. 2 1And the LORD God caused a deep

sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and  
closed up 6So when the woman saw that the tree

the flesh in its place. was good for food, that it was pleasant

to the eyes, and a tree desirable to

22 make one wise, she took of its fruit and

Then the rib which the LORD God had

taken from man He made into a woman, ate. She also gave to her  
husband with

and He brought her to the man. her, and he ate.

2 7 3 Then the eyes of both of them were And Adam said: "This is now  
bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She opened, and they knew  
that they were

shall be called Woman, Because she naked; and they sewed fig leaves  
was taken out of Man." together and made themselves

coverings.

24Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, 8And they heard the sound of the LORD

and they shall become one flesh. God walking in the garden in the cool of

the day, and Adam and his wife hid

25And they were both naked, the man themselves from the presence of the

LORD God among the trees of the

and his wife, and were not ashamed.

garden.

Then the LORD God called to Adam

3Now the serpent was more cunning

and said to him, "Where are you?"

than any beast of the field which the

LORD God had made. And he said to 1 0So he said, "I heard Your voice in the the woman, "Has God indeed said, "You garden, and I was afraid because I was

shall not eat of every tree of the naked; and I hid myself." garden?"

1 1And He said, "Who told you that you

2And the woman said to the serpent, were naked? Have you eaten from the

"We may eat the fruit of the trees of the tree of which I commanded you that you

garden; should not eat?"

midst of the garden, God has said, "You Abut of the fruit of the tree which is in the <sup>12</sup>Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, gave me of the tree, and I ate." lest you die.'

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<sup>4</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman,

Then the serpent said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"  
The

"You will not surely die. woman said, "The serpent deceived me,  
<sup>5</sup> and I ate."

For God knows that in the day you eat  
of it your eyes will be opened, and you <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

So the LORD God said to the serpent:

will be like God, knowing good and evil." "Because you have done this, You are

cursed more than all cattle, And more put out his hand and take also  
of the

than every beast of the field; On your tree of life, and eat, and live  
forever"--

belly you shall go, And you shall eat

dust All the days of your life. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>therefore the LORD God sent him out

of the garden of Eden to till the ground

<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity Between you and from which he was taken.  
the woman, And between your seed and

her Seed; He shall bruise your head, <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

So He drove out the man; and He

And you shall bruise His heel." placed cherubim at the east of the

garden of Eden, and a flaming sword

16To the woman He said: "I will greatly which turned every way, to  
guard the

multiply your sorrow and your way to the tree of life. conception; In  
pain you shall bring forth

children; Your desire shall be for your

husband, And he shall rule over you." 4Now Adam knew Eve his wife,  
and

1 she conceived and bore Cain, and said, 7 Then to Adam He said,  
"Because you "I have acquired a man from the LORD." have heeded  
the voice of your wife, and

have eaten from the tree of which I 2 Then she bore again, this time  
his commanded you, saying, "You shall not brother Abel. Now Abel  
was a keeper of eat of it": "Cursed is the ground for your sheep, but  
Cain was a tiller of the sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the ground.  
days of your life.

1 3And in the process of time it came to 8Both thorns and thistles it  
shall bring

pass that Cain brought an offering of the  
forth for you, And you shall eat the herb

fruit of the ground to the LORD.  
of the field.

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' In the sweat of your face you shall eat 4 AbeI also brought of the  
firstborn of his

flock and of their fat. And the LORD

bread Till you return to the ground, For

respected Abel and his offering,

out of it you were taken; For dust you

are, And to dust you shall return." s but He did not respect Cain and his

2 offering. And Cain was very angry, and 0And Adam called his wife's name Eve,

his countenance fell.

because she was the mother of all living.

2 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are

1 6

Also for Adam and his wife the LORD

you angry? And why has your

God made tunics of skin, and clothed

countenance fallen?

them.

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2Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the 7If you do well, will you not be accepted?

And if you do not do well, sin lies at the

man has become like one of Us, to

door. And its desire is for you, but you

know good and evil. And now, lest he



8 17

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; And Cain knew his wife, and she

and it came to pass, when they were in conceived and bore Enoch.  
And he built

the field, that Cain rose up against Abel a city, and called the name of the city

his brother and killed him. after the name of his son--Enoch.

1 8

"Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad

Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot

know. Am I my brother's keeper?" Methushael, and Methushael begot

Lamech.

<sup>10</sup>And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries <sup>1</sup>' Then Lamech took for himself two out to Me from the ground. wives: the name of one was Adah, and

the name of the second was Zillah.

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So now you are cursed from the earth, <sup>0</sup>And Adah bore Jabal. He was the

which has opened its mouth to receive <sup>2</sup> your brother's blood from your hand. father of those who dwell in tents and

have livestock.

12

When you till the ground, it shall no

2 1

longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive His brother's name was Jubal. He was

and a vagabond you shall be on the the father of all those who play the harp

earth." and flute.

1 2 3 2And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal- And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in

bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-

14 Cain was Naamah.

Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall

2 3

be hidden from Your face; I shall be a Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah

fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of

and it will happen that anyone who finds Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have

me will kill me." killed a man for wounding me, Even a

young man for hurting me.

15And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be 24 Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold." set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding

him should kill him. 25And Adam knew his wife again, and

she bore a son and named him Seth,

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, for God has appointed another seed

of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden, for he did not know the LORD.

And Cain killed his brother Abel.

21 6 And as for Seth, to him also a son was born. After he begot Enosh, Enosh lived; and he named him Enosh. Then eight hundred and fifteen years, and he had

sons and daughters. The LORD.

1 1

So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

5 This is the book of the genealogy of

Adam. In the day that God created man, Cainan lived seventy years, and begot 1 2

He made him in the likeness of God. Mahalalel.

21 3 After he begot Mahalalel, Cainan lived

He created them male and female, and

blessed them and called them Mankind eight hundred and forty years, and he had

in the day they were created. sons and daughters.

31 4 So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and thirty years, and he begot a son in his own hundred and ten years; and he died.

likeness, after his image, and named

him Seth. <sup>1</sup> 5Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and

begot Jared.

<sup>4</sup>After he begot Seth, the days of Adam <sup>6</sup>After he begot Jared,  
Mahalalel lived

were eight hundred years; and he had <sup>1</sup> sons and daughters. eight  
hundred and thirty years, and had

sons and daughters.

<sup>5</sup>So all the days that Adam lived were

<sup>1</sup> 7

nine hundred and thirty years; and he So all the days of Mahalalel  
were eight

died. hundred and ninety-five years; and he

died.

and begot Enosh. <sup>1</sup> 8 <sup>6</sup>Seth lived one hundred and five years,

Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two

years, and begot Enoch.

<sup>7</sup>After he begot Enosh, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years, and  
had sons <sup>1</sup> After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight and daughters.  
hundred years, and had sons and

daughters.

<sup>8</sup>So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he  
died. <sup>2</sup> 0

So all the days of Jared were nine

hundred and sixty-two years; and he

'Enosh lived ninety years, and begot died. Cainan.

Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot  
Methuselah.

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After he begot Methuselah, Enoch  
walked with God three hundred years, 6Now it came to pass, when  
men and had sons and daughters.  
began to multiply on the face of the  
earth, and daughters were born to them, 3 So all the days of Enoch  
were three  
hundred and sixty-five years. 2  
that the sons of God saw the daughters

2 of men, that they were beautiful; and 4 And Enoch walked with God;  
and he they took wives for themselves of all  
was not, for God took him. whom they chose.

25Methuselah lived one hundred and 3And the LORD said, "My Spirit  
shall not

eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. strive with man forever, for he  
is indeed

2 and twenty years."

6After he begot Lamech, Methuselah flesh; yet his days shall be one  
hundred

lived seven hundred and eighty-two

years, and had sons and daughters. 4 There were giants on the earth in those

days, and also afterward, when the sons

27

So all the days of Methuselah were of God came in to the daughters of men

nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and and they bore children to them. Those

he died. were the mighty men who were of old,

men of renown.

28Lamech lived one hundred and eighty- two years, and had a son.  
5Then the LORD saw that the

wickedness of man was great in the

2 earth, and that every intent of the ' And he called his name Noah, saying,

"This one will comfort us concerning our thoughts of his heart was only evil

work and the toil of our hands, because continually. of the ground which the LORD has

cursed." 6And the LORD was sorry that He had

made man on the earth, and He was

30After he begot Noah, Lamech lived five grieyed in His heart.

hundred and ninety-five years, and had

sons and daughters. 7So the LORD said, "I will destroy man

whom I have created from the face of

31 the earth, both man and beast, creeping So all the days of Lamech were seven

hundred and seventy-seven years; and thing and birds of the air, for I

am sorry

he died. that I have made them."

32 8But Noah found grace in the eyes of the

And Noah was five hundred years old,  
and Noah begot Shem, Ham, and LORD. Japheth.

'This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah your sons, your wife, and your sons'

was a just man, perfect in his wives with you. generations. Noah walked with God.

1' And of every living thing of all flesh

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And Noah begot three sons: Shem, you shall bring two of every sort into the  
Ham, and Japheth. ark, to keep them alive with you; they

shall be male and female.

11

The earth also was corrupt before God,

2 0

and the earth was filled with violence. Of the birds after their kind, of animals

after their kind, and of every creeping

12 thing of the earth after its kind, two of

so God looked upon the earth, and  
indeed it was corrupt; for all flesh had every kind will come to you to keep  
corrupted their way on the earth. them alive.

1 21 3And God said to Noah, "The end of all And you shall take for  
yourself of all

flesh has come before Me, for the earth food that is eaten, and you  
shall gather

is filled with violence through them; and it to yourself; and it shall be  
food for you

behold, I will destroy them with the earth. and for them."

1 Thus Noah did; according to all that

4Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; 2

make rooms in the ark, and cover it God commanded him, so he did.  
inside and outside with pitch.

15And this is how you shall make it: The 7Then the LORD said to  
Noah, "Come

length of the ark shall be three hundred into the ark, you and all your  
household,

cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its because I have seen that you are  
height thirty cubits. righteous before Me in this generation.

1 2 6You shall make a window for the ark,

You shall take with you seven each of

and you shall finish it to a cubit from every clean animal, a male and  
his

above; and set the door of the ark in its female; two each of animals  
that are

side. You shall make it with lower, unclean, a male and his female;



second, and third decks.

1 3Also seven each of birds of the air,

7And behold, I Myself am bringing male and female, to keep the species

floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from alive on the face of all the earth. under heaven all flesh in which is the

breath of life; everything that is on the 4 For after seven more days I will cause it earth shall die. to rain on the earth forty days and forty

nights, and I will destroy from the face of

1' But I will establish My covenant with the earth all living things that I have

you; and you shall go into the ark--you, made."

5 1 And Noah did according to all that the 5And they went into the ark to Noah, LORD commanded him. two by two, of all flesh in which is the

breath of life.

6Noah was six hundred years old when

1 6

the floodwaters were on the earth. so those that entered, male and

female of all flesh, went in as God had

7 commanded him; and the LORD shut So Noah, with his sons, his wife, and

his sons' wives, went into the ark him in.

because of the waters of the flood. 7Now the flood was on the earth forty

8 days. The waters increased and lifted up Of clean animals, of animals that are

unclean, of birds, and of everything that the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

creeps on the earth,

<sup>1</sup> ' The waters prevailed and greatly

'two by two they went into the ark to increased on the earth, and the ark

Noah, male and female, as God had moved about on the surface of the commanded Noah. waters.

<sup>11</sup> ' And the waters prevailed exceedingly 0 And it came to pass after seven days that the waters of the flood were on the on the earth, and all the high hills under

earth. the whole heaven were covered.

<sup>1</sup> The waters prevailed fifteen cubits

<sup>1</sup> n the six hundredth year of Noah's life, <sup>2</sup> 0

in the second month, the seventeenth upward, and the mountains were

day of the month, on that day all the covered. fountains of the great deep were broken

<sup>2</sup> 1

up, and the windows of heaven were And all flesh died that moved on the

opened. earth: birds and cattle and beasts and

every creeping thing that creeps on the

<sup>12</sup> earth, and every man.

And the rain was on the earth forty

days and forty nights. 2All in whose nostrils was the breath of

2

13 the spirit of life, all that was on the dry

On the very same day Noah and

Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth, land, died. and Noah's wife and the three wives of

23

his sons with them, entered the ark-- So He destroyed all living things which

were on the face of the ground: both

14 hey and every beast after its kind, all man and cattle, creeping thing and bird

cattle after their kind, every creeping of the air. They were destroyed from the

thing that creeps on the earth after its earth. Only Noah and those who were

kind, and every bird after its kind, every with him in the ark remained alive. bird of every sort.

24

And the waters prevailed on the earth on the face of the whole earth. So he

one hundred and fifty days. put out his hand and took her, and drew

her into the ark to himself.

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8Then God remembered Noah, and And he waited yet another seven

days,

and again he sent the dove out from the  
every living thing, and all the animals  
ark.

that were with him in the ark. And God

made a wind to pass over the earth, and <sup>1</sup> Then the dove came to him  
in the the waters subsided.

evening, and behold, a freshly plucked  
<sup>2</sup> olive leaf was in her mouth; and Noah The fountains of the deep and  
the

knew that the waters had receded from  
windows of heaven were also stopped,  
the earth.

and the rain from heaven was restrained.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> And the waters receded continually So he waited yet another  
seven days

from the earth. At the end of the and sent out the dove, which did not  
return again to him anymore.

hundred and fifty days the waters

decreased. <sup>13</sup> And it came to pass in the six hundred <sup>4</sup> and first year, in  
the first month, the first

Then the ark rested in the seventh

month, the seventeenth day of the day of the month, that the waters  
were

month, on the mountains of Ararat. dried up from the earth; and Noah  
removed the covering of the ark and  
5 looked, and indeed the surface of the  
And the waters decreased continually ground was dry.  
until the tenth month. In the tenth month,

on the first day of the month, the tops of 1 4And in the second month,  
on the the mountains were seen.

twenty-seventh day of the month, the  
6 earth was dried.

So it came to pass, at the end of forty

days, that Noah opened the window of 1 5Then God spoke to Noah,  
saying, the ark which he had made.

1 6 Go out of the ark, you and your wife,  
7Then he sent out a raven, which kept and your sons and your sons'  
wives with going to and fro until the waters had  
dried up from the earth. you.

1 7

8 Bring out with you every living thing of He also sent out from  
himself a dove, to

see if the waters had receded from the all flesh that is with you: birds  
and cattle

face of the ground. and every creeping thing that creeps on

the earth, so that they may abound on  
the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on

'But the dove found no resting place for

the earth."

the sole of her foot, and she returned

into the ark to him, for the waters were <sup>15</sup> ' So Noah went out, and his sons and Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a his wife and his sons' wives with him. reckoning; from the hand of every beast

I will require it, and from the hand of

<sup>19</sup>Every animal, every creeping thing, man. From the hand of every man's

every bird, and whatever creeps on the brother I will require the life of man. earth, according to their families, went

out of the ark. <sup>6</sup> Whoever sheds man's blood, By man

his blood shall be shed; For in the image

<sup>20</sup> of God He made man.

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD,

and took of every clean animal and of

every clean bird, and offered burnt <sup>7</sup>And as for you, be fruitful and multiply; offerings on the altar. Bring forth abundantly in the earth And

multiply in it."

<sup>21</sup>And the LORD smelled a soothing aroma. Then the LORD said in His heart, "Then God spoke to Noah and to his

"I will never again curse the ground for sons with him, saying: man's sake, although the imagination of

man's heart is evil from his youth; nor "And as for Me, behold, I establish My

will I again destroy every living thing as I covenant with you and with your

have done. descendants after you,

210 2§4While the earth remains, Seedtime

and with every living creature that is

and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and with you: the birds, the cattle,  
and every

summer, And day and night Shall not be cut off from the earth with you, of  
all that go

cease." out of the ark, every beast of the earth.

1 Thus I establish My covenant with you:

9So God blessed Noah and his sons, Never again shall all flesh be cut  
off by

and said to them: "Be fruitful and the waters of the flood; never again  
shall

multiply, and fill the earth. there be a flood to destroy the earth."

21 2And God said: "This is the sign of the

And the fear of you and the dread of

you shall be on every beast of the earth, covenant which I make  
between Me and

on every bird of the air, on all that move you, and every living  
creature that is

on the earth, and on all the fish of the with you, for perpetual  
generations:

sea. They are given into your hand. 3 set My rainbow in the cloud,  
and it

3Every moving thing that lives shall be shall be for the sign of the covenant

food for you. I have given you all things, between Me and the earth. even as the green herbs.

14

It shall be, when I bring a cloud over

4 the earth, that the rainbow shall be seen But you shall not eat flesh with its life,

that is, its blood. in the cloud;

1 2 5and I will remember My covenant 4

So Noah awoke from his wine, and

which is between Me and you and every knew what his younger son had done to

living creature of all flesh; the waters him. shall never again become a flood to

destroy all flesh. 2 5

Then he said: "Cursed be Canaan; A

servant of servants He shall be to his

16

The rainbow shall be in the cloud, and brethren."

I will look on it to remember the

everlasting covenant between God and 2 6

And he said: "Blessed be the LORD,

every living creature of all flesh that is The God of Shem, And may Canaan be

on the earth." his servant.



1 2 7 And God said to Noah, "This is the May God enlarge Japheth, And  
may sign of the covenant which I have he dwell in the tents of Shem;  
And may

established between Me and all flesh Canaan be his servant." that is on  
the earth."

2' And Noah lived after the flood three

1 ' Now the sons of Noah who went out of hundred and fifty years. the  
ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And Ham was the father of Canaan. 2

' So all the days of Noah were nine

1 hundred and fifty years; and he died.

' These three were the sons of Noah,

and from these the whole earth was

populated.

1 ONow this is the genealogy of the

20 sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And Noah began to be a farmer, and  
he planted a vineyard. And sons were born to them after the  
flood.

21Then he drank of the wine and was

2 The sons of Japheth were Gomer,  
drunk, and became uncovered in his  
tent. Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech,  
and Tiras.

2And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his 3The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, two brothers outside. Riphath, and Togarmah.

2 The sons of Javan were Elishah,

3But Shem and Japheth took a garment, 4

laid it on both their shoulders, and went Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. backward and covered the nakedness of

their father. Their faces were turned 5From these the coastland peoples of away, and they did not see their father's the Gentiles were separated into their

nakedness. lands, everyone according to his language, according to their families, 1 8the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the into their nations. Hamathite. Afterward the families of the

Canaanites were dispersed.

6The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 1 ' And the border of the Canaanites was

from Sidon as you go toward Gerar, as

7 far as Gaza; then as you go toward The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah,

Sabtah, Raamah, and Sabtechah; and Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, and the sons of Raamah were Sheba and Zeboiim, as far as Lasha.

Dedan. 0These were the sons of Ham,

8 according to their families, according to Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a

mighty one on the earth. their languages, in their lands and in  
their nations.

LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod He was a mighty hunter  
before the LORD." the father of all the children of Eber, the

brother of Japheth the elder.

And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and  
Calneh, in the land of Shinar.

The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur,  
Lud, and Aram.

The sons of Aram were Uz, Hut, Gether, and Mash.

From that land he went to Assyria and  
built Nineveh, Rehoboth Ir, Calah, and Mash.

Arphaxad begot Salah, and Salah  
and Resen between Nineveh and  
Calah (that is the principal city). begot Eber.

Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim, and Phut. To Eber were born two sons: the  
name  
Lehabim, Naphtuhim, of one was Peleg, for in his days the  
earth was divided; and his brother's  
name was Joktan.

came the Philistines and Caphtorim). 2 6Joktan begot Almodad,  
Sheleph, 15 Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

Canaan begot Sidon his firstborn, and

Heth; 27Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

16The Jebusite, the Amorite, and the Girgashite; ObaI, Abimael,  
Sheba, 28

1 ' Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these

7 he Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite; 2

were the sons of Joktan.

30And their dwelling place was from 7Come, let Us go down and there  
Mesha as you go toward Sephar, the confuse their language, that they  
may

mountain of the east. not understand one another's speech."

3 8 1

These were the sons of Shem, So the LORD scattered them abroad

according to their families, according to from there over the face of all  
the earth,

their languages, in their lands, according and they ceased building the  
city. to their nations.

"Therefore its name is called Babel,

32These were the families of the sons of because there the LORD  
confused the

Noah, according to their generations, in language of all the earth; and  
from there

their nations; and from these the nations the LORD scattered them

abroad over

were divided on the earth after the flood. the face of all the earth.

<sup>1</sup> 0 This is the genealogy of Shem: Shem

<sup>1</sup> 1 was one hundred years old, and begot Now the whole earth  
had one

Arphaxad two years after the flood.

language and one speech.

<sup>1</sup> 1

<sup>2</sup> After he begot Arphaxad, Shem lived

And it came to pass, as they journeyed

five hundred years, and begot sons and

from the east, that they found a plain in

daughters.

the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there.

<sup>3</sup> Then they said to one another, "Come, <sup>1</sup> 2 Arphaxad lived thirty-five  
years, and

begot Salah.

let us make bricks and bake them

thoroughly." They had brick for stone, <sup>1</sup> 3 After he begot Salah,  
Arphaxad lived and they had asphalt for mortar.

four hundred and three years, and begot

<sup>4</sup> sons and daughters.

And they said, "Come, let us build

ourselves a city, and a tower whose top <sup>14</sup>Salah lived thirty years, and  
begot is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be  
scattered Eber. abroad over the face of the whole

earth." <sup>1</sup> 5After he begot Eber, Salah lived four

hundred and three years, and begot

<sup>5</sup> sons and daughters. But the LORD came down to see the city and the  
tower which the sons of

<sup>1</sup> 6

men had built. Eber lived thirty-four years, and begot

Peleg.

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Indeed the people <sup>7</sup>After he begot Peleg, Eber  
lived four

are one and they all have one language, <sup>1</sup> and this is what they begin  
to do; now hundred and thirty years, and begot

nothing that they propose to do will be sons and daughters. withheld  
from them.

<sup>1</sup> ' Peleg lived thirty years, and begot Reu. <sup>30</sup>But Sarai was barren; she  
had no child.

<sup>19</sup> <sup>31</sup>

After he begot Reu, Peleg lived two And Terah took his son Abram  
and his

hundred and nine years, and begot sons grandson Lot, the son of  
Haran, and his

and daughters. daughter-in-law Sarai, his son Abram's

wife, and they went out with them from

20 Ur of the Chaldeans to go to the land of

Reu lived thirty-two years, and begot

Serug. Canaan; and they came to Haran and

dwelt there.

21 After he begot Serug, Reu lived two hundred and seven years,  
and begot So the days of Terah were two

sons and daughters. hundred and five years, and Terah died

in Haran.

22

Serug lived thirty years, and begot

Nahor.

1 2Now the LORD had said to

23

After he begot Nahor, Serug lived two Abram: "Get out of your  
country, From

hundred years, and begot sons and your family And from your father's  
house, daughters. To a land that I will show you.

2 2 4Nahor lived twenty-nine years, and 1 will make you a great  
nation; I will

begot Terah. bless you And make your name great;

And you shall be a blessing.

25After he begot Terah, Nahor lived one hundred and nineteen years,  
and begot Al will bless those who bless you, And I

sons and daughters. will curse him who curses you; And in

you all the families of the earth shall be

26Now Terah lived seventy years, and blessed."

begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

4So Abram departed as the LORD had

27This is the genealogy of Terah: Terah spoken to him, and Lot went  
with him.

begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran. Haran And Abram was seventy-five  
years old

begot Lot. when he departed from Haran.

2 5Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot 8And Haran died before his  
father Terah in his native land, in Ur of the his brother's son, and all  
their

Chaldeans. possessions that they had gathered,

and the people whom they had acquired

2 in Haran, and they departed to go to the 9Then Abram and Nahor  
took wives:

land of Canaan. So they came to the  
the name of Abram's wife was Sarai,

land of Canaan.

and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah,

the daughter of Haran the father of

Milcah and the father of Iscah.

6 1 Abram passed through the land to the 5The princes of Pharaoh also  
saw her place of Shechem, as far as the and commended her to  
Pharaoh. And

terebinth tree of Moreh. And the the woman was taken to Pharaoh's

Canaanites were then in the land. house.



Then the LORD appeared to Abram He treated Abram well for her sake.

and said, "To your descendants I will He had sheep, oxen, male donkeys,

give this land." And there he built an male and female servants, female altar to the LORD, who had appeared to donkeys, and camels. him.

17 But the LORD plagued Pharaoh and

'And he moved from there to the his house with great plagues because of

mountain east of Bethel, and he pitched Sarai, Abram's wife. his tent with Bethel on the west and Ai

on the east; there he built an altar to the 1 ' And Pharaoh called Abram and said, LORD and called on the name of the "What is this you have done to me? Why

LORD. did you not tell me that she was your

wife?

'So Abram journeyed, going on still

toward the South. 1' Why did you say, "She is my sister"? I

1 therefore, here is your wife; take her and

ONow there was a famine in the land, might have taken her as my wife. Now

and Abram went down to Egypt to dwell go your way." there, for the famine was severe in the

land. 2 OSo Pharaoh commanded his men

1 with his wife and all that he had. 1And it came to pass, when he was

concerning him; and they sent him away,  
close to entering Egypt, that he said to  
Sarai his wife, "Indeed I know that you  
are a woman of beautiful countenance.

1 3Then Abram went up from Egypt,

1 he and his wife and all that he had, and 2Therefore it will happen,  
when the

Lot with him, to the South.

Egyptians see you, that they will say,

"This is his wife'; and they will kill me, 2 but they will let you live.  
Abram was very rich in livestock, in

silver, and in gold.

13 lease say you are my sister, that it may be well with me for your  
sake, and And he went on his journey from the 3

that I may live because of you." South as far as Bethel, to the place

where his tent had been at the

14 beginning, between Bethel and Ai,

So it was, when Abram came into  
Egypt, that the Egyptians saw the  
woman, that she was very beautiful.

4to the place of the altar which he had and pitched his tent even as far  
as

made there at first. And there Abram Sodom. called on the name of  
the LORD.

13But the men of Sodom were

5Lot also, who went with Abram, had exceedingly wicked and sinful

against

flocks and herds and tents. the LORD.

6 1 4

Now the land was not able to support And the LORD said to Abram,  
after Lot

them, that they might dwell together, for had separated from him:  
"Lift your eyes

their possessions were so great that now and look from the place  
where you

they could not dwell together. are--northward, southward, eastward,  
and westward;

7And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and  
the 1 5 or all the land which you see I give to herdsmen of Lot's  
livestock. The you and your descendants forever. Canaanites and the  
Perizzites then

dwelt in the land. 1 6And I will make your descendants as

the dust of the earth; so that if a man

8So Abram said to Lot, "Please let there could number the dust of the  
earth, then

be no strife between you and me, and your descendants also could be  
between my herdsmen and your numbered. herdsmen; for we are  
brethren.

17

Arise, walk in the land through its

'Is not the whole land before you? length and its width, for I give it to  
you."

Please separate from me. If you take

the left, then I will go to the right; or, if <sup>1</sup> 8

Then Abram moved his tent, and went

you go to the right, then I will go to the and dwelt by the terebinth trees of

left." Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built

<sup>1</sup>

0And Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the an altar there to the LORD.

plain of Jordan, that it was well watered

everywhere (before the LORD <sup>1</sup> 4And it came to pass in the days of destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah) like

Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of

the garden of the LORD, like the land of

Egypt as you go toward Zoar. Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and

Tidal king of nations,

<sup>11</sup> Then Lot chose for himself all the plain <sup>2</sup> of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And that they made war with Bera king of

they separated from each other. Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah,

Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king

<sup>1</sup> of Zeboiim, and the king of Beta (that is, <sup>2</sup> Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan,

Zoar).

and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain <sup>3</sup> All these joined together in the Valley of <sup>12</sup> They also took Lot, Abram's brother's Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). son who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods,

and departed.

4Twelve years they served

1 3

Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year Then one who had escaped came and

they rebelled. told Abram the Hebrew, for he dwelt by

the terebinth trees of Mamre the Amorite,

5 brother of Eshcol and brother of Aner; In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer

and the kings that were with him came and they were allies with Abram.

and attacked the Rephaim in Ashteroth 4Now when Abram heard that his

Karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in 1 Shaveh Kiriathaim, brother was taken captive, he armed his

three hundred and eighteen trained

6 servants who were born in his own and the Horites in their mountain of Seir,

as far as El Paran, which is by the house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.

wilderness.

15

He divided his forces against them by

7 night, and he and his servants attacked Then they turned back and came to En

Mishpat (that is, Kadesh), and attacked them and pursued them as far as Hobah,

all the country of the Amalekites, and which is north of Damascus. also the Amorites who dwelt in Hazezon

So he brought back all the goods, and  
also brought back his brother Lot and

<sup>8</sup> his goods, as well as the women and And the king of Sodom, the  
king of

Gomorraah, the king of Admah, the king the people.

of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, <sup>7</sup>And the king of Sodom  
went out to

Zoar) went out and joined together in <sup>1</sup> battle in the Valley of Siddim  
meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is,

the King's Valley), after his return from

'against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, the defeat of Chedorlaomer and  
the

Tidal king of nations, Amraphel king of kings who were with him.

Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar--four <sup>8</sup>Then Melchizedek king of  
Salem

kings against five. <sup>1</sup>

brought out bread and wine; he was the

<sup>10</sup>Now the Valley of Siddim was full of priest of God Most High.

asphalt pits; and the kings of Sodom

and Gomorraah fled; some fell there, and <sup>1</sup> And he blessed him and  
said: the remainder fled to the mountains. "Blessed be Abram of God  
Most High,

Possessor of heaven and earth;

Then they took all the goods of Sodom 0And blessed be God Most High, Who

and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, 2 and went their way. has delivered your enemies into your

hand." And he gave him a tithe of all.

21

Now the king of Sodom said to Abram, them." And He said to him, "So shall

"Give me the persons, and take the your descendants be." goods for yourself."

2 But Abram said to the king of Sodom, accounted it to him for righteousness.

2 6And he believed in the LORD, and He

"I have raised my hand to the LORD,

God Most High, the Possessor of 7Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, heaven and earth, who brought you out of Ur of the

Chaldeans, to give you this land to

2 3 hat I will take nothing, from a thread to inherit it." a sandal strap, and that I will not take

anything that is yours, lest you should 8And he said, "Lord GOD, how shall I say, "I have made Abram rich"-- know that I will inherit it?"

24except only what the young men have 'So He said to him, "Bring Me a three-

eaten, and the portion of the men who year-old heifer, a three-year-old female

went with me: Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; goat, a three-year-old ram, a

turtledove,

let them take their portion." and a young pigeon."

1 0Then he brought all these to Him and

1 5After these things the word of the cut them in two, down the middle, and

LORD came to Abram in a vision, placed each piece opposite the other;

saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am but he did not cut the birds in two. your shield, your exceedingly great

reward." 1 And when the vultures came down on

the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

2But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will

12

You give me, seeing I go childless, and Now when the sun was going down, a

the heir of my house is Eliezer of deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold,

Damascus?" horror and great darkness fell upon him.

3Then Abram said, "Look, You have 13Then He said to Abram: "Know given me no offspring; indeed one born certainly that your descendants will be

in my house is my heir!" strangers in a land that is not theirs, and

will serve them, and they will afflict them

4 four hundred years. And behold, the word of the LORD



came to him, saying, "This one shall not 4And also the nation whom they serve I

be your heir, but one who will come from 1 your own body shall be your heir." will judge; afterward they shall come out

with great possessions.

5Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count

the stars if you are able to number 15Now as for you, you shall go to your her husband Abram to be his wife, after

fathers in peace; you shall be buried at Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of

a good old age. Canaan.

1 4 6

But in the fourth generation they shall So he went in to Hagar, and she

return here, for the iniquity of the conceived. And when she saw that she

Amorites is not yet complete." had conceived, her mistress became

despised in her eyes.

17

And it came to pass, when the sun

went down and it was dark, that behold, 5Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong there appeared a smoking oven and a be upon you! I gave my maid into your

burning torch that passed between embrace; and when she saw that she

those pieces. had conceived, I became despised in

her eyes. The LORD judge between you

18 and me."

On the same day the LORD made a  
covenant with Abram, saying: "To your

descendants I have given this land, from 6So Abram said to Sarai,  
"Indeed your the river of Egypt to the great river, the maid is in your  
hand; do to her as you

River Euphrates-- please." And when Sarai dealt harshly

with her, she fled from her presence.

19 he Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, 7Now the Angel of the  
LORD found her

by a spring of water in the wilderness,

20T by the spring on the way to Shur.

he Hittites, the Perizzites, the

Rephaim,

8And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid,

21 he Amorites, the Canaanites, the where have you come from, and  
where

Girgashites, and the Jebusites." are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing

from the presence of my mistress

Sarai."

1 6Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had

"The Angel of the LORD said to her,

borne him no children. And she had an

"Return to your mistress, and submit

Egyptian maidservant whose name was yourself under her hand."  
Hagar.

1 0Then the Angel of the LORD said to

2So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the her, "I will multiply your descendants

LORD has restrained me from bearing exceedingly, so that they shall not be

children. Please, go in to my maid; counted for multitude." perhaps I shall obtain children by her."

And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 1 1And the Angel of the LORD said to

3Then her: "Behold, you are with child, And you Sarai, Abram's wife, took Nagar shall bear a son. You shall call his name

her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard 5No longer shall your name be called your affliction. Abram, but your name shall be

Abraham; for I have made you a father

12 of many nations.

He shall be a wild man; His hand shall

be against every man, And every man's

hand against him. And he shall dwell in 61 will make you exceedingly fruitful; and the presence of all his brethren." I will make nations of you, and kings

shall come from you.

13

Then she called the name of the

LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the- 7And I will establish My covenant God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I between Me and you and your

also here seen Him who sees me?" descendants after you in their

generations, for an everlasting covenant,

<sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer to be God to you and your descendants

Lahai Roi; observe, it is between after you. Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>8</sup> Also I give to you and your

<sup>15</sup> descendants after you the land in which

So Hagar bore Abram a son; and

Abram named his son, whom Hagar you are a stranger, all the land of bore, Ishmael. Canaan, as an everlasting possession;

and I will be their God."

<sup>16</sup>Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. 'And God said to Abraham: "As for you,

you shall keep My covenant, you and

your descendants after you throughout

their generations.

<sup>1 7</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine

years old, the LORD appeared to Abram <sup>1 0</sup>This is My covenant which you shall and said to him, "I am Almighty God; keep, between Me and you and your

walk before Me and be blameless. descendants after you: Every male child

<sup>2</sup> among you shall be circumcised;

And I will make My covenant between

Me and you, and will multiply you <sup>11</sup>and you shall be circumcised in the exceedingly." flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a

3Then Abram fell on his face, and God sign of the covenant between Me and

you.

talked with him, saying:

12

4 He who is eight days old among you

As for Me, behold, My covenant is with shall be circumcised, every male child in

you, and you shall be a father of many your generations, he who is born in your

nations. house or bought with money from any

foreigner who is not your descendant.

1 2 3He who is born in your house and he 1

But My covenant I will establish with

who is bought with your money must be Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at

circumcised, and My covenant shall be this set time next year." in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

2 Then He finished talking with him, and

14

And the uncircumcised male child, God went up from Abraham.

who is not circumcised in the flesh of his

foreskin, that person shall be cut off 2 3So Abraham took Ishmael his son, all from his people; he has broken My who were born in his house and all who

covenant." were bought with his money, every male

<sup>1</sup> and circumcised the flesh of their

5Then God said to Abraham, "As for among the men of Abraham's house,

Sarai your wife, you shall not call her foreskins that very same day, as God

name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her had said to him. name.

<sup>24</sup>Abraham was ninety-nine years old

<sup>16</sup>

And I will bless her and also give you a when he was circumcised in the flesh of

son by her; then I will bless her, and she his foreskin. shall be a mother of nations; kings of

peoples shall be from her." <sup>2</sup> 5And Ishmael his son was thirteen

years old when he was circumcised in

<sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and the flesh of his foreskin.

laughed, and said in his heart, "Shall a

child be born to a man who is one <sup>2</sup> 6That very same day Abraham was hundred years old? And shall Sarah, circumcised, and his son Ishmael; who is ninety years old, bear a child?"

<sup>2</sup> 7

<sup>1</sup> and all the men of his house, born in 8And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that

the house or bought with money from a

Ishmael might live before You!" foreigner, were circumcised with him.

<sup>1</sup>' Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife

shall bear you a son, and you shall call <sup>1</sup> 8Then the LORD appeared to him his name Isaac; I will establish My

covenant with him for an everlasting by the terebinth trees of Mamre,  
as he

covenant, and with his descendants was sitting in the tent door in the  
heat of

after him. the day.

2 So he lifted his eyes and looked, and And as for Ishmael, I have  
heard you.

0 2

Behold, I have blessed him, and will behold, three men were standing  
by

make him fruitful, and will multiply him him; and when he saw them,  
he ran

exceedingly. He shall beget twelve from the tent door to meet them,  
and

princes, and I will make him a great bowed himself to the ground,  
nation.

hand said, "My Lord, if I have now found 12Therefore Sarah laughed  
within herself, favor in Your sight, do not pass on by saying, "After I  
have grown old, shall I

Your servant. have pleasure, my lord being old also?"

4 1 3

Please let a little water be brought, and And the LORD said to  
Abraham, "Why

wash your feet, and rest yourselves did Sarah laugh, saying, "Shall I  
surely

under the tree. bear a child, since I am old?"

5 1 And I will bring a morsel of bread, that 4 s anything too hard for the LORD? At you may refresh your hearts. After that the appointed time I will return to you,

you may pass by, inasmuch as you according to the time of life, and Sarah

have come to your servant." They said, shall have a son."

"Do as you have said."

1 5But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not

6So Abraham hurried into the tent to laugh," for she was afraid. And He said,

Sarah and said, "Quickly, make ready "No, but you did laugh!" three measures of fine meal; knead it

and make cakes." 1 6Then the men rose from there and

looked toward Sodom, and Abraham

7And Abraham ran to the herd, took a went with them to send them on the way.

tender and good calf, gave it to a young

man, and he hastened to prepare it. 17And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from

Abraham what I am doing,

8So he took butter and milk and the calf

which he had prepared, and set it before 1 ' since Abraham shall surely become a them; and he stood by them under the great and mighty nation, and all the

tree as they ate. nations of the earth shall be blessed in

him?

"Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah

your wife?" So he said, "Here, in the 1' For I have known him, in order that he tent." may command his children and his



1 way of the LORD, to do righteousness

0And He said, "I will certainly return to household after him, that they keep the

you according to the time of life, and and justice, that the LORD may bring to

behold, Sarah your wife shall have a Abraham what He has spoken to him."

son." (Sarah was listening in the tent

door which was behind him.) 20And the LORD said, "Because the

outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is

11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, great, and because their sin is very

well advanced in age; and Sarah had grave, passed the age of childbearing.

2 1 will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to should be found there?" So He said, "I

Me; and if not, I will know." will not do it if I find thirty there."

22 31And he said, "Indeed now, I have

Then the men turned away from there

and went toward Sodom, but Abraham taken it upon myself to speak to the

still stood before the LORD. Lord: Suppose twenty should be found

there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it

23 for the sake of twenty."

And Abraham came near and said,

"Would You also destroy the righteous 2Then he said, "Let not the Lord be

with the wicked? 3

angry, and I will speak but once more:

24Suppose there were fifty righteous Suppose ten should be found there?"

within the city; would You also destroy And He said, "I will not destroy it for the

the place and not spare it for the fifty sake of ten."

righteous that were in it? 33So the LORD went His way as soon as

25Far be it from You to do such a thing He had finished speaking with Abraham;

as this, to slay the righteous with the and Abraham returned to his place. wicked, so that the righteous should be

as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall

not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 1 9Now the two angels came to

Sodom in the evening, and Lot was

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So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot

fifty righteous within the city, then I will saw them, he rose to meet them, and he

spare all the place for their sakes." bowed himself with his face toward the

ground.

Then Abraham answered and said,

"Indeed now, I who am but dust and 2 And he said, "Here now, my lords, ashes have taken it upon myself to please turn in to your servant's house

speak to the Lord: and spend the night, and wash your

feet; then you may rise early and go on

28Suppose there were five less than the your way." And they said, "No, but we

fifty righteous; would You destroy all of will spend the night in the open square."

the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I

find there forty-five, I will not destroy it." 3But he insisted strongly; so they turned

in to him and entered his house. Then

2' And he spoke to Him yet again and he made them a feast, and baked

said, "Suppose there should be forty unleavened bread, and they ate. found there?" So He said, "I will not do it

for the sake of forty." 4Now before they lay down, the men of

the city, the men of Sodom, both old and

30Then he said, "Let not the Lord be young, all the people from every quarter,

angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty surrounded the house.

5 1 And they called to Lot and said to him, 3For we will destroy this place, because "Where are the men who came to you the outcry against them has grown great

tonight? Bring them out to us that we before the face of the LORD, and the

may know them carnally." LORD has sent us to destroy it."

So Lot went out to them through the So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-

doorway, shut the door behind him, in-law, who had married his daughters,

and said, "Get up, get out of this place;

7 for the LORD will destroy this city!" But and said, "Please, my brethren, do not

do so wickedly! to his sons-in-law he seemed to be

joking.

8See now, I have two daughters who 5 have not known a man; please, let me 1 When the morning dawned, the angels

bring them out to you, and you may do urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take

to them as you wish; only do nothing to your wife and your two daughters who

these men, since this is the reason they are here, lest you be consumed in the

have come under the shadow of my punishment of the city." roof."

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And while he lingered, the men took

'And they said, "Stand back!" Then they hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and

said, "This one came in to stay here, the hands of his two daughters, the

and he keeps acting as a judge; now we LORD being merciful to him, and they

will deal worse with you than with them." brought him out and set him outside the

So they pressed hard against the man city. Lot, and came near to break down the

door. 17

So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said,

10But the men reached out their hands "Escape for your life! Do not look behind

and pulled Lot into the house with them, you nor stay anywhere in the plain.

and shut the door. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."

11 And they struck the men who were at 1 the doorway of the house with blindness, Then Lot said to them, "Please, no, my 8

both small and great, so that they lords! became weary trying to find the door.

1 ' Indeed now, your servant has found

12 favor in your sight, and you have

Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your increased your mercy which you have

sons, your daughters, and whomever shown me by saving my life; but I

you have in the city--take them out of cannot escape to the mountains, lest

this place! some evil overtake me and I die. 20See now, this city is near enough to when He overthrew the cities in which

flee to, and it is a little one; please let Lot had dwelt. me escape there  
(is it not a little one?)

and my soul shall live." 30Then Lot went up out of Zoar and

dwelt in the mountains, and his two

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And he said to him, "See, I have daughters were with him; for he  
was

avored you concerning this thing also, afraid to dwell in Zoar. And he  
and his

in that I will not overthrow this city for two daughters dwelt in a cave.  
which you have spoken.

31Now the firstborn said to the younger,

22Hurry, escape there. For I cannot do "Our father is old, and there is  
no man

anything until you arrive there." on the earth to come in to us as is the  
Therefore the name of the city was custom of all the earth. called  
Zoar.

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2 wine, and we will lie with him, that we

3The sun had risen upon the earth Come, let us make our father drink  
when Lot entered Zoar. may preserve the lineage of our father."

24 33So they made their father drink wine

Then the LORD rained brimstone and

fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the that night. And the firstborn  
went in and

LORD out of the heavens. lay with her father, and he did not know

when she lay down or when she arose.

So He overthrew those cities, all the

## 34

plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, It happened on the next day that the

and what grew on the ground. firstborn said to the younger, "Indeed I

lay with my father last night; let us make

26 him drink wine tonight also, and you go

But his wife looked back behind him,

and she became a pillar of salt. in and lie with him, that we may

preserve the lineage of our father."

27 And Abraham went early in the 3 morning to the place where he had 5Then they made their father drink wine

stood before the LORD. that night also. And the younger arose

and lay with him, and he did not know

2 when she lay down or when she arose.

' Then he looked toward Sodom and

Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the 36Thus both the daughters of Lot were plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the with child by their father. smoke of a furnace.

## 37

The firstborn bore a son and called his

2 name Moab; he is the father of the ' And it came to pass, when God

destroyed the cities of the plain, that Moabites to this day. God remembered Abraham, and sent

Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, 3' And the younger, she also bore a son 8So Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called his name Ben-Ammi; he is called all his servants, and told all these

the father of the people of Ammon to things in their hearing; and the men

this day. were very much afraid.

'And Abimelech called Abraham and

2 said to him, "What have you done to us? OAnd Abraham journeyed from

there to the South, and dwelt between How have I offended you, that you have

Kadesh and Shur, and stayed in Gerar. brought on me and on my kingdom a

great sin? You have done deeds to me

2 that ought not to be done."

Now Abraham said of Sarah his wife,

"She is my sister." And Abimelech king 10Then Abimelech said to Abraham, of Gerar sent and took Sarah. "What did you have in view, that you

3 have done this thing?" But God came to Abimelech in a dream

by night, and said to him, "Indeed you 11And Abraham said, "Because I thought, are a dead man because of the woman surely the fear of God is not in this whom you have taken, for she is a place; and they will kill me on account of man's wife." my wife.



4But Abimelech had not come near her; 2But indeed she is truly my sister. She

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and he said, "Lord, will You slay a  
righteous nation also? is the daughter of my father, but not the  
daughter of my mother; and she  
5 became my wife.

Did he not say to me, "She is my

sister'? And she, even she herself said, 1 3And it came to pass, when  
God "He is my brother.' In the integrity of my caused me to wander  
from my father's heart and innocence of my hands I have house, that I  
said to her, "This is your done this." kindness that you should do for  
me: in 6 every place, wherever we go, say of me,

And God said to him in a dream, "Yes, I "He is my brother. '

know that you did this in the integrity of

your heart. For I also withheld you from 14Then Abimelech took  
sheep, oxen, sinning against Me; therefore I did not and male and  
female servants, and let you touch her. gave them to Abraham; and he  
restored 7 Sarah his wife to him.

Now therefore, restore the man's wife;

for he is a prophet, and he will pray for 1 5And Abimelech said, "See,  
my land is you and you shall live. But if you do not

restore her, know that you shall surely before you; dwell where it  
pleases you."

die, you and all who are yours." 1 6Then to Sarah he said, "Behold, I  
have

given your brother a thousand pieces of silver; indeed this vindicates you before sSo the child grew and was weaned. all who are with you and before And Abraham made a great feast on the everybody." Thus she was rebuked. same day that Isaac was weaned.

17 So Abraham prayed to God; and God 'And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the

healed Abimelech, his wife, and his Egyptian, whom she had borne to female servants. Then they bore Abraham, scoffing. children;

1 0Therefore she said to Abraham, "Cast

18 or the LORD had closed up all the

out this bondwoman and her son; for the

wombs of the house of Abimelech son of this bondwoman shall not be heir

because of Sarah, Abraham's wife. with my son, namely with Isaac."

1 1And the matter was very displeasing in

2 1 Abraham's sight because of his son. And the LORD visited Sarah as

He had said, and the LORD did for 1 2But God said to Abraham, "Do not let it Sarah as He had spoken.

be displeasing in your sight because of

2 the lad or because of your bondwoman.

For Sarah conceived and bore

Whatever Sarah has said to you, listen

Abraham a son in his old age, at the set

to her voice; for in Isaac your seed shall

time of which God had spoken to him.

be called.

OAnd Abraham called the name of his <sup>1</sup> 3 et I will also make a nation of the son son who was born to him--whom Sarah of the bondwoman, because he is your bore to him--Isaac. seed."

<sup>4</sup>Then Abraham circumcised his son <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning,

Isaac when he was eight days old, as

and took bread and a skin of water; and

God had commanded him.

putting it on her shoulder, he gave it and

<sup>5</sup> the boy to Hagar, and sent her away.

Now Abraham was one hundred years Then she departed and wandered in the

old when his son Isaac was born to him. Wilderness of Beersheba.

<sup>6</sup>And Sarah said, "God has made me <sup>5</sup>And the water in the skin was used up,

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laugh, and all who hear will laugh with and she placed the boy under one of the

me." shrubs.

<sup>7</sup>She also said, "Who would have said to <sup>6</sup>Then she went and sat down

Abraham that Sarah would nurse from him at a distance of about a  
children? For I have borne him a son in bowshot; for she said to  
herself, "Let me

his old age." not see the death of the boy." So she

sat opposite him, and lifted her voice 2 6And Abimelech said, "I do not  
know and wept. who has done this thing; you did not tell

me, nor had I heard of it until today."

17

And God heard the voice of the lad.

2 7

Then the angel of God called to Hagar So Abraham took sheep and  
oxen and

out of heaven, and said to her, "What gave them to Abimelech, and  
the two of

ails you, Hagar? Fear not, for God has them made a covenant. heard  
the voice of the lad where he is.

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1 the flock by themselves. 8Arise, lift up the lad and hold him with  
And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of

your hand, for I will make him a great

nation." 2 ' Then Abimelech asked Abraham,

"What is the meaning of these seven

1' Then God opened her eyes, and she ewe lambs which you have set  
by

saw a well of water. And she went and themselves?" filled the skin  
with water, and gave the

lad a drink. 30And he said, "You will take these

2 they may be my witness that I have dug

0So God was with the lad; and he grew seven ewe lambs from my hand, that

and dwelt in the wilderness, and this well." became an archer.

31Therefore he called that place

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He dwelt in the Wilderness of Paran; Beersheba, because the two of them

and his mother took a wife for him from swore an oath there. the land of Egypt.

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Thus they made a covenant at

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And it came to pass at that time that Beersheba. So Abimelech rose with

Abimelech and Phichol, the commander Phichol, the commander of his army,

of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, and they returned to the land of the

"God is with you in all that you do. Philistines.

23Now therefore, swear to me by God 33Then Abraham planted a tamarisk tree

that you will not deal falsely with me, in Beersheba, and there called on the

with my offspring, or with my posterity; name of the LORD, the

Everlasting God.

but that according to the kindness that I

have done to you, you will do to me and 34And Abraham stayed in the land of the

to the land in which you have dwelt." Philistines many days.

24

And Abraham said, "I will swear."

2 22Now it came to pass after these 5Then Abraham rebuked Abimelech

things that God tested Abraham, and

because of a well of water which said to him, "Abraham!" And he said,

Abimelech's servants had seized. "Here I am."

2 1 Then He said, "Take now your son, 0And Abraham stretched out his hand your only son Isaac, whom you love, and took the knife to slay his son. and go to the land of Moriah, and offer

him there as a burnt offering on one of 11But the Angel of the LORD called to the mountains of which I shall tell you." him from heaven and said, "Abraham,

Abraham!" So he said, "Here I am."

3

So Abraham rose early in the morning

and saddled his donkey, and took two of 1 2And He said, "Do not lay your hand on his young men with him, and Isaac his the lad, or do anything to him; for now I

son; and he split the wood for the burnt know that you fear God, since you have

offering, and arose and went to the not withheld your son, your only son,

place of which God had told him. from Me."

4Then on the third day Abraham lifted 3Then Abraham lifted his eyes and

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his eyes and saw the place afar off. looked, and there behind him was a ram

caught in a thicket by its horns. So

5And Abraham said to his young men, Abraham went and took the ram, and

"Stay here with the donkey; the lad and I offered it up for a burnt offering instead

will go yonder and worship, and we will of his son. come back to you."

14

And Abraham called the name of the

6So Abraham took the wood of the burnt place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is

offering and laid it on Isaac his son; and said to this day, "In the Mount of the

he took the fire in his hand, and a knife, LORD it shall be provided." and the two of them went together.

1 5

Then the Angel of the LORD called to

7But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father Abraham a second time out of heaven,

and said, "My father!" And he said,

"Here I am, my son." Then he said, <sup>1</sup> 6and said: "By Myself I have sworn, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where says the LORD, because you have done

is the lamb for a burnt offering?" this thing, and have not withheld your

son, your only son--

<sup>8</sup>And Abraham said, "My son, God will

provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt <sup>1</sup> 7blessing I will bless you, and offering." So the two of them went multiplying I will multiply your together. descendants as the stars of the heaven

and as the sand which is on the

"Then they came to the place of which seashore; and your descendants shall

God had told him. And Abraham built an possess the gate of their enemies. altar there and placed the wood in order;

and he bound Isaac his son and laid him <sup>1</sup> 8On your seed all the nations of the on the altar, upon the wood. earth shall be blessed, because you

have obeyed My voice."

<sup>1</sup> 5 9So Abraham returned to his young And the sons of Heth answered men, and they rose and went together to Abraham, saying to him, Beersheba; and Abraham dwelt at

Beersheba. <sup>6</sup> Hear us, my lord: You are a mighty

prince among us; bury your dead in the

<sup>2</sup>0

Now it came to pass after these things choicest of our burial places. None of us

that it was told Abraham, saying, will withhold from you his burial place,

"Indeed Milcah also has borne children that you may bury your dead."



to your brother Nahor:

<sup>2</sup> himself to the people of the land, the

<sup>1</sup> Huz his firstborn, Buz his brother, <sup>7</sup> Then Abraham stood up and bowed

Kemuel the father of Aram, sons of Heth.

<sup>2 8</sup> Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph, and And he spoke with them,  
saying, "If it is

Bethuel." your wish that I bury my dead out of my

sight, hear me, and meet with Ephron

<sup>23</sup> And Bethuel begot Rebekah. These the son of Zohar for me,  
eight Milcah bore to Nahor, Abraham's

brother. <sup>9</sup> that he may give me the cave of

Machpelah which he has, which is at the

<sup>24</sup> end of his field. Let him give it to me at

His concubine, whose name was

Reumah, also bore Tebah, Gaham, the full price, as property for a  
burial

Thahash, and Maachah. place among you."

<sup>1 0</sup>

Now Ephron dwelt among the sons of  
Heth; and Ephron the Hittite answered

<sup>2 3</sup> Sarah lived one hundred and

Abraham in the presence of the sons of  
twenty-seven years; these were the Heth, all who entered at the gate

of his

years of the life of Sarah. city, saying,

2So Sarah died in Kirjath Arba (that is, 1 'No, my lord, hear me: I give  
you the 1

Hebron) in the land of Canaan, and field and the cave that is in it; I  
give it to

Abraham came to mourn for Sarah and you in the presence of the sons  
of my

to weep for her. people. I give it to you. Bury your dead!"

3Then Abraham stood up from before 12Then Abraham bowed himself  
down his dead, and spoke to the sons of Heth, before the people of the  
land; saying,

h and he spoke to Ephron in the hearing

4 I am a foreigner and a visitor among of the people of the land,  
saying, "If you

you. Give me property for a burial place will give it, please hear me. I  
will give

among you, that I may bury my dead out you money for the field; take  
it from me

of my sight." and I will bury my dead there."

14

And Ephron answered Abraham, had, "Please, put your hand under  
my

saying to him, thigh,

1 5 My lord, listen to me; the land is worth h

and I will make you swear by the LORD,

four hundred shekels of silver. What is the God of heaven and the God of the

that between you and me? So bury your earth, that you will not take a wife for my

dead." son from the daughters of the

Canaanites, among whom I dwell;

16

And Abraham listened to Ephron; and

Abraham weighed out the silver for 4but you shall go to my country and to Ephron which he had named in the my family, and take a wife for my son

hearing of the sons of Heth, four Isaac." hundred shekels of silver, currency of

the merchants. 5And the servant said to him, "Perhaps

the woman will not be willing to follow

17

So the field of Ephron which was in me to this land. Must I take your son

Machpelah, which was before Mamre, back to the land from which you came?"

the field and the cave which was in it,

and all the trees that were in the field, 6But Abraham said to him, "Beware that

which were within all the surrounding you do not take my son back there. borders, were deeded

8 Abraham as a possession in the 7The LORD God of heaven, who took

me from my father's house and from the

presence of the sons of Heth, before all land of my family, and who spoke to me

who went in at the gate of his city. and swore to me, saying, "To your

descendants I give this land,' He will

1' And after this, Abraham buried Sarah send His angel before you, and you

his wife in the cave of the field of shall take a wife for my son from there.

Machpelah, before Mamre (that is,

Hebron) in the land of Canaan. 8And if the woman is not willing to follow

you, then you will be released from this

20

So the field and the cave that is in it oath; only do not take my son back

were deeded to Abraham by the sons of there." Heth as property for a burial place.

'So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore

24Now Abraham was old, well to him concerning this matter.

advanced in age; and the LORD had 10Then the servant took ten of his blessed Abraham in all things.

master's camels and departed, for all his

2 master's goods were in his hand. And

So Abraham said to the oldest servant

of his house, who ruled over all that he he arose and went to  
Mesopotamia, to

the city of Nahor.

1 1 And he made his camels kneel down ' And when she had finished  
giving him outside the city by a well of water at a drink, she said, "I  
will draw water for

evening time, the time when women go your camels also, until they  
have

out to draw water. finished drinking."

1 2 2 0

Then he said, "O LORD God of my Then she quickly emptied her  
pitcher

master Abraham, please give me into the trough, ran back to the well  
to

success this day, and show kindness to draw water, and drew for all  
his camels.

my master Abraham.

2 1 And the man, wondering at her,

13

Behold, here I stand by the well of remained silent so as to know  
whether

water, and the daughters of the men of the LORD had made his  
journey

the city are coming out to draw water. prosperous or not.

1 2 42

Now let it be that the young woman to so it was, when the camels  
had

whom I say, "Please let down your finished drinking, that the man took a

pitcher that I may drink,' and she says, golden nose ring weighing half a shekel,

"Drink, and I will also give your camels a and two bracelets for her wrists

drink'--let her be the one You have weighing ten shekels of gold, appointed for Your servant Isaac. And

by this I will know that You have shown 2 3and said, "Whose daughter are you? kindness to my master." Tell me, please, is there room in your

father's house for us to lodge?"

15And it happened, before he had finished speaking, that behold, Rebekah, 2 4

So she said to him, "I am the daughter

who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, of Bethuel, Milcah's son, whom she bore the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, to Nahor." came out with her pitcher on her

shoulder. 2 5Moreover she said to him, "We have

1 both straw and feed enough, and room 6Now the young woman was very

to lodge."

beautiful to behold, a virgin; no man had

known her. And she went down to the 2 6Then the man bowed down his head well, filled her pitcher, and came up. and worshiped the LORD.

17 And the servant ran to meet her and 27

And he said, "Blessed be the LORD

said, "Please let me drink a little water God of my master Abraham,  
who has

from your pitcher." not forsaken His mercy and His truth

<sup>1</sup> toward my master. As for me, being on

<sup>8</sup> So she said, "Drink, my lord." Then the way, the LORD led me to the  
house

she quickly let her pitcher down to her of my master's brethren."  
hand, and gave him a drink.

<sup>2</sup>' So the young woman ran and told her <sup>37</sup>Now my master made me  
swear,

mother's household these things. saying, "You shall not take a wife for  
my

son from the daughters of the

<sup>29</sup>Now Rebekah had a brother whose Canaanites, in whose land I  
dwell;

name was Laban, and Laban ran out to

the man by the well. but you shall go to my father's house <sup>38</sup>

and to my family, and take a wife for my

<sup>30</sup> son.' So it came to pass, when he saw the

sister's wrists, and when he heard the <sup>3</sup>' And nose ring, and the  
bracelets on his

I said to my master, "Perhaps the

words of his sister Rebekah, saying, woman will not follow me.' "Thus  
the man spoke to me," that he

went to the man. And there he stood by <sup>4</sup> <sup>0</sup>But he said to me, "The  
LORD, before the camels at the well. whom I walk, will send His angel  
with

31And he said, "Come in, O blessed of you and prosper your way; and you shall

take a wife for my son from my family

the LORD! Why do you stand outside? and from my father's house. For I have prepared the house, and a

place for the camels." 4 1 ou will be clear from this oath when

you arrive among my family; for if they

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Then the man came to the house. And will not give her to you, then you will be

he unloaded the camels, and provided released from my oath.' straw and feed for the camels, and

water to wash his feet and the feet of 2 4 'And this day I came to the well and the men who were with him. said, "O LORD God of my master

Abraham, if You will now prosper the

33Food was set before him to eat, but he way in which I go, said, "I will not eat until I have told about

my errand." And he said, "Speak on." 3 4behold, I stand by the well of water;

34So and it shall come to pass that when the

he said, "I am Abraham's servant. virgin comes out to draw water, and I

say to her, "Please give me a little water

35The LORD has blessed my master from your pitcher to drink," greatly, and he has become great; and

He has given him flocks and herds, 4 and she says to me, "Drink, and I will silver and gold, male and female draw for your camels



also,"--let her be

servants, and camels and donkeys. the woman whom the LORD has  
appointed for my master's son.'

36And Sarah my master's wife bore a

son to my master when she was old; 4 5 But before I had finished  
speaking in and to him he has given all that he has. my heart, there  
was Rebekah, coming

out with her pitcher on her shoulder; and  
she went down to the well and drew water. And I said to her, "Please  
let me and gave them to Rebekah. He also  
drink.' gave precious things to her brother and  
to her mother.

46And she made haste and let her

5 4

pitcher down from her shoulder, and And he and the men who were  
with

said, "Drink, and I will give your camels him ate and drank and stayed  
all night.

a drink also.' So I drank, and she gave Then they arose in the morning,  
and he

the camels a drink also. said, "Send me away to my master."

4 5 7Then I asked her, and said, "Whose 5But her brother and her  
mother said, daughter are you?' And she said, "The "Let the young  
woman stay with us a

daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom few days, at least ten; after  
that she may

Milcah bore to him.' So I put the nose go." ring on her nose and the  
bracelets on

her wrists. 56 And he said to them, "Do not hinder

me, since the LORD has prospered my

4' And I bowed my head and worshiped way; send me away so that I may go to

the LORD, and blessed the LORD God my master." of my master Abraham, who had led me

in the way of truth to take the daughter 57 So they said, "We will call the young of my master's brother for his son. woman and ask her personally."

4' Now 58 if you will deal kindly and truly

Then they called Rebekah and said to

with my master, tell me. And if not, tell her, "Will you go with this man?" And

me, that I may turn to the right hand or she said, "I will go." to the left."

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0 Then Laban and Bethuel answered 5 ' So they sent away Rebekah their

sister and her nurse, and Abraham's

and said, "The thing comes from the servant and his men. LORD; we cannot speak to you either

bad or good. 6 0 And they blessed Rebekah and said to

5 her: "Our sister, may you become The 1 Here is Rebekah before you; take her mother of thousands of ten thousands; and go, and let her be your master's And may your descendants possess son's wife, as the LORD has spoken." The gates of those who hate them."

52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's 6 1

Then Rebekah and her maids arose,  
servant heard their words, that he and they rode on the camels and  
worshiped the LORD, bowing himself to followed the man. So the  
servant took  
the earth. Rebekah and departed.

53Then the servant brought out jewelry 62Now Isaac came from the  
way of Beer

of silver, jewelry of gold, and clothing, Lahai Roi, for he dwelt in the  
South. 63And Isaac went out to meditate in the 6But Abraham gave  
gifts to the sons of

field in the evening; and he lifted his the concubines which Abraham  
had;

eyes and looked, and there, the camels and while he was still living he  
sent

were coming. them eastward, away from Isaac his son,

to the country of the east.

64

Then Rebekah lifted her eyes, and

when she saw Isaac she dismounted 7This is the sum of the years of  
from her camel; Abraham's life which he lived: one

hundred and seventy-five years.

65 or she had said to the servant, "Who is this man walking in the field  
to meet 8Then Abraham breathed his last and us?" The servant said, "It  
is my master." died in a good old age, an old man and

So she took a veil and covered herself. full of years, and was gathered  
to his

people.

66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 'And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried

him in the cave of Machpelah, which is

67 before Mamre, in the field of Ephron the

Then Isaac brought her into his mother

Sarah's tent; and he took Rebekah and son of Zohar the Hittite,

she became his wife, and he loved her. 0 the field which Abraham purchased

So Isaac was comforted after his 1 mother's death. from the sons of Heth. There Abraham

was buried, and Sarah his wife.

2 1 And it came to pass, after the death of 5 Abraham again took a wife, and

Abraham, that God blessed his son

her name was Keturah.

Isaac. And Isaac dwelt at Beer Lahai

2 Roi.

And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan,

Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. 1 2 Now this is the genealogy of Ishmael, 3 Abraham's son, whom Hagar the

Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And Egyptian, Sarah's maidservant, bore to

the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Abraham. Letushim, and Leummim.

1 3 And these were the names of the sons

<sup>4</sup>And the sons of Midian were Ephah, of Ishmael, by their names,  
according to

Epher, Hanoah, Abidah, and Eldaah. All their generations: The  
firstborn of

these were the children of Keturah. Ishmael, Nebajoth; then Kedar,  
Adbeel,

Mibsam,

<sup>5</sup>And Abraham gave all that he had to

Isaac. <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>Mishma, Dumah, Massa, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Hadar, Tema, Jetur, Naphish,  
and <sup>4</sup>

So when her days were fulfilled for her  
Kedemah. to give birth, indeed there were twins in

her womb.

<sup>16</sup>These were the sons of Ishmael and

<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>

these were their names, by their towns And the first came out red. He  
was like

and their settlements, twelve princes a hairy garment all over; so they  
called

according to their nations. his name Esau.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> <sup>6</sup>Afterward his brother came out, and These were the years of the  
life of

Ishmael: one hundred and thirty-seven his hand took hold of Esau's  
heel; so his years; and he breathed his last and died, name was called  
Jacob. Isaac was sixty

and was gathered to his people. years old when she bore them.

1 2 7 8(They dwelt from Havilah as far as So the boys grew. And Esau  
was a

Shur, which is east of Egypt as you go skillful hunter, a man of the  
field; but

toward Assyria.) He died in the Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in  
tents.

presence of all his brethren.

2' And Isaac loved Esau because he ate

19This is the genealogy of Isaac, of his game, but Rebekah loved  
Jacob.

Abraham's son. Abraham begot Isaac.

2' Now Jacob cooked a stew; and Esau

2 0 saac was forty years old when he took came in from the field, and  
he was

Rebekah as wife, the daughter of weary. Bethuel the Syrian of Padan  
Aram, the

sister of Laban the Syrian. 30And Esau said to Jacob, "Please feed

me with that same red stew, for I am

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Now Isaac pleaded with the LORD for weary." Therefore his name  
was called

his wife, because she was barren; and Edom. the LORD granted his  
plea, and

Rebekah his wife conceived. 31 But Jacob said, "Sell me your  
birthright

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2But the children struggled together as of this day."

within her; and she said, "If all is well, 32 And Esau said, "Look, I am

about to why am I like this? die; so what is this birthright to me?"

23And the LORD said to her: "Two 33

Then Jacob said, "Swear to me as of  
nations are in your womb, Two peoples this day." So he swore to him,  
and sold

shall be separated from your body; One his birthright to Jacob. people  
shall be stronger than the other,

And the older shall serve the younger." 34And Jacob gave Esau bread  
and stew

of lentils; then he ate and drank, arose,  
and went his way. Thus Esau despised  
his birthright.

9 Then Abimelech called Isaac and said,

26There was a famine in the land, "Quite obviously she is your  
wife; so

besides the first famine that was in the how could you say, "She is my  
sister'?"

days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Isaac said to him, "Because I said,  
"Lest

Abimelech king of the Philistines, in I die on account of her.'

Gerar. 1 0And Abimelech said, "What is this you 2 have done to us?  
One of the people

Then the LORD appeared to him and

might soon have Iain with your wife, and  
said: "Do not go down to Egypt; live in

you would have brought guilt on us."

the land of which I shall tell you.

3Dwell in this land, and I will be with you <sup>1</sup> So Abimelech charged  
all his people,

saying, "He who touches this man or his

and bless you; for to you and your

descendants I give all these lands, and I wife shall surely be put to  
death."

will perform the oath which I swore to <sup>12</sup> Then Isaac sowed in that  
land, and Abraham your father.

reaped in the same year a hundredfold;

<sup>4</sup> and the LORD blessed him. And I will make your descendants

multiply as the stars of heaven; I will <sup>13</sup> The man began to prosper, and  
give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the  
nations of continued prospering until he became

the earth shall be blessed; very prosperous;

<sup>s 1 4</sup> or he had possessions of flocks and

because Abraham obeyed My voice

and possessions of herds and a great kept My charge, My

commandments, My statutes, and My number of servants. So the  
Philistines

laws." envied him.



6 15 Now the Philistines had stopped up all

So Isaac dwelt in Gerar.

the wells which his father's servants had

7 dug in the days of Abraham his father, And the men of the place  
asked about

his wife. And he said, "She is my sister"; and they had filled them with  
earth.

for he was afraid to say, "She is my 16 And Abimelech said to Isaac, "Go  
wife," because he thought, "lest the men of the place kill me for  
Rebekah, away from us, for you are much mightier

because she is beautiful to behold." than we."

8 17

Now it came to pass, when he had Then Isaac departed from there and  
been there a long time, that Abimelech pitched his tent in the Valley  
of Gerar,

king of the Philistines looked through a and dwelt there. window, and  
saw, and there was Isaac,

showing endearment to Rebekah his 18 And Isaac dug again the wells  
of water wife. which they had dug in the days of

2 7

Abraham his father, for the Philistines And Isaac said to them, "Why  
have

had stopped them up after the death of you come to me, since you  
hate me and

Abraham. He called them by the names have sent me away from you?"  
which his father had called them.

2 8

But they said, "We have certainly seen

1 ' Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, that the LORD is with you.  
So we said,

and found a well of running water there. "Let there now be an oath  
between us,

between you and us; and let us make a

20 covenant with you,

But the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled

with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, "The

water is ours." So he called the name of 2 ' that you will do us no  
harm, since we the well Esek, because they quarreled have not  
touched you, and since we

with him. have done nothing to you but good and

have sent you away in peace. You are

21 now the blessed of the LORD.'" Then they dug another well, and  
they quarreled over that one also. So he

30

called its name Sitnah. So he made them a feast, and they ate

and drank.

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And he moved from there and dug

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another well, and they did not quarrel Then they arose early in the  
morning

over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, and swore an oath with one  
another;

because he said, "For now the LORD and Isaac sent them away, and  
they

has made room for us, and we shall be departed from him in peace.  
fruitful in the land."

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It came to pass the same day that

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Then he went up from there to Isaac's servants came and told him  
Beersheba. about the well which they had dug, and

said to him, "We have found water."

24And the LORD appeared to him the

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same night and said, "I am the God of So he called it Shebah.  
Therefore the

your father Abraham; do not fear, for I name of the city is Beersheba  
to this

am with you. I will bless you and multiply day. your descendants for  
My servant

Abraham's sake." 34

When Esau was forty years old, he

took as wives Judith the daughter of

25

So he built an altar there and called on Beeri the Hittite, and  
Basemath the

the name of the LORD, and he pitched daughter of Elon the Hittite. his  
tent there; and there Isaac's servants

dug a well. 35And they were a grief of mind to Isaac

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6Then Abimelech came to him from and Rebekah.

Gerar with Ahuzzath, one of his friends,  
and Phichol the commander of his army.

And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother,

2 "Look, Esau my brother is a hairy man, 7Now it came to pass,  
when Isaac

and I am a smooth-skinned man.

was old and his eyes were so dim that

he could not see, that he called Esau his 1 2Perhaps my father will feel  
me, and I older son and said to him, "My son." And he answered him,  
"Here I am." shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I

shall bring a curse on myself and not a

2 blessing."

Then he said, "Behold now, I am old. I

do not know the day of my death. 1 3But his mother said to him, "Let  
your

3Now therefore, please take your curse be on me, my son; only obey  
my voice, and go, get them for me." weapons, your quiver and your  
bow,

and go out to the field and hunt game 1 4And he went and got them  
and for me.

brought them to his mother, and his

4 mother made savory food, such as his

And make me savory food, such as I

father loved.

love, and bring it to me that I may eat,

that my soul may bless you before I die." <sup>15</sup>Then Rebekah took the choice clothes <sup>5</sup> of her elder son Esau, which were with

Now Rebekah was listening when Isaac

her in the house, and put them on Jacob

spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went

her younger son.

to the field to hunt game and to bring it.

<sup>1</sup> 6

<sup>6</sup> And she put the skins of the kids of the So Rebekah spoke to Jacob her son,

goats on his hands and on the smooth

saying, "Indeed I heard your father

speak to Esau your brother, saying, part of his neck.

<sup>7</sup> Then she gave the savory food and Bring me game and make savory food <sup>1</sup> 7

for me, that I may eat it and bless you in the bread, which she had prepared, into

the presence of the LORD before my the hand of her son Jacob.

death.' <sup>1</sup> ' So he went to his father and said, "My <sup>8</sup> father." And he said, "Here I am. Who

Now therefore, my son, obey my voice

according to what I command you. are you, my son?"

1 ' Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau

'Go now to the flock and bring me from

there two choice kids of the goats, and I your firstborn; I have done  
just as you

will make savory food from them for told me; please arise, sit and eat  
of my

game, that your soul may bless me."

your father, such as he loves.

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0Then you shall take it to your father, 2 0But Isaac said to his son,  
"How is it

that he may eat it, and that he may that you have found it so quickly,  
my

bless you before his death."

son?" And he said, "Because the LORD bow down to you. Cursed be  
everyone

your God brought it to me." who curses you, And blessed be those

who bless you!"

21 saac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son,  
30 Now it happened, as soon as Isaac whether you are really my son  
Esau or had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob

not." had scarcely gone out from the

presence of Isaac his father, that Esau

22 his brother came in from his hunting.

So Jacob went near to Isaac his father,

and he felt him and said, "The voice is 31He also had made savory food, and

Jacob's voice, but the hands are the

hands of Esau." brought it to his father, and said to his

father, "Let my father arise and eat of

23And he did not recognize him, his son's game, that your soul may  
bless

because his hands were hairy like his me." brother Esau's hands; so he  
blessed

32

him. And his father Isaac said to him, "Who

are you?" So he said, "I am your son,

24 your firstborn, Esau."

Then he said, "Are you really my son

Esau?" He said, "I am." 33Then Isaac trembled exceedingly, and

25He said, "Bring it near to me, and I will said, "Who? Where is the  
one who

eat of my son's game, so that my soul hunted game and brought it to  
me? I ate

may bless you." So he brought it near to all of it before you came, and  
I have

him, and he ate; and he brought him blessed him--and indeed he shall  
be

wine, and he drank. blessed."

23 6 4When Esau heard the words of his

Then his father Isaac said to him,



"Come near now and kiss me, my son." father, he cried with an exceedingly

great and bitter cry, and said to his

2 father, "Bless me--me also, O my 7And he came near and kissed him;

father!"

and he smelled the smell of his clothing,

and blessed him and said: "Surely, the 35But he said, "Your brother came with

smell of my son 1s like the smell of a

field Which the LORD has blessed. deceit and has taken away your

blessing."

28Therefore may God give you Of the dew of heaven, Of the fatness of the And Esau said, "Is he not rightly 36

earth, And plenty of grain and wine. named Jacob? For he has supplanted

me these two times. He took away my

29Let peoples serve you, And nations birthright, and now look, he has taken

away my blessing!" And he said, "Have

bow down to you. Be master over your

brethren, And let your mother's sons you not reserved a blessing for me?" 3 4 7 5until your brother's anger turns away Then Isaac answered and said to

Esau, "Indeed I have made him your from you, and he forgets what you have

master, and all his brethren I have given done to him; then I will send and bring

to him as servants; with grain and wine I you from there. Why should I be

have sustained him. What shall I do now bereaved also of you both in one day?"

for you, my son?"

4 6

38And Esau said to his father, "Have you And Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am

weary of my life because of the

only one blessing, my father? Bless me- daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife

-me also, O my father!" And Esau lifted of the daughters of Heth, like these who

up his voice and wept. are the daughters of the land, what good

will my life be to me?"

3 ' Then Isaac his father answered and said to him: "Behold, your dwelling shall

be of the fatness of the earth, And of the 28Then Isaac called Jacob and dew of heaven from above.

blessed him, and charged him, and said

4 to him: "You shall not take a wife from 0 By your sword you shall live, And you the daughters of Canaan.

shall serve your brother; And it shall

come to pass, when you become 2

Arise, go to Padan Aram, to the house

restless, That you shall break his yoke

of Bethuel your mother's father; and

from your neck."

take yourself a wife from there of the

4 daughters of Laban your mother's 1 So Esau hated Jacob because of the brother.

blessing with which his father blessed

him, and Esau said in his heart, "The 3"May God Almighty bless you, And

days of mourning for my father are at

make you fruitful and multiply you, That hand; then I will kill my brother Jacob."

you may be an assembly of peoples;

42

And the words of Esau her older son 4

And give you the blessing of Abraham, were told to Rebekah. So she sent and

To you and your descendants with you, called Jacob her younger son, and said

That you may inherit the land In which to him, "Surely your brother Esau

you are a stranger, Which God gave to comforts himself concerning you by

Abraham."

intending to kill you.

4 Now therefore, my son, obey my to Padan Aram, to Laban the son of  
3 5 So Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went  
voice: arise, flee to my brother Laban in

Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of  
Haran.

Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

44 And stay with him a few days, until  
your brother's fury turns away, and sent him away to Padan Aram to 6  
Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob  
take himself a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him  
a charge, your seed all the families of the earth  
saying, "You shall not take a wife from shall be blessed. the daughters  
of Canaan,"

15

Behold, I am with you and will keep  
7 and that Jacob had obeyed his father you wherever you go, and will  
bring you  
and his mother and had gone to Padan back to this land; for I will not  
leave you  
Aram. until I have done what I have spoken to  
you."

8 Also Esau saw that the daughters of 6 Then Jacob awoke from his  
sleep and  
Canaan did not please his father Isaac. 1

said, "Surely the LORD is in this place,

'So Esau went to Ishmael and took and I did not know it.'

Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, <sup>1</sup> 7 And he was afraid and said,  
"How Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, to be his wife in addition to  
the wives he awesome is this place! This is none

had. other than the house of God, and this is

the gate of heaven!"

<sup>10</sup> Now Jacob went out from Beersheba and went toward Haran.

<sup>18</sup> Then Jacob rose early in the morning,

and took the stone that he had put at his

<sup>11</sup> head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil

So he came to a certain place and

stayed there all night, because the sun on top of it. had set. And he  
took one of the stones

of that place and put it at his head, and <sup>1</sup> ' And he called the name of  
that place he lay down in that place to sleep. Bethel; but the name of  
that city had

been Luz previously.

<sup>12</sup>

Then he dreamed, and behold, a

<sup>2</sup> 0

ladder was set up on the earth, and its Then Jacob made a vow,  
saying, "If

top reached to heaven; and there the God will be with me, and keep  
me in this

angels of God were ascending and way that I am going, and give me  
bread

descending on it. to eat and clothing to put on,

1 2 3 And behold, the LORD stood above it 1 so that I come back to my father's and said: "I am the LORD God of house in peace, then the LORD shall be

Abraham your father and the God of my God. Isaac; the land on which you lie I will

give to you and your descendants. 2 2 And this stone which I have set as a

pillar shall be God's house, and of all

14

Also your descendants shall be as the that You give me I will surely give a

dust of the earth; you shall spread tenth to You." abroad to the west and the east, to the

north and the south; and in you and in

10 And it came to pass, when Jacob saw

29 So Jacob went on his journey and Rachel the daughter of Laban his

came to the land of the people of the mother's brother, and the sheep of

East. Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob

went near and rolled the stone from the

2 well's mouth, and watered the flock of

And he looked, and saw a well in the Laban his mother's brother.

field; and behold, there were three

flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that 1 1 Then Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted well they watered the flocks. A large

stone was on the well's up his voice and wept. mouth.

3Now all the flocks would be gathered 1 2And Jacob told Rachel that he was her

there; and they would roll the stone from father's relative and that he was

the well's mouth, water the sheep, and Rebekah's son. So she ran and told her

father.

put the stone back in its place on the

well's mouth. 13Then it came to pass, when Laban

4 heard the report about Jacob his sister's And Jacob said to them, "My brethren,

son, that he ran to meet him, and

where are you from?" And they said,

"We are from Haran." embraced him and kissed him, and

brought him to his house. So he told

5 Laban all these things.

Then he said to them, "Do you know

Laban the son of Nahor?" And they said, 1 4And Laban said to him, "Surely you "We know him."

are my bone and my flesh." And he

6 stayed with him for a month.

So he said to them, "Is he well?" And

they said, "He is well. And look, his 1 5Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because daughter Rachel is coming with the you are my relative, should you sheep." therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, 7 what should your wages be?

Then he said, "Look, it is still high day;

it is not time for the cattle to be gathered 16Now Laban had two daughters: the together. Water the sheep, and go and

feed them." name of the elder was Leah, and the

name of the younger was Rachel.

8But they said, "We cannot until all the 7 flocks are gathered together, and they 1 Leah's eyes were delicate, but Rachel

have rolled the stone from the well's was beautiful of form and appearance.

mouth; then we water the sheep." 8Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said,

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'Now while he was still speaking with "I will serve you seven years for Rachel

them, Rachel came with her father's your younger daughter." sheep, for she was a shepherdess.

1 2 9And Laban said, "It is better that I give ' And Laban gave his maid Bilhah to his

her to you than that I should give her to daughter Rachel as a maid. another man. Stay with me."

30Then Jacob also went in to Rachel,

20 So Jacob served seven years for and he also loved Rachel more than



Rachel, and they seemed only a few Leah. And he served with Laban still

days to him because of the love he had another seven years. for her.

31

2 unloved, He opened her womb; but

1 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me When the LORD saw that Leah was

my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I Rachel was barren. may go in to her."

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2 and she called his name Reuben; for

2 And Laban gathered together all the So Leah conceived and bore a son,

men of the place and made a feast. she said, "The LORD has surely looked

on my affliction. Now therefore, my

23 Now it came to pass in the evening, husband will love me."

that he took Leah his daughter and 33 Then she conceived again and bore a

brought her to Jacob; and he went in to

her. son, and said, "Because the LORD has

heard that I am unloved, He has

24 therefore given me this son also." And

And Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his

daughter Leah as a maid. she called his name Simeon.

2 She conceived again and bore a son, So it came to pass in the morning, that

5 34

behold, it was Leah. And he said to and said, "Now this time my husband

Laban, "What is this you have done to will become attached to me, because I

me? Was it not for Rachel that I served have borne him three sons." Therefore

you? Why then have you deceived me?" his name was called Levi.

2 35And she conceived again and bore a 6And Laban said, "It must not be done

so in our country, to give the younger son, and said, "Now I will praise the

before the firstborn. LORD." Therefore she called his name

Judah. Then she stopped bearing.

27

Fulfill her week, and we will give you

this one also for the service which you

will serve with me still another seven 3 ONow when Rachel saw that she years." bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied

her sister, and said to Jacob, "Give me

28Then Jacob did so and fulfilled her children, or else I die!"

week. So he gave him his daughter

Rachel as wife also. 2 And Jacob's anger was aroused

against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in

the place of God, who has withheld from Now Reuben went in the days of

you the fruit of the womb?" wheat harvest and found mandrakes in  
the field, and brought them to his mother

3 Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, So she said, "Here is my maid  
Bilhah;

go in to her, and she will bear a child on "Please give me some of your  
son's

my knees, that I also may have children mandrakes."

by her." 5But she said to her, "Is it a small

1

4 matter that you have taken away my Then she gave him Bilhah her  
maid as

wife, and Jacob went in to her. husband? Would you take away my  
son's mandrakes also?" And Rachel

5 said, "Therefore he will lie with you And Bilhah conceived and bore  
Jacob a

tonight for your son's mandrakes."

SON.

1 6

6 When Jacob came out of the field in

Then Rachel said, "God has judged my

the evening, Leah went out to meet him

case; and He has also heard my voice

and given me a son." Therefore she and said, "You must come in to me, for I

called his name Dan. have surely hired you with my son's

mandrakes." And he lay with her that

7 night.

And Rachel's maid Bilhah conceived

again and bore Jacob a second son. 1 7And God listened to Leah, and she

conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son.

'Then Rachel said, "With great

wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister, 1 ' Leah said, "God has given me my and indeed I have prevailed." So she wages, because I have given my maid called his name Naphtali. to my husband." So she called his name

Issachar.

'When Leah saw that she had stopped

bearing, she took Zilpah her maid and 1' Then Leah conceived again and bore gave her to Jacob as wife. Jacob a sixth son.

10And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a 0And Leah said, "God has endowed me

son.

with a good endowment; now my

1 husband will dwell with me, because I 1 Then Leah said, "A troop comes!" So have borne him six sons." So she called she called his name Gad. his name Zebulun.

12 And Leah's maid Zilpah bore Jacob a 1Afterward she bore a daughter, and

2

second son. called her name Dinah.

13Then Leah said, "I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed." So she

called his name Asher.

22

Then God remembered Rachel, and anything. If you will do this thing for me,

God listened to her and opened her I will again feed and keep your flocks:

womb.

2 And she conceived and bore a son, today, removing from there all the

3 32Let me pass through all your flock

and said, "God has taken away my speckled and spotted sheep, and all the

reproach." brown ones among the lambs, and the

spotted and speckled among the goats;

24 and these shall be my wages.

So she called his name Joseph, and

said, "The LORD shall add to me 33So another son." my righteousness  
will answer for

me in time to come, when the subject of

25 my wages comes before you: every one And it came to pass, when  
Rachel had

borne Joseph, that Jacob said to Laban, that is not speckled and  
spotted among

"Send me away, that I may go to my the goats, and brown among the  
lambs,

own place and to my country. will be considered stolen, if it is with  
me."

26Give me my wives and my children for 34 whom I have served you,  
and let me go; And Laban said, "Oh, that it were

for you know my service which I have according to your word!"

done for you." 35So he removed that day the male

27 goats that were speckled and spotted,

And Laban said to him, "Please stay, if

I have found favor in your eyes, for I all the female goats that were  
speckled

have learned by experience that the and spotted, every one that had  
some

LORD has blessed me for your sake." white in it, and all the brown  
ones

among the lambs, and gave them into

2 the hand of his sons.

' Then he said, "Name me your wages,

and I will give it." 36Then he put three days' journey

2 between himself and Jacob, and Jacob '

So Jacob said to him, "You know how I

fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

have served you and how your livestock

has been with me. 37Now Jacob took for himself rods of

30For what you had before I came was green poplar and of the almond and chestnut trees, peeled white strips in little, and it has increased to a great them, and exposed the white which was amount; the LORD has blessed you in the rods. since my coming. And now, when shall I

also provide for my own house?" 3' And the rods which he had peeled, he

31 set before the flocks in the gutters, in

So he said, "What shall I give you?"

the watering troughs where the flocks

And Jacob said, "You shall not give me came to drink, so that they should 4So Jacob sent and called Rachel and conceive when they came to drink. Leah to the field, to his flock,

So the flocks conceived before the and said to them, "I see your father's

rods, and the flocks brought forth countenance, that it is not favorable streaked, speckled, and spotted. toward me as before; but the God of my

father has been with me.

40

Then Jacob separated the lambs, and

made the flocks face toward the 6And you know that with all my might I streaked and all the brown in the flock of have served your father. Laban; but he put his own flocks by

themselves and did not put them with 7Yet your father has deceived me and Laban's flock. changed my wages ten times, but God

did not allow him to hurt me.

41

And it came to pass, whenever the

stronger livestock conceived, that Jacob 8If he said thus: "The speckled shall be placed the rods before the eyes of the your wages,' then all the flocks bore

livestock in the gutters, that they might speckled. And if he said thus: "The

conceive among the rods. streaked shall be your wages,' then all

the flocks bore streaked.

42

But when the flocks were feeble, he

did not put them in; so the feeble were 9So God has taken away the livestock of Laban's and the stronger Jacob's. your father and given them to me.



41 3 Thus the man became exceedingly 0 'And it happened, at the time when the prosperous, and had large flocks, flocks conceived, that I lifted my eyes

female and male servants, and camels and saw in a dream, and behold, the

and donkeys. rams which leaped upon the flocks were

streaked, speckled, and gray-spotted.

3 1 1 Now Jacob heard the words of 1Then the Angel of God spoke to me in

Laban's sons, saying, "Jacob has taken a dream, saying, "Jacob.' And I said,

away all that was our father's, and from "Here I am.' what was our father's he has acquired

all this wealth." 1 2And He said, "Lift your eyes now and

see, all the rams which leap on the

2 flocks are streaked, speckled, and gray- And Jacob saw the countenance of

Laban, and indeed it was not favorable spotted; for I have seen all that Laban is

toward him as before. doing to you.

3Then the LORD said to Jacob, "Return 13 am the God of Bethel, where you to the land of your fathers and to your anointed the pillar and where you made

family, and I will be with you." a vow to Me. Now arise, get out of this

land, and return to the land of your and he overtook him in the mountains of

family.' Gilead.

Then Rachel and Leah answered and But God had come to Laban the

said to him, "Is there still any portion or Syrian in a dream by night, and said to

inheritance for us in our father's house? him, "Be careful that you speak to Jacob

neither good nor bad."

15

Are we not considered strangers by

25

him? For he has sold us, and also So Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob

completely consumed our money. had pitched his tent in the mountains,

and Laban with his brethren pitched in

16For all these riches which God has the mountains of Gilead.

our children's; now then, whatever God 26And Laban said to Jacob: "What have taken from our father are really ours and has said to you, do it." you done, that you have stolen away

unknown to me, and carried away my

17 daughters like captives taken with the

Then Jacob rose and set his sons and

his wives on camels. sword?

1 Why did you flee away secretly, and

8And he carried away all his livestock 2 7

and all his possessions which he had steal away from me, and not tell me; for

gained, his acquired livestock which he I might have sent you away with joy and

had gained in Padan Aram, to go to his songs, with timbrel and harp? father Isaac in the land of Canaan.

2 8

And you did not allow me to kiss my

1 sons and my daughters. Now you have ' Now Laban had gone to shear his

sheep, and Rachel had stolen the done foolishly in so doing. household idols that were her father's.

2 ' It is in my power to do you harm, but

20And Jacob stole away, unknown to the God of your father spoke to me last

Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell night, saying, "Be careful that you speak

him that he intended to flee. to Jacob neither good nor bad.'

21 30And now you have surely gone

So he fled with all that he had. He

arose and crossed the river, and headed because you greatly long for your

toward the mountains of Gilead. father's house, but why did you steal my

gods?"

22And Laban was told on the third day that Jacob had fled. Then Jacob answered and said to 31

Laban, "Because I was afraid, for I said,

23Then he took his brethren with him "Perhaps you would take your daughters

and pursued him for seven from me by force.' days' journey, 32with whomever you find your gods, do required it from my hand, whether stolen

not let him live. In the presence of our by day or stolen by night. brethren, identify what I have of yours

and take it with you." For Jacob did not 4 0There I was! In the day the drought know that Rachel had stolen them. consumed me, and the frost by night,

and my sleep departed from my eyes.

33And Laban went into Jacob's tent, into

Leah's tent, and into the two maids' 4 1Thus I have been in your house twenty tents, but he did not find them. Then he years; I served you fourteen years for

went out of Leah's tent and entered your two daughters, and six years for

Rachel's tent. your flock, and you have changed my

wages ten times.

34

Now Rachel had taken the household

idols, put them in the camel's saddle, 2 4Unless the God of my father, the God and sat on them. And Laban searched of Abraham and the Fear of Isaac, had

all about the tent but did not find them. been with me, surely now you would

have sent me away empty-handed. God

35

And she said to her father, "Let it not has seen my affliction and the

labor of

displease my lord that I cannot rise my hands, and rebuked you last night."

before you, for the manner of women is

with me." And he searched but did not find<sup>4</sup> 3And Laban answered and said to find the household idols. Jacob, "These daughters are my

<sup>3</sup> children, and this flock is my flock; all

<sup>6</sup>Then Jacob was angry and rebuked daughters, and these children are my

Laban, and Jacob answered and said to that you see is mine. But what can I do

Laban: "What is my trespass? What is this day to these my daughters or to

my sin, that you have so hotly pursued their children whom they have borne?

me?

<sup>4</sup> 4Now therefore, come, let us make a

<sup>3</sup>7Although you have searched all my covenant, you and I, and let it be a

things, what part of your household witness between you and me." things have you found? Set it here

before my brethren and your brethren, <sup>5</sup> 4So Jacob took a stone and set it up as that they may judge between us both! a pillar.

<sup>3</sup> 4 ' These twenty years I have been with <sup>6</sup>Then Jacob said to his brethren, you; your ewes and your female goats "Gather stones." And they took stones

have not miscarried their young, and I and made a heap, and they ate there on

have not eaten the rams of your flock. the heap.

3 which was torn by beasts I did ' That 47Laban called it Jegar Sahadutha, but not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You Jacob called it Galeed.

4 2 ' And Laban said, "This heap is a When Jacob saw them, he said, "This witness between you and me this day." is God's camp." And he called the name

Therefore its name was called Galeed, of that place Mahanaim.

4 ' also Mizpah, because he said, "May 3Then Jacob sent messengers before

the LORD watch between you and me him to Esau his brother in the land of

when we are absent one from another. Seir, the country of Edom.

5 4 0 you afflict my daughters, or if you

And he commanded them, saying,

take other wives besides my daughters, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, "Thus your

although no man is with us--see, God is servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with

witness between you and me!" Laban and stayed there until now.

5 5 1Then Laban said to Jacob, "Here is 1 have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male

this heap and here is this pillar, which I and female servants; and I have sent to

have placed between you and me. tell my lord, that I may find favor

in your

sight. '

52

This heap is a witness, and this pillar

is a witness, that I will not pass beyond 6Then the messengers  
returned to

this heap to you, and you will not pass Jacob, saying, "We came to  
your

beyond this heap and this pillar to me, brother Esau, and he also is  
coming to

for harm. meet you, and four hundred men are

with him."

53

The God of Abraham, the God of

Nahor, and the God of their father judge 7So Jacob was greatly afraid  
and between us." And Jacob swore by the distressed; and he divided  
the people

Fear of his father Isaac. that were with him, and the flocks and

herds and camels, into two companies.

54Then Jacob offered a sacrifice on the mountain, and called his  
brethren to eat 8And he said, "If Esau comes to the one bread. And  
they ate bread and stayed company and attacks it, then the other

all night on the mountain. company which is left will escape."

55And early in the morning Laban arose, "Then Jacob said, "0 God of  
my father

and kissed his sons and daughters and Abraham and God of my father  
Isaac,

blessed them. Then Laban departed the LORD who said to me, "Return to

and returned to his place. your country and to your family, and I

will deal well with you':

10 am not worthy of the least of all the

32 So Jacob went on his way, and

mercies and of all the truth which You

the angels of God met him.

have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff,  
and now I 1' So he commanded the second, the have become two  
companies. third, and all who followed the droves,

saying, "In this manner you shall speak

11 to Esau when you find him;

Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of

my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I

2 0

fear him, lest he come and attack me and also say, "Behold, your  
servant

and the mother with the children. Jacob is behind us.' For he said, "I  
will

appease him with the present that goes

12 before me, and afterward I will see his

For You said, "I will surely treat you

well, and make your descendants as the face; perhaps he will accept  
me." sand of the sea, which cannot be

numbered for multitude.'" 2 1



So the present went on over before  
him, but he himself lodged that night in  
13 the camp.

So he lodged there that same night,  
and took what came to his hand as a

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present for Esau his brother: And he arose that night and took his  
two wives, his two female servants, and  
14 wo hundred female goats and twenty his eleven sons, and crossed  
over the  
male goats, two hundred ewes and ford of Jabbok.

twenty rams, 3He took them, sent them over the

2

1 5 hirty milk camels with their colts, forty brook, and sent over what  
he had. cows and ten bulls, twenty female

2 4

donkeys and ten foals. Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man  
wrestled with him until the breaking of  
16 day.

Then he delivered them to the hand of  
his servants, every drove by itself, and

2 5

said to his servants, "Pass over before Now when He saw that He did  
not

me, and put some distance between prevail against him, He touched the

successive droves." socket of his hip; and the socket of

Jacob's hip was out of joint as He

17And he commanded the first one, wrestled with him.

saying, "When Esau my brother meets 6And He said, "Let Me go, for the day

you and asks you, saying, "To whom do 2 you belong, and where are you going? breaks." But he said, "I will not let You

Whose are these in front of you?' go unless You bless me!"

1 27 8Then you shall say, "They are your So He said to him, "What is your

servant Jacob's. It is a present sent to name?" He said, "Jacob." my lord Esau; and behold, he also is

behind us." 2 8And He said, "Your name shall no

longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with these with you?" So he said, "The

men, and have prevailed." children whom God has graciously given

your servant."

29Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why 6Then the maidservants came near, they is it that you ask about My name?" And and their children, and bowed down.

He blessed him there.

7And Leah also came near with her

30

So Jacob called the name of the place children, and they bowed

down.

Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face and afterward Joseph and Rachel came

face, and my life is preserved." near, and they bowed down.

31 8

Just as he crossed over Peniel then Esau said, "What do you mean by

sun rose on him, and he limped on his all this company which I met?" And he

hip. said, "These are to find favor in the sight

of my lord."

32 Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, 'But Esau said, "I have enough, my which is on the hip socket, because He brother; keep what you have for

touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the yourself." muscle that shrank.

10 And Jacob said, "No, please, if I have now found favor in your sight, then

3 receive my present from my hand, 3 Now Jacob lifted his eyes and

inasmuch as I have seen your face as

looked, and there, Esau was coming,

though I had seen the face of God, and

and with him were four hundred men.

you were pleased with me.

So he divided the children among Leah,

Rachel, and the two maidservants. 1

Please, take my blessing that is

2 brought to you, because God has dealt

And he put the maidservants and their

graciously with me, and because I have  
children in front, Leah and her children

enough." So he urged him, and he took  
behind, and Rachel and Joseph last.

3Then he crossed over before them and 1 2Then Esau said, "Let us  
take our bowed himself to the ground seven journey; let us go, and I  
will go before times, until he came near to his brother. you."

4But Esau ran to meet him, and 3But Jacob said to him, "My lord  
knows

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embraced him, and fell on his neck and

that the children are weak, and the  
kissed him, and they wept.

flocks and herds which are nursing are  
5 with me. And if the men should drive

And he lifted his eyes and saw the them hard one day, all the flock  
will die.

women and children, and said, "Who are 14 lease let my lord go on  
ahead before 3His soul was strongly attracted to Dinah

his servant. I will lead on slowly at a the daughter of Jacob, and he  
loved the

pace which the livestock that go before young woman and spoke  
kindly to the

me, and the children, are able to endure, young woman. until I come

to my lord in Seir."

4 So Shechem spoke to his father Hamor,

15

And Esau said, "Now let me leave with saying, "Get me this young woman as a

you some of the people who are with wife." me." But he said, "What need is there?

Let me find favor in the sight of my lord." 5And Jacob heard that he had defiled

Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were

16

So Esau returned that day on his way with his livestock in the field; so Jacob

to Seir. held his peace until they came.

16 7

And Jacob journeyed to Succoth, built Then Hamor the father of Shechem

himself a house, and made booths for went out to Jacob to speak with him. his livestock. Therefore the name of the

place is called Succoth. 7And the sons of Jacob came in from the

field when they heard it; and the men

1 ' Then Jacob came safely to the city of were grieved and very angry, because

Shechem, which is in the land of he had done a disgraceful thing in Israel

Canaan, when he came from Padan by lying with Jacob's daughter, a thing

Aram; and he pitched his tent before the which ought not to be done.  
city.

8 But Hamor spoke with them, saying,

1 ' And he bought the parcel of land, "The soul of my son Shechem  
longs for

where he had pitched his tent, from the your daughter. Please give her  
to him as

children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for a wife. one hundred pieces of  
money.

'And make marriages with us; give your

20Then he erected an altar there and

daughters to us, and take our daughters

called it El Elohe Israel. to yourselves.

1 0

So you shall dwell with us, and the

34Now Dinah the daughter of Leah, land shall be before you. Dwell  
and

whom she had borne to Jacob, went out trade in it, and acquire  
possessions for

to see the daughters of the land. yourselves in it."

11

2 Then Shechem said to her father and And when Shechem the son of  
Hamor

the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, her brothers, "Let me find  
favor in your

he took her and lay with her, and eyes, and whatever you say to me I  
will

violated her. give.

12

Ask me ever so much dowry and gift, trade in it. For indeed the land is large

and I will give according to what you say enough for them. Let us take their

to me; but give me the young woman as daughters to us as wives, and let us

a wife." give them our daughters.

1 2 32

But the sons of Jacob answered Only on this condition will the men Shechem and Hamor his father, and consent to dwell with us, to be one

spoke deceitfully, because he had people: if every male among us is defiled Dinah their sister. circumcised as they are circumcised.

1 2 4And they said to them, "We cannot do 3Will not their livestock, their property, this thing, to give our sister to one who and every animal of theirs be ours? Only

is uncircumcised, for that would be a let us consent to them, and they will

reproach to us. dwell with us."

1 2 5But on this condition we will consent to 4

And all who went out of the gate of his

you: If you will become as we are, if city heeded Hamor and Shechem his

every male of you is circumcised, son; every male was circumcised, all

who went out of the gate of his city.

<sup>16</sup>Then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us; <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Now it came to pass on the third day, and we will dwell with you, and we will when they were in pain, that two of the

become one people. sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi,

Dinah's brothers, each took his sword

<sup>17</sup> and came boldly upon the city and killed

But if you will not heed us and be circumcised, then we will take our all the males.

daughter and be gone." <sup>6</sup>And they killed Hamor and Shechem

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<sup>18</sup>And their words pleased Hamor and his son with the edge of the sword, and

Shechem, Hamor's son. took Dinah from Shechem's house, and

went out.

<sup>1'</sup> So the young man did not delay to do the thing, because he delighted in The sons of Jacob came upon the <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>

Jacob's daughter. He was more slain, and plundered the city, because honorable than all the household of his their sister had been defiled. father.

<sup>2</sup> 8

They took their sheep, their oxen, and

<sup>20</sup>And Hamor and Shechem his son their donkeys, what was in the city and



came to the gate of their city, and spoke what was in the field, with the men of their city, saying:

2 ' and all their wealth. All their little ones

21§ and their wives they took captive; and

'These men are at peace with us.

Therefore let them dwell in the land and they plundered even all that was in the 6So Jacob came to Luz (that is, Bethel),

houses. which is in the land of Canaan, he and

all the people who were with him.

30Then Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, "You have troubled me by making me 7And he built an altar there and called obnoxious among the inhabitants of the the place El Bethel, because there God

land, among the Canaanites and the appeared to him when he fled from the

Perizzites; and since I am few in number, face of his brother. they will gather themselves together

against me and kill me. I shall be 8Now Deborah, Rebekah's nurse, died, destroyed, my household and 1." and she was buried below Bethel under

the terebinth tree. So the name of it was

31But they said, "Should he treat our called Allon Bachuth. sister like a harlot?"

'Then God appeared to Jacob again,

when he came from Padan Aram, and

3 blessed him. 5Then God said to Jacob, "Arise,

go up to Bethel and dwell there; and 10And God said to him, "Your name is make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the Jacob; your name shall not be called

face of Esau your brother." Jacob anymore, but Israel shall be your

name." So He called his name Israel.

2And Jacob said to his household and to 1 all who were with him, "Put away the 1 Also God said to him: "I am God

foreign gods that are among you, purify Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply; a

yourselves, and change your garments. nation and a company of nations shall

proceed from you, and kings shall come

3Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; from your body.

and I will make an altar there to God, 1 2The land which I gave Abraham and who answered me in the day of my distress and has been with me in the Isaac I give to you; and to your

way which I have gone." descendants after you I give this land."

4 1 3Then God went up from him in the

So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods

which were in their hands, and the place where He talked with him. earrings which were in their ears; and

Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree 1 4

So Jacob set up a pillar in the place

which was by Shechem. where He talked with him, a pillar of

stone; and he poured a drink offering on

5 it, and he poured oil on it. And they journeyed, and the terror of God was upon the cities that were all

around them, and they did not pursue 15And Jacob called the name of

the the sons of Jacob. place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

16 Then they journeyed from Bethel. And These were the sons of Jacob  
who were

when there was but a little distance to born to him in Padan Aram. go  
to Ephrath, Rachel labored in

childbirth, and she had hard labor. 2 7

Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at  
Mamre, or Kirjath Arba (that is, Hebron),

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Now it came to pass, when she was in where Abraham and Isaac  
had dwelt.

hard labor, that the midwife said to her,

"Do not fear; you will have this son 2 8

Now the days of Isaac were one  
also." hundred and eighty years.

1 2 8 And so it was, as her soul was

' So Isaac breathed his last and died,  
departing (for she died), that she called and was gathered to his  
people, being

his name Ben-Oni; but his father called old and full of days. And his  
sons Esau

him Benjamin. and Jacob buried him.

1 ' So Rachel died and was buried on the

way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem). 3 6 Now this is the genealogy of  
Esau,

2 who is Edom. 0And Jacob set a pillar on her grave,

which is the pillar of Rachel's grave to 2 Esau took his wives from the daughters this day. of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Eton 21 the Hittite; Aholibamah the daughter of

Then Israel journeyed and pitched his

Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

tent beyond the tower of Eder.

2 h Basemath, Ishmael's daughter, and 2 And it happened, when Israel dwelt in sister of Nebajoth. that land, that Reuben went and lay with

Billah his father's concubine; and Israel 4

Now Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and

heard about it. Now the sons of Jacob

were twelve: Basemath bore Reuel.

2 And Aholibamah bore Jeush, Jaalam,

3 he sons of Leah were Reuben, 5

Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, Levi, and Korah. These were the sons of

Esau who were born to him in the land

Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun;

of Canaan.

24 he sons of Rachel were Joseph and

6 Then Esau took his wives, his sons, his

Benjamin;

daughters, and all the persons of his

2 household, his cattle and all his animals, 5 he sons of Bilhah,  
Rachel's

and all his goods which he had gained

maidservant, were Dan and Naphtali; in the land of Canaan, and went  
to a

country away from the presence of his

26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's brother Jacob. maidservant, were Gad  
and Asher.

7 17

For their possessions were too great for These were the sons of Reuel,  
Esau's

them to dwell together, and the land son: Chief Nahath, Chief Zerah,  
Chief

where they were strangers could not Shammah, and Chief Mizzah.  
These

support them because of their livestock. were the chiefs of Reuel in  
the land of

Edom. These were the sons of

8 Basemath, Esau's wife. So Esau dwelt in Mount Seir. Esau is

Edom. 8 And these were the sons of

1

'And this is the genealogy of Esau the Aholibamah, Esau's wife: Chief  
Jeush,

father of the Edomites in Mount Seir. Chief Jaalam, and Chief Korah.  
These

were the chiefs who descended from

10 These were the names of Esau's

Aholibamah, Esau's wife, the daughter

sons:

of Anah.

Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau,

and Reuel the son of Basemath the wife 1 ' These were the sons of Esau, who is of Esau.

Edom, and these were their chiefs.

11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, 2 Omar, Zepho, Gatam, and Kenaz. These were the sons of Seir the Horite 0

who inhabited the land: Lotan, Shobal,

12 Now Timna was the concubine of Zibeon, Anah,

Eliphaz, Esau's son, and she bore 2 1 Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. These were Amalek to Eliphaz. These were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. the chiefs of the Horites, the sons of

Seir, in the land of Edom.

13 These were the sons of Reuel: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. These 2 And the sons of Lotan were Hori and

were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. Hemam. Lotan's sister was Timna.

1 2 4 3 These were the sons of Shobal: Alvan,

These were the sons of Aholibamah,

Esau's wife, the daughter of Anah, the Manahath, Ebal, Shepho, and Onam.

daughter of Zibeon. And she bore to 4These were the sons of Zibeon:  
both

Esau: Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. 2

Ajah and Anah. This was the Anah who

15These were the chiefs of the sons of found the water in the  
wilderness as he

Esau. The sons of Eliphaz, the firstborn pastured the donkeys of his  
father

son of Esau, were Chief Teman, Chief Zibeon.

Omar, Chief Zepho, Chief Kenaz, 5These were the children of Anah:

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16 Dishon and Aholibamah the daughter of

Chief Korah, Chief Gatam, and Chief

Amalek. These were the chiefs of Anah.

Eliphaz in the land of Edom. They were 6These were the sons of  
Dishon:

the sons of Adah. 2

Hemdan, Eshban, Ithran, and Cheran.

27 3' And when Baal-Hanan the son of

These were the sons of Ezer: Bilhan,

Zaavan, and Akan. Achbor died, Hadar reigned in his place;

and the name of his city was Pau. His

2 wife's name was Mehetabel, the ' These were the sons of Dishan: Uz  
and Aran. daughter of Matred, the daughter of  
Mezahab.

2 ' These were the chiefs of the Horites: 0And these were the names of  
the

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Chief Lotan, Chief Shobal, Chief Zibeon,  
Chief Anah, chiefs of Esau, according to their  
families and their places, by their  
3 names: Chief Timnah, Chief Alvah, 0Chief Dishon, Chief Ezer, and  
Chief

Chief Jetheth,  
Dishan. These were the chiefs of the

Horites, according to their chiefs in the 4 1Chief Aholibamah, Chief  
Elah, Chief land of Seir.

Pinon,

31Now these were the kings who reigned 4 2Chief Kenaz, Chief  
Teman, Chief in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the  
children of Israel: Mibzar,

32 4 3Chief Magdiel, and Chief tram. These

Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom,  
and the name of his city was Dinhabah. were the chiefs of Edom,  
according to



their dwelling places in the land of their

33 possession. Esau was the father of the And when Beta died, Jobab the son of

Edomites.

Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

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When Jobab died, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his place. 3 7Now Jacob dwelt in the land where his father was a stranger, in the

35And when Husham died, Hadad the land of Canaan. son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in

the field of Moab, reigned in his place. 2This is the history of Jacob. Joseph, And the name of his city was Avith. being seventeen years old, was feeding

the flock with his brothers. And the lad

36When Hadad died, Samlah of was with the sons of Bilhah and the Masrekah reigned in his place. sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to

37 his father. And when Samlah died, Saul of

Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his 3Now Israel loved Joseph more than all

place.

his children, because he was the son of

3 his old age. Also he made him a tunic of 8When Saul died, Baal-  
Hanan the son

many colors.

of Achbor reigned in his place.

41 But when his brothers saw that their 3And Israel said to Joseph,  
"Are not father loved him more than all his your brothers feeding the  
flock in

brothers, they hated him and could not Shechem? Come, I will send  
you to

speak peaceably to him. them." So he said to him, "Here I am."

5 1 4

Now Joseph had a dream, and he told Then he said to him, "Please go  
and

it to his brothers; and they hated him see if it is well with your  
brothers and

even more. well with the flocks, and bring back word

to me." So he sent him out of the Valley

6 of Hebron, and he went to Shechem. So he said to them, "Please hear  
this

dream which I have dreamed:

1 5Now a certain man found him, and

7 there he was, wandering in the field. There we were, binding  
sheaves in the

field. Then behold, my sheaf arose and And the man asked him,  
saying, "What

also stood upright; and indeed your are you seeking?" sheaves stood  
all around and bowed

down to my sheaf." So he said, "I am seeking my brothers.

Please tell me where they are feeding

8 their flocks." And his brothers said to him, "Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you

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indeed have dominion over us?" So they And the man said, "They have hated him even more for his dreams and departed from here, for I heard them say,

for his words. "Let us go to Dothan." So Joseph went

after his brothers and found them in

"Then he dreamed still another dream Dothan.

and told it to his brothers, and said, 8Now when they saw him afar off, even

"Look, I have dreamed another dream. 1 And this time, the sun, the moon, and before he came near them, they

the eleven stars bowed down to me." conspired against him to kill him.

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So he told it to his father and his ' Then they said to one another, "Look,

brothers; and his father rebuked him this dreamer is coming! and said to him, "What is this dream that

you have dreamed? Shall your mother 20

Come therefore, let us now kill him

and I and your brothers indeed come to and cast him into some pit; and we shall

bow down to the earth before you?" say, "Some wild beast has devoured

him.' We shall see what will become of

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And his brothers envied him, but his his dreams!"

father kept the matter in mind.

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1 him out of their hands, and said, "Let us

2Then his brothers went to feed their But Reuben heard it, and he delivered

father's flock in Shechem. not kill him."

22 30And he returned to his brothers and

And Reuben said to them, "Shed no

blood, but cast him into this pit which is said, "The lad is no more; and I, where

in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand shall I go?" on him"--that he might deliver him out of

their hands, and bring him back to his 31 So they took Joseph's tunic, killed a father. kid of the goats, and dipped the tunic in

the blood.

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So it came to pass, when Joseph had

come to his brothers, that they stripped 32

Then they sent the tunic of many

Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colors, and they brought it to their father

colors that was on him. and said, "We have found this. Do you

know whether it is your son's tunic or

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Then they took him and cast him into a not?"

pit. And the pit was empty; there was no

water in it. 33And he recognized it and said, "It is my

son's tunic. A wild beast has devoured

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And they sat down to eat a meal. Then him. Without doubt Joseph is torn to

they lifted their eyes and looked, and pieces." there was a company of Ishmaelites,

coming from Gilead with their camels, 34Then Jacob tore his clothes, put bearing spices, balm, and myrrh, on sackcloth on his waist, and mourned for

their way to carry them down to Egypt. his son many days.

26 35 So Judah said to his brothers, "What And all his sons and all his daughters

profit is there if we kill our brother and arose to comfort him; but he refused to

conceal his blood? be comforted, and he said, "For I shall

go down into the grave to my son in

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Come and let us sell him to the mourning." Thus his father wept for him.

Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be

upon him, for he is our brother and our 36Now the Midianites had sold him in

flesh." And his brothers listened. Egypt to Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh

and captain of the guard.

2' Then Midianite traders passed by; so the brothers pulled Joseph up and lifted

him out of the pit, and sold him to the 38 It came to pass at that time that Ishmaelites for twenty shekels of silver.

And they took Joseph to Egypt. Judah departed from his brothers, and visited a certain Adullamite whose name

2 was Hirah. '

Then Reuben returned to the pit, and

indeed Joseph was not in the pit; and he 2 tore his clothes. And Judah saw there a daughter of a

certain Canaanite whose name was

Shua, and he married her and went in to

her.

3So she conceived and bore a son, and 13And it was told Tamar, saying, "Look, he called his name Er. your father-in-law is going up to Timnah

to shear his sheep."

4She conceived again and bore a son,

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and she called his name Onan. So she took off her widow's garments,

covered herself with a veil and wrapped

5 herself, and sat in an open place which And she conceived yet again and bore

a son, and called his name Shelah. He was on the way to Timnah; for she saw

was at Chezib when she bore him. that Shelah was grown, and she was not

given to him as a wife.

6Then Judah took a wife for Er his 5When Judah saw her, he thought she

firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 1

was a harlot, because she had covered

7 her face. But Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in

the sight of the LORD, and the LORD 1 6Then he turned to her by the way, and killed him.

said, "Please let me come in to you"; for

8 he did not know that she was his

And Judah said to Onan, "Go in to your

brother's wife and marry her, and raise daughter-in-law. So she said, "What will

you give me, that you may come in to

up an heir to your brother."

me?"

But Onan knew that the heir would not 1 7And he said, "I will send a young goat

be his; and it came to pass, when he

went in to his brother's wife, that he from the flock." So she said, "Will you

emitted on the ground, lest he should give me a pledge till you send it?

give an heir to his brother. <sup>1</sup> 8Then he said, "What pledge shall I

<sup>10</sup>And the thing which he did displeased give you?" So she said, "Your  
signet

and cord, and your staff that is in your

the LORD; therefore He killed him also.

hand." Then he gave them to her, and

<sup>1</sup> went in to her, and she conceived by <sup>1</sup> Then Judah said to Tamar his  
him. daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in

your father's house till my son Shelah is <sup>1</sup> grown." For he said, "Lest he  
also die ' So she arose and went away, and laid

like his brothers." And Tamar went and aside her veil and put on the  
garments

dwelt in her father's house. of her widowhood.

<sup>1</sup> And Judah sent the young goat by the

<sup>2</sup>Now in the process of time the <sup>2</sup> 0

daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died; hand of his friend the  
Adullamite, to

and Judah was comforted, and went up receive his pledge from the  
woman's

hand, but he did not find her.

to his sheepshearers at Timnah, he and

his friend Hirah the Adullamite.



Then he asked the men of that place, bound it on his hand, saying,  
"This one

saying, "Where is the harlot who was came out first." openly by the  
roadside?" And they said,

"There was no harlot in this place." 2 ' Then it happened, as he drew  
back his

hand, that his brother came out

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So he returned to Judah and said, "I unexpectedly; and she said,  
"How did

cannot find her. Also, the men of the you break through? This breach  
be

place said there was no harlot in this upon you!" Therefore his name  
was

place." called Perez.

23 3Then Judah said, "Let her take them 0Afterward his brother came  
out who for herself, lest we be shamed; for I sent had the scarlet  
thread on his hand. And

this young goat and you have not found his name was called Zerah.  
her."

24And it came to pass, about three 39Now Joseph had been taken

months after, that Judah was told, down to Egypt. And Potiphar, an  
officer

saying, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has of Pharaoh, captain of the  
guard, an

played the harlot; furthermore she is Egyptian, bought him from the  
with child by harlotry." So Judah said, Ishmaelites who had taken him  
down

"Bring her out and let her be burned!" there.

<sup>25</sup>When she was brought out, she sent

<sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he

to her father-in-law, saying, "By the man was a successful man; and he was in

to whom these belong, I am with child." the house of his master the Egyptian.

And she said, "Please determine whose

these are--the signet and cord, and OAnd his master saw that the LORD was staff." with him and that the LORD made all he

<sup>2</sup> did to prosper in his hand. <sup>6</sup> So Judah acknowledged them and said, "She has been more righteous <sup>4</sup>

So Joseph found favor in his sight, and

than I, because I did not give her to

served him. Then he made him overseer

Shelah my son." And he never knew her

of his house, and all that he had he put

again.

under his authority.

<sup>27</sup>

Now it came to pass, at the time for <sup>5</sup>

So it was, from the time that he had

giving birth, that behold, twins were in

made him overseer of his house and all

her womb.

that he had, that the LORD blessed the

2 Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and 8And so it was, when she was giving

the blessing of the LORD was on all that

birth, that the one put out his hand; and he had in the house and in the field. the midwife took a scarlet thread and 6Thus he left all that he had in Joseph's mock us. He came in to me to lie with

hand, and he did not know what he had me, and I cried out with a loud voice. except for the bread which he ate. Now

Joseph was handsome in form and 15And it happened, when he heard that I appearance. lifted my voice and cried out, that he left

his garment with me, and fled and went

7And it came to pass after these things outside." that his master's wife cast longing eyes

on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." 1 6So she kept his garment with her until

his master came home.

'But he refused and said to his master's

wife, "Look, my master does not know 1 7Then she spoke to him with words like what is with me in the house, and he these, saying, "The Hebrew servant

has committed all that he has to my whom you brought to us came in to me

hand. to mock me;

There is no one greater in this house 1 ' so it happened, as I lifted my

voice

than I, nor has he kept back anything and cried out, that he left his garment

from me but you, because you are his with me and fled outside." wife.  
How then can I do this great

wickedness, and sin against God?"<sup>1</sup>

' So it was, when his master heard the

<sup>1</sup> words which his wife spoke to him, <sup>0</sup> So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day saying, "Your servant did to me after this

by day, that he did not heed her, to lie manner," that his anger was aroused.

with her or to be with her.

<sup>2</sup> 0

<sup>1</sup> Then Joseph's master took him and <sup>1</sup>But it happened about this time, when

put him into the prison, a place where

Joseph went into the house to do his the king's prisoners were confined. And work, and none of the men of the house he was there in the prison. was inside,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>But the LORD was with Joseph and

<sup>1</sup>2 hat she caught him by his garment,

showed him mercy, and He gave him

saying, "Lie with me." But he left his favor in the sight of the keeper of the

garment in her hand, and fled and ran prison. outside.

<sup>1</sup> And the keeper of the prison <sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup>2

And so it was, when she saw that he committed to Joseph's hand all the  
had left his garment in her hand and fled prisoners who were in the  
prison;  
outside, whatever they did there, it was his doing.

14 hat she called to the men of her 3The keeper of the prison did not  
look

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house and spoke to them, saying, "See, into anything that was under  
Joseph's

he has brought in to us a Hebrew to authority, because the LORD was  
with

him; and whatever he did, the LORD 9Then the chief butler told his  
dream to made it prosper. Joseph, and said to him, "Behold, in my

dream a vine was before me,

40It came to pass after these things and in the vine were three  
branches; it 1 0

was as though it budded, its blossoms  
that the butler and the baker of the king  
shot forth, and its clusters brought forth  
of Egypt offended their lord, the king of  
ripe grapes.  
Egypt.

1 Then Pharaoh's cup was in my hand;

2And Pharaoh was angry with his two

and I took the grapes and pressed them

officers, the chief butler and the chief into Pharaoh's cup, and placed the cup

baker.

in Pharaoh's hand."

3 So he put them in custody in the house 1 2And Joseph said to him, "This is the of the captain of the guard, in the prison,

interpretation of it: The three branches

the place where Joseph was confined.

are three days.

4And the captain of the guard charged 3Now within three days Pharaoh will lift

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Joseph with them, and he served them;

up your head and restore you to your

so they were in custody for a while.

place, and you will put Pharaoh's cup in

5 his hand according to the former

Then the butler and the baker of the manner, when you were his butler.

king of Egypt, who were confined in the

prison, had a dream, both of them, each 1 4But remember me when it is well with man's dream in one night and each you, and please show kindness to me; man's dream with its own interpretation. make mention of me to Pharaoh, and 6 get me out of this house.

And Joseph came in to them in the

morning and looked at them, and saw <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>For indeed I was stolen away from the that they were sad. land of the Hebrews; and also I have <sup>7</sup> done nothing here that they should put

So he asked Pharaoh's officers who me into the dungeon."

were with him in the custody of his lord's

house, saying, "Why do you look so sad <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>When the chief baker saw that the today?"

interpretation was good, he said to

<sup>8</sup> Joseph, "I also was in my dream, and

And they said to him, "We each have there were three white baskets on my

had a dream, and there is no interpreter head. of it." So Joseph said to them, "Do not

interpretations belong to God? Tell them <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> n the uppermost basket were all kinds to me, please."

of baked goods for Pharaoh, and the birds ate them out of the basket on my <sup>4</sup>And the ugly and gaunt cows ate up the head." seven fine looking and fat cows. So

Pharaoh awoke.

<sup>1</sup> ' So Joseph answered and said, "This is the interpretation of it: The three baskets <sup>5</sup>He slept and dreamed a second time; are three days. and suddenly seven heads of grain

came up on one stalk, plump and good.

<sup>1</sup> ' Within three days Pharaoh will lift off your head from you and hang you on a <sup>6</sup>Then behold, seven thin heads, tree; and the birds will eat your flesh blighted by the east wind, sprang up

from you." after them.

27 0 And the seven thin heads devoured the Now it came to pass on the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he seven plump and full heads. So

made a feast for all his servants; and he Pharaoh awoke, and indeed, it was a

lifted up the head of the chief butler and dream. of the chief baker among his servants.

8 Now it came to pass in the morning that

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Then he restored the chief butler to his his spirit was troubled, and he sent and

butlership again, and he placed the cup called for all the magicians of Egypt and

in Pharaoh's hand. all its wise men. And Pharaoh told them

his dreams, but there was no one who

22 could interpret them for Pharaoh.

But he hanged the chief baker, as

Joseph had interpreted to them.

"Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh,

23 saying: "I remember my faults this day.

Yet the chief butler did not remember

Joseph, but forgot him.

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When Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me in custody in the



41 house of the captain of the guard, both Then it came to pass, at the end

me and the chief baker,

of two full years, that Pharaoh had a

dream; and behold, he stood by the river. <sup>1</sup> 1we each had a dream in one night, he <sup>2</sup> and 1. Each of us dreamed according to

Suddenly there came up out of the river the interpretation of his own dream.

seven cows, fine looking and fat; and

they fed in the meadow. <sup>1</sup> 2Now there was a young Hebrew man

3Then behold, seven other cows came with us there, a servant of the captain of

the guard. And we told him, and he

up after them out of the river, ugly and interpreted our dreams for us; to each

gaunt, and stood by the other cows on man he interpreted according to his own

the bank of the river. dream.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 3And it came to pass, just as he Also I saw in my dream, and suddenly

interpreted for us, so it happened. He seven heads came up on one stalk, full

restored me to my office, and he hanged and good. him."

<sup>2</sup> 3

Then behold, seven heads, withered,

Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, thin, and blighted by the east wind,

and they brought him quickly out of the sprang up after them. dungeon; and he shaved, changed his

clothing, and came to Pharaoh. 2 4

And the thin heads devoured the

1 magicians, but there was no one who

5And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I have seven good heads. So I told this to the

had a dream, and there is no one who could explain it to me." can interpret it. But I have heard it said

of you that you can understand a dream, 2 5Then Joseph said to Pharaoh, "The to interpret it." dreams of Pharaoh are one; God has

shown Pharaoh what He is about to do:

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So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying,

"It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an 26The seven good cows are seven years, answer of peace." and the seven good heads are seven

years; the dreams are one.

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Then Pharaoh said to Joseph: "Behold,

in my dream I stood on the bank of the 2 7

And the seven thin and ugly cows

river. which came up after them are seven

years, and the seven empty heads

1' Suddenly seven cows came up out of blighted by the east wind are seven

the river, fine looking and fat; and they years of famine. fed in the meadow.

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This is the thing which I have spoken

1' Then behold, seven other cows came to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh

up after them, poor and very ugly and what He is about to do. gaunt, such ugliness as I have never

seen in all the land of Egypt. 2 ' Indeed seven years of great plenty will

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0And the gaunt and ugly cows ate up come throughout all the land of Egypt;

the first seven, the fat cows. 30 but after them seven years of famine

will arise, and all the plenty will be

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When they had eaten them up, no one forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the

would have known that they had eaten famine will deplete the land. them, for they were just as ugly as at the

beginning. So I awoke. 31 So the plenty will not be known in the

land because of the famine following, for

it will be very severe.

32And the dream was repeated to 41And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "See, I Pharaoh twice because the thing is have set you over all the land of Egypt."

established by God, and God will shortly

bring it to pass. 4 2Then Pharaoh took his signet ring off

33 Now therefore, let Pharaoh select a and he clothed him in garments of fine his hand and put it on Joseph's hand;

discerning and wise man, and set him linen and put a gold chain around his

over the land of Egypt. neck.

34Let Pharaoh do this, and let him 43And he had him ride in the second appoint officers over the land, to collect chariot which he had; and they cried out

one-fifth of the produce of the land of before him, "Bow the knee!" So he set

Egypt in the seven plentiful years. him over all the land of Egypt.

35And let them gather all the food of 44Pharaoh also said to Joseph, "I am those good years that are coming, and Pharaoh, and without your consent no

store up grain under the authority of man may lift his hand or foot in all the

Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the land of Egypt." cities.

4 5And Pharaoh called Joseph's name

36Then that food shall be as a reserve Zaphnath-Paaneah. And he gave him as

for the land for the seven years of a wife Asenath, the daughter of Poti-

famine which shall be in the land of Pherah priest of On. So Joseph went

Egypt, that the land may not perish out over all the land of Egypt. during the famine."

So the advice was good in the eyes of stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Pharaoh and in the eyes of all his And Joseph went out from the presence

servants. of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the

land of Egypt.

38And Pharaoh said to his servants,

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"Can we find such a one as this, a man Now in the seven plentiful years the

in whom is the Spirit of God?" ground brought forth abundantly.

34 ' Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ' So he gathered up all the food of the "Inasmuch as God has shown you all seven years which were in the land of

this, there is no one as discerning and Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities;

wise as you. he laid up in every city the food of the

fields which surrounded them.

40You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to 4 ' Joseph gathered very much grain, as your word; only in regard to the throne the sand of the sea, until he stopped

will I be greater than you." counting, for it was immeasurable. 52 0And to Joseph were born two sons And he said, "Indeed I have heard that

before the years of famine came, whom there is grain in Egypt; go down to that

Asenath, the daughter of Poti-Pherah place and buy for us there, that we may

priest of On, bore to him. live and not die."

51 3 Joseph called the name of the firstborn So Joseph's ten brothers went down

to

Manasseh: "For God has made me buy grain in Egypt. forget all my toil and all my father's

house." 4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's

5 he said, "Lest some calamity befall him."

2And the name of the second he called brother Benjamin with his brothers, for

Ephraim: "For God has caused me to be

fruitful in the land of my affliction." 5And the sons of Israel went to buy grain

5 famine was in the land of Canaan. 3Then the seven years of plenty which among those who journeyed, for the

were in the land of Egypt ended,

6 Now Joseph was governor over the

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and the seven years of famine began land; and it was he who sold to all the

to come, as Joseph had said. The people of the land. And Joseph's

famine was in all lands, but in all the brothers came and bowed down before

land of Egypt there was bread. him with their faces to the earth.

So when all the land of Egypt was Joseph saw his brothers and famished, the people cried to Pharaoh recognized them, but he acted as a

for bread. Then Pharaoh said to all the stranger to them and spoke roughly to

Egyptians, "Go to Joseph; whatever he them. Then he said to them, "Where do

says to you, do." you come from?" And they said, "From

the land of Canaan to buy food."

56The famine was over all the face of the earth, and Joseph opened all the 8So Joseph recognized his brothers, but storehouses and sold to the Egyptians. they did not recognize him. And the famine became severe in the

land of Egypt. 'Then Joseph remembered the dreams

which he had dreamed about them, and

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So all countries came to Joseph in said to them, "You are spies! You have

Egypt to buy grain, because the famine come to see the nakedness of the land!"

was severe in all lands.

10And they said to him, "No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food.

42 When Jacob saw that there was

grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, We are all one man's sons; we are 11

"Why do you look at one another?" honest men; your servants are not

spies."

But he said to them, "No, but you have heard; therefore this distress has come

come to see the nakedness of the land." upon us."

12 3And they said, "Your servants are 2

And Reuben answered them, saying,

twelve brothers, the sons of one man in "Did I not speak to you, saying, "Do not

the land of Canaan; and in fact, the sin against the boy'; and you would not

youngest is with our father today, and listen? Therefore behold, his blood is

one is no more." now required of us."

12 4But Joseph said to them, "It is as I 3But they did not know that Joseph spoke to you, saying, "You are spies!" understood them, for he spoke to them

through an interpreter.

15 n this manner you shall be tested: By the life of Pharaoh, you shall not leave 2 4And he turned himself away from them this place unless your youngest brother and wept. Then he returned to them

comes here. again, and talked with them. And he

took Simeon from them and bound him

16 before their eyes.

Send one of you, and let him bring

your brother; and you shall be kept in 5Then Joseph gave a command



to fill

prison, that your words may be tested to see whether there is any truth in you; or their sacks with grain, to restore every

else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you man's money to his sack, and to give

are spies!" them provisions for the journey. Thus he

did for them.

17

So he put them all together in prison

2 6

three days. So they loaded their donkeys with the

grain and departed from there.

1 ' Then Joseph said to them the third day, "Do this and live, for I fear God: 2 7But as one of them opened his sack to

give his donkey feed at the encampment,

1 he saw his money; and there it was, in ' If you are honest men, let one of your

brothers be confined to your prison the mouth of his sack. house; but you, go and carry grain for

the famine of your houses. 2' So he said to his brothers, "My money

has been restored, and there it is, in my

20And bring your youngest brother to sack!" Then their hearts failed them and

me; so your words will be verified, and they were afraid, saying to one another,

you shall not die." And they did so. "What is this that God has done to us?"

22 ' Then they went to Jacob their father in 1Then they said to one another, "We are truly guilty concerning our brother, the land of Canaan and told him all that

for we saw the anguish of his soul when had happened to them, saying: he pleaded with us, and we would not 30§"The man who is lord of the land spoke is left alone. If any calamity should befall

roughly to us, and took us for spies of him along the way in which you go, then

the country. you would bring down my gray hair with

sorrow to the grave."

31

But we said to him, "We are honest men; we are not spies.

43Now the famine was severe in the

32We are twelve brothers, sons of our land. father; one is no more, and the youngest

is with our father this day in the land of 2 Canaan.' And it came to pass, when they had

eaten up the grain which they had

33 brought from Egypt, that their father said Then the man, the lord of the country, to them, "Go back, buy us a little food."

said to us, "By this I will know that you

are honest men: Leave one of your 3But Judah spoke to him, saying, "The brothers here with me, take food for the man solemnly warned us, saying, "You famine of your households, and be gone. shall not see my face unless your

34And bring your youngest brother to brother is with you.' me; so I shall know that you are not 4

If you send our brother with us, we will spies, but that you are honest men. I will

go down and buy you food.

grant your brother to you, and you may

trade in the land." 5But if you will not send him, we will not 3 go down; for the man said to us, "You 5

their sacks, that surprisingly each man's brother is with you." bundle of money was in his sack; and Then it happened as they emptied shall not see my face unless your

when they and their father saw the OAnd Israel said, "Why did you deal so

bundles of money, they were afraid.

wrongfully with me as to tell the man

3 whether you had still another brother?" 6And Jacob their father said to them,

"You have bereaved me: Joseph is no 7 more, Simeon is no more, and you want But they said, "The man asked us

to take Benjamin. All these things are pointedly about ourselves and our family,

against me." saying, "Is your father still alive? Have

you another brother?' And we told him

3 according to these words. Could we 7 Then Reuben spoke to his father, possibly have known that he would say, saying, "Kill my two sons if I do not bring "Bring your brother down?" him back to you; put him in my hands,

and I will bring him back to you." 8Then Judah said to Israel his father,

38But he said, "My son shall not go down "Send the lad with me, and we will arise

and go, that we may live and not die,

with you, for his brother is dead, and he both we and you and also our little ones.

'I myself will be surety for him; from my Then the man did as Joseph ordered,

hand you shall require him. If I do not and the man brought the men into

bring him back to you and set him Joseph's house. before you, then let me bear the blame

forever. <sup>1</sup> 8Now the men were afraid because

they were brought into Joseph's house;

<sup>10</sup>

For if we had not lingered, surely by and they said, "It is because of the

now we would have returned this money, which was returned in our sacks

second time." the first time, that we are brought in, so

that he may make a case against us and

<sup>11</sup>And their father Israel said to them, "If seize us, to take us as slaves with our

it must be so, then do this: Take some donkeys." of the best fruits of the land in your

vessels and carry down a present for <sup>1</sup> When they drew near to the steward of the man--a little balm and a little honey, Joseph's house, they talked with him at

spices and myrrh, pistachio nuts and the door of the house, almonds.

<sup>2</sup> 0

and said, "O sir, we indeed came

<sup>12</sup>

Take double money in your hand, and down the first time to buy food;

take back in your hand the money that

was returned in the mouth of your 2 1but it happened, when we came to the sacks; perhaps it was an oversight. encampment, that we opened our sacks,

and there, each man's money was in the

13Take your brother also, and arise, go mouth of his sack, our money in full

back to the man. weight; so we have brought it back in

our hand.

14And may God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release 2 2And we have brought down other your other brother and Benjamin. If I am money in our hands to buy food. We do

bereaved, I am bereaved!" not know who put our money in our

sacks."

15

So the men took that present and 3But he said, "Peace be with you, do

Benjamin, and they took double money 2 in their hand, and arose and went down not be afraid. Your God and the God of

to Egypt; and they stood before Joseph. your father has given you treasure in

your sacks; I had your money." Then he

16 brought Simeon out to them.

When Joseph saw Benjamin with them,

he said to the steward of his house,

"Take these men to my home, and So the man brought the men into

slaughter an animal and make ready; for Joseph's house and gave them water,

these men will dine with me at noon." and they washed their feet; and he gave

their donkeys feed.

25Then they made the present ready for youngest according to his youth; and the

Joseph's coming at noon, for they heard men looked in astonishment at one

that they would eat bread there. another.

23 64

And when Joseph came home, they Then he took servings to them from

brought him the present which was in before him, but Benjamin's serving was

their hand into the house, and bowed five times as much as any of theirs. So

down before him to the earth. they drank and were merry with him.

27Then he asked them about their well- being, and said, "Is your father well, the 44And he commanded the steward

old man of whom you spoke? Is he still of his house, saying, "Fill the men's

alive?"

sacks with food, as much as they can

2 carry, and put each man's money in the 8 And they answered, "Your servant our

mouth of his sack.

father is in good health; he is still alive."

And they bowed their heads down and 2

Also put my cup, the silver cup, in the  
prostrated themselves.

mouth of the sack of the youngest, and

2 his grain money." So he did according to 9 Then he lifted his eyes and saw his

the word that Joseph had spoken.

brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and

said, "Is this your younger brother of 3 As soon as the morning dawned, the

whom you spoke to me?" And he said, men were sent away, they and their

"God be gracious to you, my son." donkeys.

30 4 Now his heart yearned for his brother; When they had gone out of the city, so Joseph made haste and sought and were not yet far off, Joseph said to somewhere to weep. And he went into his steward, "Get up, follow the men; his chamber and wept there. and when you overtake them, say to

3 them, "Why have you repaid evil for 1 Then he washed his face and came

good?



out; and he restrained himself, and said,

"Serve the bread." <sup>51</sup>Is not this the one from which my lord

drinks, and with which he indeed

<sup>32</sup>So they set him a place by himself, practices divination? You have done evil

and them by themselves, and the in so doing.' Egyptians who ate with him by

themselves; because the Egyptians <sup>6</sup>So he overtook them, and he spoke to could not eat food with the Hebrews, for them these same words. that is an abomination to the Egyptians.

<sup>33</sup>And they sat before him, the firstborn <sup>7</sup>And they said to him, "Why does my

lord say these words? Far be it from us

according to his birthright and the that your servants should do such a here we are, my lord's slaves, both we

thing. and he also with whom the cup was

found."

<sup>8</sup>Look, we brought back to you from the

<sup>1</sup> 7

land of Canaan the money which we But he said, "Far be it from me that I

found in the mouth of our sacks. How should do so; the man in whose hand

then could we steal silver or gold from the cup was found, he shall be my slave.

your lord's house? And as for you, go up in peace to your

father."



the city. 2And we said to my lord, "The lad

2

14 cannot leave his father, for if he should

So Judah and his brothers came to

Joseph's house, and he was still there; leave his father, his father would die.'

and they fell before him on the ground. 3But you said to your servants, "Unless

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15And Joseph said to them, "What deed your youngest brother comes  
down with

is this you have done? Did you not know you, you shall see my face no more.'

that such a man as I can certainly

practice divination?" 'So 24 it was, when we went up to your  
servant my father, that we told him the

16Then Judah said, "What shall we say words of my lord.

to my lord? What shall we speak? Or 5And our father said, "Go back and buy

how shall we clear ourselves? God has 2 found out the iniquity of your servants; us a little food.'

26But we said, "We cannot go down; if the evil that would come upon  
my

our youngest brother is with us, then we father?" will go down; for we may not see the

man's face unless our youngest brother

is with us.' 45Then Joseph could not restrain

2 himself before all those who stood by 7

Then your servant my father said to us,

him, and he cried out, "Make everyone

"You know that my wife bore me two

go out from me!" So no one stood with

sons;

him while Joseph made himself known

2 to his brothers. 8 and the one went out from me, and I said, "Surely  
he is torn to pieces"; and I 2

have not seen him since. and the house of Pharaoh heard it. And he  
wept aloud, and the Egyptians

2' But if you take this one also from me, 3Then Joseph said to his  
brothers, "I am

and calamity befalls him, you shall bring

Joseph; does my father still live?" But

down my gray hair with sorrow to the his brothers could not answer  
him, for

grave.' they were dismayed in his presence.

30 Now therefore, when I come to your

4 And Joseph said to his brothers,

servant my father, and the lad is not with

us, since his life is bound up in the lad's "Please come near to me." So they

came near. Then he said: "I am Joseph

life,

your brother, whom you sold into Egypt.

31 will happen, when he sees that the

5But now, do not therefore be grieved or

lad is not with us, that he will die. So angry with yourselves because you sold

your servants will bring down the gray me here; for God sent me before you to

hair of your servant our father with preserve life. sorrow to the grave.

32For your servant became surety for the been in the land, and there are still five 6For these two years the famine has

lad to my father, saying, "If I do not bring years in which there will be neither

him back to you, then I shall bear the plowing nor harvesting. blame before my father forever.'

33Now therefore, please let your servant 7 And God sent me before you to

preserve a posterity for you in the earth,

remain instead of the lad as a slave to and to save your lives by a great

my lord, and let the lad go up with his deliverance. brothers.

34For how shall I go up to my father if sSo now it was not you who sent me

here, but God; and He has made me a

the lad is not with me, lest perhaps I see father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the animals and depart; go to the land of

land of Egypt. Canaan.

"Hurry and go up to my father, and say 18Bring your father and your households to him, "Thus says your son Joseph: and come to me; I will give you the best

"God has made me lord of all Egypt; of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the

come down to me, do not tarry. fat of the land.

110

You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, ' Now you are commanded-- do this:

and you shall be near to me, you and Take carts out of the land of Egypt for

your children, your children's children, your little ones and your wives; bring

your flocks and your herds, and all that your father and come. you have.

20Also do not be concerned about your

11

There I will provide for you, lest you goods, for the best of all the land of

and your household, and all that you Egypt is yours." have, come to poverty; for there are still

five years of famine." 21

Then the sons of Israel did so; and

Joseph gave them carts, according to

12 And behold, your eyes and the eyes the command of Pharaoh, and he gave

of my brother Benjamin see that it is my them provisions for the journey. mouth that speaks to you.

2 He gave to all of them, to each man,

13 So you shall tell my father of all my changes of garments; but to Benjamin

glory in Egypt, and of all that you have he gave three hundred pieces of silver

seen; and you shall hurry and bring my and five changes of garments. father down here."

2 3

And he sent to his father these things:

14 Then he fell on his brother Benjamin's ten donkeys loaded with the good things

neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on of Egypt, and ten female donkeys

his neck. loaded with grain, bread, and food for

his father for the journey.

15 Moreover he kissed all his brothers

24

and wept over them, and after that his So he sent his brothers away, and

brothers talked with him. they departed; and he said to them,

"See that you do not become troubled

16Now the report of it was heard in along the way."

Pharaoh's house, saying, "Joseph's

brothers have come." So it pleased <sup>2</sup> 5Then they went up out of Egypt, and Pharaoh and his servants well. came to the land of Canaan to Jacob

their father.

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And Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers, "Do this: Load your <sup>26</sup>And they told him, saying, "Joseph is land of Canaan, and went to Egypt,

still alive, and he is governor over all the Jacob and all his descendants with him.

land of Egypt." And Jacob's heart stood

still, because he did not believe them. <sup>7</sup>His sons and his sons' sons, his daughters and his sons' daughters, and

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But when they told him all the words all his descendants he brought with him

which Joseph had said to them, and to Egypt. when he saw the carts which Joseph

had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob <sup>8</sup> Now these were the names of the their father revived. children of Israel, Jacob and his sons,

<sup>2</sup> firstborn.

8Then Israel said, "It is enough. Joseph who went to Egypt: Reuben was Jacob's

my son is still alive. I will go and see him

before I die." <sup>9</sup>The sons of Reuben were Hanoch,



46 So Israel took his journey with all <sup>1</sup> 0 The sons of Simeon were  
Jemuel, that he had, and came to Beersheba, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin,  
Zohar, and Shaul,

and offered sacrifices to the God of his the son of a Canaanite woman.  
father Isaac.

<sup>1</sup>1

The sons of Levi were Gershon,

<sup>2</sup> Kohath, and Merari. Then God spoke to Israel in the visions of the  
night, and said, "Jacob, Jacob!"

And he said, "Here I am." <sup>1</sup> 2

The sons of Judah were Er, Onan,

Shelah, Perez, and Zerah (but Er and

<sup>3</sup> Onan died in the land of Canaan). The So He said, "I am God, the  
God of your

father; do not fear to go down to Egypt, sons of Perez were Hezron  
and Hamul.

for I will make of you a great nation <sup>3</sup> The sons of Issachar were Tola,  
there. <sup>1</sup>

Puvah, Job, and Shimron.

<sup>4</sup>1 will go down with you to Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up  
again; and <sup>1</sup>4

The sons of Zebulun were Sered, Elon,

Joseph will put his hand on your eyes." and Jahleel.

Then Jacob arose from Beersheba; and These were the sons of Leah,  
whom

the sons of Israel carried their father she bore to Jacob in Padan Aram,  
with

Jacob, their little ones, and their wives, his daughter Dinah. All the  
persons, his

in the carts which Pharaoh had sent to sons and his daughters, were  
thirty-

carry him. three.

61 So they took their livestock and their 6The sons of Gad were  
Ziphion, Haggi, goods, which they had acquired in the Shuni, Ezbon,  
Eri, Arodi, and Areli. 17

The sons of Asher were Jimnah, All the persons of the house of  
Jacob

Ishuah, Isui, Beriah, and Serah, their who went to Egypt were seventy.  
sister. And the sons of Beriah were

Heber and Malchiel. 2 8Then he sent Judah before him to

Joseph, to point out before him the way

1' These were the sons of Zilpah, whom to Goshen. And they came to  
the land of

Laban gave to Leah his daughter; and Goshen. these she bore to Jacob:  
sixteen

persons. 2 ' So Joseph made ready his chariot and

went up to Goshen to meet his father

1' The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife, Israel; and he presented himself to  
him,

were Joseph and Benjamin. and fell on his neck and wept on his

neck a good while.

20And to Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, 30And Israel said to Joseph, "Now let me

whom Asenath, the daughter of Poti- die, since I have seen your face, Pherah priest of On, bore to him. because you are still alive."

2 31 1

The sons of Benjamin were Belah, Then Joseph said to his brothers and

Becher, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, to his father's household, "I will go up

Rosh, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. and tell Pharaoh, and say to him, "My

brothers and those of my father's house,

22 who were in the land of Canaan, have

These were the sons of Rachel, who

were born to Jacob: fourteen persons in come to me. all.

32

And the men are shepherds, for their

23 occupation has been to feed livestock;

The son of Dan was Hushim.

and they have brought their flocks, their

24 herds, and all that they have.'

The sons of Naphtali were Jahzeel,

Guni, Jezer, and Shillem. 33 So it shall be, when Pharaoh calls you

25These were the sons of Bilhah, whom and says, "What is your occupation?"

Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and

she bore these to Jacob: seven persons 34 that you shall say, "Your servants'

in all. occupation has been with livestock from

our youth even till now, both we and

26 also our fathers,' that you may dwell in

All the persons who went with Jacob to

the land of Goshen; for every shepherd

Egypt, who came from his body, besides

Jacob's sons' wives, were sixty-six is an abomination to the Egyptians." persons in all.

27 47Then Joseph went and told And the sons of Joseph who were

born to him in Egypt were two persons. Pharaoh, and said, "My father and my

brothers, their flocks and their herds and have been the days of the years of my

all that they possess, have come from life, and they have not attained to the

the land of Canaan; and indeed they are days of the years of the life of my

in the land of Goshen." fathers in the days of their pilgrimage."

21 0

And he took five men from among his So Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went

brothers and presented them to out from before Pharaoh. Pharaoh.

1 And Joseph situated his father and his

3Then Pharaoh said to his brothers, brothers, and gave them a possession

"What is your occupation?" And they in the land of Egypt, in the best of the

said to Pharaoh, "Your servants are land, in the land of Rameses, as shepherds, both we and also our Pharaoh had commanded. fathers."

1 2

Then Joseph provided his father, his

4And they said to Pharaoh, "We have brothers, and all his father's household

come to dwell in the land, because your with bread, according to the number in

servants have no pasture for their flocks, their families. for the famine is severe in the land of

Canaan. Now therefore, please let your 13Now there was no bread in all the servants dwell in the land of Goshen." land; for the famine was very severe, so

that the land of Egypt and the land of

5Then Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Canaan languished because of the

"Your father and your brothers have famine. come to you.

1 4

And Joseph gathered up all the money

6The land of Egypt is before you. Have that was found in the land of Egypt and

your father and brothers dwell in the in the land of Canaan, for the grain

best of the land; let them dwell in the which they bought; and Joseph

brought

land of Goshen. And if you know any the money into Pharaoh's house.  
competent men among them, then make

them chief herdsmen over my livestock." <sup>15</sup>So when the money failed  
in the land

of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, all

<sup>7</sup>Then Joseph brought in his father the Egyptians came to Joseph and  
said,

Jacob and set him before Pharaoh; and "Give us bread, for why should  
we die in

Jacob blessed Pharaoh. your presence? For the money has

failed."

<sup>8</sup>Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How old are you?" <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>Then Joseph said, "Give  
your livestock,

and I will give you bread for your

'And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days livestock, if the money is gone."  
of the years of my pilgrimage are one

hundred and thirty years; few and evil <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>74</sup>

So they brought their livestock to And it shall come to pass in the  
Joseph, and Joseph gave them bread in harvest that you shall give  
one-fifth to

exchange for the horses, the flocks, the Pharaoh. Four-fifths shall be  
your own,

cattle of the herds, and for the donkeys. as seed for the field and for  
your food,

Thus he fed them with bread in for those of your households and as  
exchange for all their livestock that year. food for your little ones."

1 2 8When that year had ended, they came 5

So they said, "You have saved our

to him the next year and said to him, lives; let us find favor in the sight of my

"We will not hide from my lord that our lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants." money is gone; my lord also has our

herds of livestock. There is nothing left 2 6And Joseph made it a law over the in the sight of my lord but our bodies land of Egypt to this day, that Pharaoh

and our lands. should have one-fifth, except for the

land of the priests only, which did not

1' Why should we die before your eyes, become Pharaoh's. both we and our land? Buy us and our

land for bread, and we and our land will 2 7So Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in be servants of Pharaoh; give us seed, the country of Goshen; and they had

that we may live and not die, that the possessions there and grew and land may not be desolate." multiplied exceedingly.

20Then Joseph bought all the land of 8And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt

2

Egypt for Pharaoh; for every man of the seventeen years. So the length of

Egyptians sold his field, because the Jacob's life was one hundred and forty-

famine was severe upon them. So the seven years. land became Pharaoh's.

2 ' When the time drew near that Israel

21 And as for the people, he moved them must die, he called his son

Joseph and

into the cities, from one end of the said to him, "Now if I have found favor in

borders of Egypt to the other end. your sight, please put your hand under

my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with

22

Only the land of the priests he did not me. Please do not bury me in Egypt,

buy; for the priests had rations allotted

to them by Pharaoh, and they ate their 30 but let me lie with my fathers; you shall rations which Pharaoh gave them; carry me out of Egypt and bury me in

therefore they did not sell their lands. their burial place." And he said, "I will do

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3Then Joseph said to the people, as you have said."

"Indeed I have bought you and your land 31Then he said, "Swear to me." And he this day for Pharaoh. Look, here is seed swore to him. So Israel bowed himself

for you, and you shall sow the land. on the head of the bed.

9Joseph said to his father, "They are my

48Now it came to pass after these sons, whom God has given me in this

place." And he said, "Please bring them

things that Joseph was told, "Indeed

to me, and I will bless them."

your father is sick"; and he took with him



his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. <sup>1</sup> 0Now the eyes of Israel were dim with <sup>2</sup> age, so that he could not see. Then

And Jacob was told, "Look, your son

Joseph brought them near him, and he

Joseph is coming to you"; and Israel

kissed them and embraced them.

strengthened himself and sat up on the

bed. <sup>1</sup> 1And Israel said to Joseph, "I had not

<sup>3</sup>Then Jacob said to Joseph: "God thought to see your face; but in fact,

Almighty appeared to me at Luz in the God has also shown me your offspring!"

land of Canaan and blessed me, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>So Joseph brought them from beside

<sup>4</sup> his knees, and he bowed down with his and said to me, "Behold, I will make

you fruitful and multiply you, and I will face to the earth.

make of you a multitude of people, and <sup>1</sup><sup>3</sup>And Joseph took them both, Ephraim give this land to your descendants after you as an everlasting possession.' with his right hand toward Israel's left

hand, and Manasseh with his left hand

<sup>5</sup> toward Israel's right hand, and brought

And now your two sons, Ephraim and

Manasseh, who were born to you in the them near him.

land of Egypt before I came to you in <sup>1</sup> 4Then Israel stretched out his  
right Egypt, are mine; as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine.  
hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who

was the younger, and his left hand on

<sup>6</sup> Manasseh's head, guiding his hands

Your offspring whom you beget after

knowingly, for Manasseh was the

them shall be yours; they will be called

by the name of their brothers in their firstborn.

inheritance. <sup>15</sup>And he blessed Joseph, and said:

<sup>7</sup> "God, before whom my fathers Abraham But as for me, when I came  
from Padan,

Rachel died beside me in the land of and Isaac walked, The God who  
has fed

Canaan on the way, when there was but me all my life long to this  
day,

a little distance to go to Ephrath; and I <sup>16</sup>The Angel who has redeemed  
me buried her there on the way to Ephrath (that is, Bethlehem)." from  
all evil, Bless the lads; Let my

name be named upon them, And the

<sup>8</sup> name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac;

Then Israel saw Joseph's sons, and

said, "Who are these?" And let them grow into a multitude in the

midst of the earth."

<sup>17</sup> <sup>3</sup>"Reuben, you are my firstborn, My

Now when Joseph saw that his father

laid his right hand on the head of might and the beginning of my strength,

Ephraim, it displeased him; so he took The excellency of dignity and the

hold of his father's hand to remove it excellency of power. from Ephraim's head to Manasseh's

head. 4 Unstable as water, you shall not excel,

Because you went up to your father's

18And Joseph said to his father, "Not so, bed; Then you defiled it-- He went up to

my father, for this one is the firstborn; my couch. put your right hand on his head."

5 Simeon and Levi are brothers;

1 ' But his father refused and said, "I Instruments of cruelty are in their know, my son, I know. He also shall dwelling place. become a people, and he also shall be

great; but truly his younger brother shall 6 Let not my soul enter their council; Let be greater than he, and his descendants not my honor be united to their

shall become a multitude of nations." assembly; For in their anger they slew a

man, And in their self-will they

20

So he blessed them that day, saying, hamstrung an ox.

"By you Israel will bless, saying, "May

God make you as Ephraim and as 7Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; Manasseh!" And thus he set Ephraim And their wrath, for it is cruel! I will

before Manasseh. divide them in Jacob And scatter them

21

Then Israel said to Joseph, "Behold, I  
am dying, but God will be with you and 8 Judah, you are he whom  
your brothers bring you back to the land of your shall praise; Your  
hand shall be on the  
fathers. neck of your enemies; Your father's

2

2Moreover I have given to you one children shall bow down before  
you.  
portion above your brothers, which I 'Judah is a lion's whelp; From  
the prey,  
took from the hand of the Amorite with my son, you have gone up. He  
bows  
my sword and my bow." down, he lies down as a lion; And as a  
lion, who shall rouse him?

49And Jacob called his sons and 1 0The scepter shall not depart  
from said, "Gather together, that I may tell Judah, Nor a lawgiver  
from between his

you what shall befall you in the last feet, Until Shiloh comes; And to  
Him

days: shall be the obedience of the people.

2 1 Gather together and hear, you sons of 1Binding his donkey to the  
vine, And his Jacob, And listen to Israel your father. donkey's colt to  
the choice vine, He washed his garments in wine, And his 2 3The  
archers have bitterly grieved him, clothes in the blood of grapes. Shot  
at him and hated him.

His eyes are darker than wine, And his But his bow remained in strength, And

teeth whiter than milk. the arms of his hands were made strong

By the hands of the Mighty God of

1 3 Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the 'Zebulun

shall dwell by the haven of

the sea; He shall become a haven for Stone of Israel),

ships, And his border shall adjoin Sidon. 5By the God of your father who will help

2

14 you, And by the Almighty who will bless 'Issachar

is a strong donkey, Lying

down between two burdens; you With blessings of heaven above,

Blessings of the deep that lies beneath,

15He saw that rest was good, And that Blessings of the breasts and of the the

the land was pleasant; He bowed his womb.

shoulder to bear a burden, And became 2 6The blessings of your father Have a band of slaves.

excelled the blessings of my ancestors,

16 Dan shall judge his people As one of Up to the utmost bound of the

the tribes of Israel. everlasting hills. They shall be on the

head of Joseph, And on the crown of the

<sup>1</sup> head of him who was separate from his <sup>7</sup>Dan shall be a serpent by  
the way, A

viper by the path, That bites the horse's brothers.

heels So that its rider shall fall backward. <sup>27</sup> Benjamin is a ravenous  
wolf; In the

<sup>1</sup> morning he shall devour the prey, And <sup>8a</sup> have waited for your  
salvation, O

at night he shall divide the spoil."

LORD!

<sup>2</sup> <sup>8</sup>All these are the twelve tribes of Israel,

<sup>1</sup> "' Gad, a troop shall tramp upon him,

and this is what their father spoke to

But he shall triumph at last.

them. And he blessed them; he blessed

<sup>2</sup> each one according to his own blessing. <sup>0</sup> Bread from Asher shall be  
rich, And

he shall yield royal dainties. <sup>2</sup>

' Then he charged them and said to

2 them: "I am to be gathered to my 1 Naphtali is a deer let loose; He uses

people; bury me with my fathers in the beautiful words. cave that is in the field of Ephron the

Hittite,

22 'Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a well; His branches run over 30in the cave that is in the field of

the wall. Machpelah, which is before Mamre in

the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the OAnd Pharaoh said, "Go up and bury

Hittite as a possession for a burial place. your father, as he made you swear."

3 7 1

There they buried Abraham and Sarah So Joseph went up to bury his father;

his wife, there they buried Isaac and and with him went up all the servants of

Rebekah his wife, and there I buried Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all

Leah. the elders of the land of Egypt,

3 8 2

The field and the cave that is there as well as all the house of Joseph, his

were purchased from the sons of Heth." brothers, and his father's house. Only

their little ones, their flocks, and their

33And when Jacob had finished herds they left in the land of Goshen.

commanding his sons, he drew his feet

up into the bed and breathed his last, 'And there went up with him  
both

and was gathered to his people. chariots and horsemen, and it was a  
very great gathering.

1 0Then they came to the threshing floor

50Then Joseph fell on his father's

of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan,  
face and wept over him, and kissed him.

and they mourned there with a great  
2 and very solemn lamentation. He

And Joseph commanded his servants observed seven days of mourning  
for

the physicians to embalm his father. So his father. the physicians  
embalmed Israel.

3Forty days were required for him, for 1 And when the inhabitants of  
the land,

the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the  
such are the days required for those threshing floor of Atad, they said,  
"This

who are embalmed; and the Egyptians is a deep mourning of the  
Egyptians."

mourned for him seventy days.

Therefore its name was called Abel



<sup>4</sup> Mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan.

Now when the days of his mourning

were past, Joseph spoke to the <sup>12</sup>So his sons did for him just as he had household of Pharaoh, saying, "If now I commanded them. have found favor in your eyes, please

speak in the hearing of Pharaoh, saying, <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For his sons carried him to the land of <sup>5</sup> Canaan, and buried him in the cave of

My father made me swear, saying,

the field of Machpelah, before Mamre,

"Behold, I am dying; in my grave which I

which Abraham bought with the field

dug for myself in the land of Canaan,

from Ephron the Hittite as property for a

there you shall bury me." Now therefore, burial place. please let me go up and bury my father,

and I will come back." <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>And after he had buried his father,

Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers and all who went up with him to to bring it about as it is this day, to save

bury his father. many people alive.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will

father was dead, they said, "Perhaps provide for you and your little ones." And

Joseph will hate us, and may actually he comforted them and spoke

kindly to

repay us for all the evil which we did to them. him."

2 So Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he and his

16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, father's household. And Joseph lived

saying, "Before your father died he one hundred and ten years. commanded, saying,

2 3Joseph saw Ephraim's children to the

17§ 'Thu

s you shall say to Joseph: "I beg third generation. The children of Machir,

you, please forgive the trespass of your the son of Manasseh, were also brought

brothers and their sin; for they did evil to up on Joseph's knees. you." Now, please, forgive the trespass

of the servants of the God of your 24And Joseph said to his brethren, "I am father." And Joseph wept when they dying; but God will surely visit you, and

spoke to him. bring you out of this land to the land of

1 and to Jacob." 8Then his brothers also went and fell which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac,

down before his face, and they said,

"Behold, we are your servants." 2 5Then Joseph took an oath from the

children of Israel, saying, "God will

1 ' Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, surely visit you, and you shall carry up

for am I in the place of God? my bones from here."

22 0But as for you, you meant evil against 6

So Joseph died, being one hundred  
me; but God meant it for good, in order and ten years old; and they  
embalmed

him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

# Story of Job

going to and fro on the earth, and from  
walking back and forth on it."

1 There was a man in the land of Uz,

whose name was Job; and that man sThen the LORD said to Satan,  
"Have

was blameless and upright, and one you considered My servant Job,  
that

who feared God and shunned evil. there is none like him on the earth,  
a

blameless and upright man, one who

2 fears God and shuns evil?"

And seven sons and three daughters

were born to him. 'So Satan answered the LORD and said,

3Also, his possessions were seven "Does Job fear God for nothing?

thousand sheep, three thousand camels, 1 OHave You not made a  
hedge around five hundred yoke of oxen, five hundred

him, around his household, and around

female donkeys, and a very large

all that he has on every side? You have

household, so that this man was the

greatest of all the people of the East. blessed the work of his hands,  
and his

possessions have increased in the land.

4And his sons would go and feast in 1 their houses, each on his  
appointed day, 1 But now, stretch out Your hand and

and would send and invite their three touch all that he has, and he  
will surely

sisters to eat and drink with them. curse You to Your face!"

12

5 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold,

So it was, when the days of feasting

all that he has is in your power; only do

had run their course, that Job would

send and sanctify them, and he would not lay a hand on his person."  
So Satan

went out from the presence of the LORD.

rise early in the morning and offer burnt

offerings according to the number of 1 3Now there was a day when his  
sons them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and  
cursed God in and daughters were eating and drinking

their hearts." Thus Job did regularly. wine in their oldest brother's  
house;

6 1 4and a messenger came to Job and Now there was a day when the  
sons of God came to present themselves before said, "The oxen were  
plowing and the

the LORD, and Satan also came among donkeys feeding beside them,

them. 5when the Sabeans raided them and

1

7 took them away--indeed they have killed And the LORD said to Satan, "From

where do you come?" So Satan the servants with the edge of the sword;

answered the LORD and said, "From and I alone have escaped to tell you!" 1 2 6While he was still speaking, another And the LORD said to Satan, "From

also came and said, "The fire of God fell where do you come?" Satan answered

from heaven and burned up the sheep the LORD and said, "From going to and

and the servants, and consumed them; fro on the earth, and from walking back

and I alone have escaped to tell you!" and forth on it."

17 3Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have

While he was still speaking, another

also came and said, "The Chaldeans you considered My servant Job, that

formed three bands, raided the camels there is none like him on the earth, a

and took them away, yes, and killed the blameless and upright man, one who

servants with the edge of the sword; and fears God and shuns evil? And still he

I alone have escaped to tell you!" holds fast to his integrity, although you

incited Me against him, to destroy him

1 without cause." ' While he was still speaking, another also came and said, "Your sons and

daughters were eating and drinking wine 4So Satan answered the LORD and said, in their oldest brother's house, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he

will give for his life.

1' and suddenly a great wind came from across the wilderness and struck the 5But stretch out Your hand now, and four corners of the house, and it fell on touch his bone and his flesh, and he will

the young people, and they are dead; surely curse You to Your face!" and I alone have escaped to tell you!"

6 And the LORD said to Satan, "Behold,

20Then Job arose, tore his robe, and he is in your hand, but spare his life."

shaved his head; and he fell to the

ground and worshiped. 7So Satan went out from the presence of

2 boils from the sole of his foot to the

1And he said: "Naked I came from my the LORD, and struck Job with painful

mother's womb, And naked shall I return crown of his head. there. The LORD gave, and the LORD

has taken away; Blessed be the name 8And he took for himself a potsherd with of the LORD." which to scrape himself while he sat in

the midst of the ashes.

22 n all this Job did not sin nor charge

God with wrong. "Then his wife said to him, "Do you still

hold fast to your integrity? Curse God  
and die!"

2Again there was a day when the sons

10But he said to her, "You speak as one

of God came to present themselves

before the LORD, and Satan came also of the foolish women speaks.  
Shall we

among them to present himself before indeed accept good from God,  
and shall

the LORD.

we not accept adversity?" In all this Job year, May it not come into the  
number of

did not sin with his lips. the months.

17 1

Now when Job's three friends heard of Oh, may that night be  
barren! May no

all this adversity that had come upon joyful shout come into it! him,  
each one came from his own place-

-Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the 8 May those curse it who curse the  
day, Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. Those who are ready to  
arouse

For they had made an appointment Leviathan. together to come and  
mourn with him,

and to comfort him. 9

May the stars of its morning be dark;



1 May it look for light, but have none, And 2 And when they raised  
their eyes from not see the dawning of the day;

afar, and did not recognize him, they

lifted their voices and wept; and each 1 0Because it did not shut up the  
doors of one tore his robe and sprinkled dust on my mother's womb,  
Nor hide sorrow

his head toward heaven.

from my eyes.

13 So they sat down with him on the 1 14 Why did I not die at birth?  
Why did I ground seven days and seven nights,

not perish when I came from the womb?

and no one spoke a word to him, for

they saw that his grief was very great. 1 2Why did the knees receive  
me? Or

why the breasts, that I should nurse?

3After this Job opened his mouth and 1 3For now I would have lain  
still and cursed the day of his birth. been quiet, I would have been  
asleep;

Then I would have been at rest

2And Job spoke, and said:

14

with kings and counselors of the earth,

3"May the day perish on which I was Who built ruins for themselves,  
born, And the night in which it was said,

"A male child is conceived.' 15Or with princes who had gold, Who

filled their houses with silver;

4May that day be darkness; May God

above not seek it, Nor the light shine 1 6Or why was I not hidden like  
a stillborn upon it. child, Like infants who never saw light?

51 May darkness and the shadow of death 7There the wicked cease  
from troubling, claim it; May a cloud settle on it; May And there the  
weary are at rest. the blackness of the day terrify it.

6As for that night, may darkness seize it; May it not rejoice among the  
days of the 1 4 ' There the prisoners rest together; Your words have  
upheld him who was They do not hear the voice of the stumbling, And  
you have strengthened

oppressor. the feeble knees;

1 5 9

The small and great are there, And the But now it comes upon you,  
and you

servant is free from his master. are weary; It touches you, and you are  
troubled.

20a Why is light given to him who is in misery, And life to the bitter of  
soul, 61s not your reverence your confidence?

And the integrity of your ways your

21 hope?

Who long for death, but it does not  
come, And search for it more than

hidden treasures; 7 Remember now, who ever perished

being innocent? Or where were the

22 upright ever cut off?

Who rejoice exceedingly, And are glad  
when they can find the grave?

8Even as I have seen, Those who plow

23Why is light given to a man whose way iniquity And sow trouble  
reap the same.

is hidden, And whom God has hedged

in? 'By the blast of God they perish, And by

the breath of His anger they are

24For my sighing comes before I eat, consumed.

And my groanings pour out like water. 0The roaring of the lion, The  
voice of

1

25For the thing I greatly feared has come the fierce lion, And the teeth  
of the

upon me, And what I dreaded has young lions are broken. happened  
to me.

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The old lion perishes for lack of prey,

26a am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have And the cubs of the lioness  
are

no rest, for trouble comes." scattered.

12 Now a word was secretly brought to me, And my ear received a  
whisper of it.

4Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered

and said: h o n disquieting thoughts from the

visions of the night, When deep sleep

2 If one attempts a word with you, will

falls on men,

you become weary? But who can

withhold himself from speaking? 1 4 Fear came upon me, and  
trembling,

3 Which made all my bones shake. Surely you have instructed many,  
And

you have strengthened weak hands. 1 5Then a spirit passed before my  
face;

The hair on my body stood up.

1 6 6 stood still, But I could not discern its

For affliction does not come from the

appearance. A form was before my dust, Nor does trouble spring from  
the

eyes; There was silence; Then I heard a ground; voice saying:

1 sparks fly upward. 7 Can a mortal be more righteous than 7Yet man  
is born to trouble, As the

God? Can a man be more pure than his

Maker? 8 But as for me, I would seek God, And

to God I would commit my cause--

18 He puts no trust in His servants, If

He charges His angels with error, 9Who does great things, and

unsearchable, Marvelous things without

1' How much more those who dwell in number. houses of clay, Whose foundation is in

the dust, Who are crushed before a 1 0 He gives rain on the earth, And sends moth? waters on the fields.

20They are broken in pieces from 1He sets on high those who are lowly,

1

morning till evening; They perish forever, And those who mourn are lifted to safety.

with no one regarding.

12He frustrates the devices of the crafty,

21Does not their own excellence go So that their hands cannot carry out

away? They die, even without wisdom.' their plans.

1 3He catches the wise in their own

5 Call out now; Is there anyone who craftiness, And the counsel of the will answer you? And to which of the cunning comes quickly upon them. holy ones will you turn?

1 4They meet with darkness in the

2 daytime, And grope at noontime as in For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy

slays a simple one. the night.

I I have seen the foolish taking root, But 1 5But He saves the needy  
from the suddenly I cursed his dwelling place. sword, From the mouth  
of the mighty,

And from their hand.

4His sons are far from safety, They are 6So the poor have hope, And  
injustice

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crushed in the gate, And there is no  
deliverer. shuts her mouth.

5 1 7 Behold, happy is the man whom God

Because the hungry eat up his harvest,

Taking it even from the thorns, And a corrects; Therefore do not  
despise the

snare snatches their substance. chastening of the Almighty.

1 2 ' For He bruises, but He binds up; He Oh, that my grief were fully  
weighed, wounds, but His hands make whole. And my calamity laid  
with it on the

scales!

19He shall deliver you in six troubles, Yes, in seven no evil shall touch  
you. 3For then it would be heavier than the

sand of the sea-- Therefore my words

20 n famine He shall redeem you from have been rash. death, And in  
war from the power of the

sword. 4For the arrows of the Almighty are

within me; My spirit drinks in their

21 poison; The terrors of God are arrayed

You shall be hidden from the scourge

of the tongue, And you shall not be against me. afraid of destruction  
when it comes.

5Does the wild donkey bray when it has

22 grass, Or does the ox low over its

You shall laugh at destruction and

famine, And you shall not be afraid of fodder? the beasts of the earth.

6 Can flavorless food be eaten without

23For you shall have a covenant with the salt? Or is there any taste in  
the white of

stones of the field, And the beasts of the an egg? field shall be at peace  
with you.

7My soul refuses to touch them; They

24 are as loathsome food to me.

You shall know that your tent is in

peace; You shall visit your dwelling and

find nothing amiss. 8 Oh, that I might have my request, That

God would grant me the thing that I long

25 ou shall also know that your for! descendants shall be many, And  
your

offspring like the grass of the earth. 9That it would please God to  
crush me,

That He would loose His hand and cut

26 me off!

You shall come to the grave at a full

age, As a sheaf of grain ripens in its

season. Then I would still have comfort;

Though in anguish I would exult, He will

27Behold, this we have searched out; It not spare; For I have not  
concealed the

is true. Hear it, and know for yourself." words of the Holy One.

1 14 What strength do I have, that I should

6Then Job answered and said: hope? And what is my end, that I  
should

prolong my life?

12 s my strength the strength of stones? Or is my flesh bronze?

1 2 3 s my help not within me? And is 5How forceful are right words!  
But what success driven from me? does your arguing prove?

1 2 4 6Do you intend to rebuke my words, "To him who is afflicted,  
kindness

should be shown by his friend, Even And the speeches of a desperate  
one,

though he forsakes the fear of the which are as wind? Almighty.

2 7 es, you overwhelm the fatherless,

15My brothers have dealt deceitfully like And you undermine your  
friend.

a brook, Like the streams of the brooks

that pass away, 2 8Now therefore, be pleased to look at



1 me; For I would never lie to your face. 6 Which are dark because of the ice,

And into which the snow vanishes. 2 ' Yield now, let there be no injustice!

1 stands!

7When it is warm, they cease to flow; Yes, concede, my righteousness still

When it is hot, they vanish from their place. 30 s there injustice on my tongue?

1

8The paths of their way turn aside, Cannot my taste discern the unsavory?

They go nowhere and perish.

1 7 Is there not a time of hard service for 9The caravans of Tema look, The

man on earth? Are not his days also like travelers of Sheba hope for them. the days of a hired man?

20They are disappointed because they

2 Like a servant who earnestly desires were confident; They come there and

the shade, And like a hired man who are confused.

eagerly looks for his wages,

21 For now you are nothing, You see 3

So I have been allotted months of  
terror and are afraid. futility, And wearisome nights have been  
2 appointed to me.

2  
Did I ever say, "Bring something to  
me"? Or, "Offer a bribe for me from your 4 When I lie down, I say,  
"When shall I wealth'? arise, And the night be ended?' For I

2 have had my fill of tossing till dawn. 3Or, "Deliver me from the  
enemy's  
hand"? Or, "Redeem me from the hand 5My flesh is caked with worms  
and dust, of oppressors'? My skin is cracked and breaks out  
2 afresh.

4  
"Teach me, and I will hold my tongue;  
Cause me to understand wherein I have  
erred.

61 My days are swifter than a weaver's8That You should visit him  
every shuttle, And are spent without hope. morning, And test him  
every moment?

71 Oh, remember that my life is a breath! ' How long? Will You not  
look away My eye will never again see good. from me, And let me  
alone till I swallow

my saliva?

8The eye of him who sees me will see

2 0

me no more; While your eyes are upon Have I sinned? What have I  
done to

me, I shall no longer be. You, O watcher of men? Why have You

set me as Your target, So that I am a

'As the cloud disappears and vanishes burden to myself? away, So he  
who goes down to the

2 1

grave does not come up. Why then do You not pardon my

transgression, And take away my

10He shall never return to his house, Nor iniquity? For now I will lie  
down in the

shall his place know him anymore. dust, And You will seek me  
diligently,

But I will no longer be."

11§ "The

refore I will not restrain my mouth;

I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I

will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 8Then Bildad the Shuhite  
answered

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2Am I a sea, or a sea serpent, That You and said:

set a guard over me? 2 How long will you speak these things,

And the words of your mouth be like a

13When I say, "My bed will comfort me, strong wind?

My couch will ease my complaint,'

3 Does God subvert judgment? Or does

14 Then You scare me with dreams And the Almighty pervert justice?  
terrify me with visions,

4 If your sons have sinned against Him,

15 So that my soul chooses strangling He has cast them away for their  
And death rather than my body. transgression.

1 5 6a loathe my life; I would not live forever. If you would earnestly  
seek God And Let me alone, For my days are but a make your  
supplication to the Almighty,  
breath.

6 If you were pure and upright, Surely

17a What is man, that You should exalt now He would awake for you,  
And

him, That You should set Your heart on prosper your rightful dwelling  
place. him, 7 1 Though your beginning was small, Yet " Behold, this is  
the joy of His way, And your latter end would increase out of the  
earth others will grow. abundantly.

2 0 Behold, God will not cast away the

8 For inquire, please, of the former age, blameless, Nor will He uphold  
the

And consider the things discovered by evildoers. their fathers;

2 1

He will yet fill your mouth with laughing,

'For we were born yesterday, and know And your lips with rejoicing.  
nothing, Because our days on earth are

a shadow. 2 Those who hate you will be clothed

with shame, And the dwelling place of

10

Will they not teach you and tell you, the wicked will come to nothing."

And utter words from their heart?

11 Can the papyrus grow up without a

9Then Job answered and said:

marsh? Can the reeds flourish without

water? 2

Truly I know it is so, But how can a

1 man be righteous before God? 2While it is yet green and not cut down,

It withers before any other plant. If one wished to contend with Him, He

1 could not answer Him one time out of a 3 So are the paths of all who forget God; thousand. And the hope of the hypocrite shall

perish, 4

God is wise in heart and mighty in

1 strength. Who has hardened himself 4Whose confidence shall be cut off,

against Him and prospered?

And whose trust is a spider's web.

5He leans on his house, but it does not 5He removes the mountains,  
and they

do not know When He overturns them in  
stand. He holds it fast, but it does not His anger; endure.

6He grows green in the sun, And his 6 He shakes the earth out of its  
place,

And its pillars tremble;  
branches spread out in his garden.

1 His roots wrap around the rock heap, 7 7He commands the sun, and  
it does not

rise; He seals off the stars;  
And look for a place in the stones.

8He alone spreads out the heavens, And  
1 ' If he is destroyed from his place, Then

treads on the waves of the sea;  
it will deny him, saying, "I have not seen  
you.'

'He made the Bear, Orion, and the 2 1 am blameless, yet I do not know  
Pleiades, And the chambers of the myself; I despise my life. south;

2 It is all one thing; Therefore I say, "He

He does great things past finding out, destroys the blameless and the wicked.'

Yes, wonders without number.

2 3 the scourge slays suddenly, He

11 He goes by me, I do not see Him; If laughs at the plight of the innocent. He moves past, I do not perceive Him;

2 4

The earth is given into the hand of the

12 He takes away, who can hinder

wicked. He covers the faces of its

Him? Who can say to Him, "What are judges. If it is not He, who else could it

You doing?' be?

1 2 3 5 Now my days are swifter than a

God will not withdraw His anger, The

allies of the proud lie prostrate beneath runner; They flee away, they see no

Him. good.

1 2 4 How then can I answer Him, And 6 They pass by like swift ships, Like an choose my words to reason with Him? eagle swooping on its prey.

1 2 5 For though I were righteous, I could 7 I say, I will forget my complaint, I not answer Him; I would beg mercy of will put off my sad face and wear a

my Judge. smile,'

1 2 6 I called and He answered me, I 8a am afraid of all my sufferings;  
I know would not believe that He was listening that You will not hold  
me innocent. to my voice.

2 ' If I am condemned, Why then do I

17

For He crushes me with a tempest, labor in vain?

And multiplies my wounds without cause.

30 I wash myself with snow water, And

1' He will not allow me to catch my cleanse my hands with soap,  
breath, But fills me with bitterness.

31

1 And my own clothes will abhor me. 9 it is a matter of strength,  
indeed He Yet You will plunge me into the pit,

is strong; And if of justice, who will

appoint my day in court? 32 'For He is not a man, as I am, That I

may answer Him, And that we should go

20Though I were righteous, my own to court together.

mouth would condemn me; Though I

were blameless, it would prove me

perverse.

33Nor is there any mediator between us, 9Remember, I pray, that You  
have made Who may lay his hand on us both. me like clay. And will  
You turn me into

dust again?

34

Let Him take His rod away from me,



And do not let dread of Him terrify me. Did You not pour me out like milk, And

curdle me like cheese,

35Then I would speak and not fear Him,

But it is not so with me. Clothe me with skin and flesh, And knit

me together with bones and sinews?

1 You have granted me life and favor, 12

0 My soul loathes my life; I will give

free course to my complaint, I will speak And Your care has preserved my spirit.

in the bitterness of my soul. 13 'And these things You have hidden in 2 Your heart; I know that this was with

1 will say to God, "Do not condemn me; You:

Show me why You contend with me.

3Does it seem good to You that You 14 I sin, then You mark me, And will not

acquit me of my iniquity.

should oppress, That You should

despise the work of Your hands, And 15 I am wicked, woe to me; Even if I am smile on the counsel of the wicked? righteous, I cannot lift up my head. I am

full of disgrace; See my misery!

4Do You have eyes of flesh? Or do You see as man sees? 16 y head is

exalted, You hunt me like

a fierce lion, And again You show

5 Yourself awesome against me. Are Your days like the days of a mortal

man? Are Your years like the days of a 17 ou renew Your witnesses against me, mighty man, And increase Your indignation toward 6 me; Changes and war are ever with me.

That You should seek for my iniquity

And search out my sin, 184 Why then have You brought me out of 7 the womb? Oh, that I had perished and

Although You know that I am not

no eye had seen me!

wicked, And there is no one who can

deliver from Your hand? 1' I would have been as though I had not 8 been. I would have been carried from

Your hands have made me and

the womb to the grave.

fashioned me, An intricate unity; Yet

You would destroy me. 2 0Are not my days few? Cease! Leave

me alone, that I may take a little comfort, 21 1 04a He passes by, imprisons, and Before I go to the place from which I shall not return, To the land of darkness gathers to judgment, Then who can

and the shadow of death, hinder Him?

A land as dark as darkness itself, As For He knows deceitful men; He sees

the shadow of death, without any order, wickedness also. Will He not then Where even the light is like darkness." consider it?

1 2

For an empty-headed man will be wise,

1 1 When a wild donkey's colt is born a man. Then Zophar the Naamathite

answered and said: 1 3 you would prepare your heart, And

2 stretch out your hands toward Him; Should not the multitude of words be

answered? And should a man full of talk 1 4 iniquity were in your hand, and you be vindicated?

put it far away, And would not let

3 wickedness dwell in your tents;

Should your empty talk make men hold

their peace? And when you mock, 1 5 Then surely you could lift up your face should no one rebuke you?

without spot; Yes, you could be

4 steadfast, and not fear; For you have said, "My doctrine is pure,

And I am clean in your eyes.' 1 6 Because you would forget your

misery, <sup>5</sup> And remember it as waters that have

But oh, that God would speak, And

passed away,

open His lips against you,

<sup>1</sup> 7

<sup>6</sup> And your life would be brighter than

That He would show you the secrets of

noonday. Though you were dark, you

wisdom! For they would double your

prudence. Know therefore that God would be like the morning.

exacts from you Less than your iniquity <sup>18</sup> And you would be secure,  
because deserves.

there is hope; Yes, you would dig

<sup>7</sup> around you, and take your rest in safety. Can you search out the  
deep things of

God? Can you find out the limits of the

Almighty? <sup>1</sup> You would also lie down, and no one

would make you afraid; Yes, many

<sup>8</sup> would court your favor.

They are higher than heaven-- what

can you do? Deeper than Sheol-- what <sup>2</sup> 0 But the eyes of the wicked  
will fail, And can you know?

they shall not escape, And their hope--

"Their measure is longer than the earth loss of life!" And broader than

the sea.

1 2

wisdom is with aged men, And with

1 length of days, understanding. 2 Then Job answered and said:

134 § With Him are wisdom and strength,

2 No doubt you are the people, And

He has counsel and understanding.

wisdom will die with you!

3 But I have understanding as well as 14 He breaks a thing down, it cannot be

rebuilt; If He imprisons a man, there can

you; I am not inferior to you. Indeed, be no release. who does not know such things as

these? 15 He withholds the waters, they dry up;

If He sends them out, they overwhelm

4 I am one mocked by his friends, Who the earth. called on God, and He answered him,

The just and blameless who is ridiculed. 1 6 with Him are strength and prudence. 5 The deceived and the deceiver are His.

A lamp is despised in the thought of

one who is at ease; It is made ready for 1 7 He leads counselors away plundered, those whose feet slip. And makes fools of the judges.

6 The tents of robbers prosper, And 8 He loosens the bonds of kings, And

those who provoke God are secure-- In binds their waist with a belt.  
what God provides by His hand.

1' He leads princes away plundered, And

7 But now ask the beasts, and they will overthrows the mighty. teach  
you; And the birds of the air, and

they will tell you; 2 0He deprives the trusted ones of 8 speech, And  
takes away the

Or speak to the earth, and it will teach discernment of the elders.

you; And the fish of the sea will explain

to you. 2 1He pours contempt on princes, And

disarms the mighty.

'Who among all these does not know

That the hand of the LORD has done 2

He uncovers deep things out of

this,

darkness, And brings the shadow of

1 death to light. 0 n whose hand is the life of every living

thing, And the breath of all mankind? 2 3He makes nations great, and  
destroys

1 them; He enlarges nations, and guides 1 Does not the ear test words  
And the them. mouth taste its food?

He takes away the understanding of Will not His excellence make  
you

the chiefs of the people of the earth, afraid, And the dread of Him fall  
upon

And makes them wander in a pathless you? wilderness.

12 our platitudes are proverbs of ashes,

25 Your defenses are defenses of clay.

They grope in the dark without light,

And He makes them stagger like a 13 Hold your peace with me, and let  
me drunken man.

Speak, Then let come on me what may!

14

Why do I take my flesh in my teeth,

1 3"Behold, my eye has seen all this,

And put my life in my hands?

My ear has heard and understood it.

15

2 Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him.

What you know, I also know; I am not Even so, I will defend my own  
ways

inferior to you. before Him.

3 1 But I would speak to the Almighty, And 6He also shall be my  
salvation, For a I desire to reason with God. hypocrite could not come

before Him.

4But you forgers of lies, You are all 17Listen carefully to my speech,  
And to worthless physicians. my declaration with your ears.

5Oh, that you would be silent, And it 18

See now, I have prepared my case, I  
would be your wisdom! know that I shall be vindicated.

6Now hear my reasoning, And heed the 1' Who is he who will contend  
with me? If pleadings of my lips. now I hold my tongue, I perish.

7Will you speak wickedly for God, And 0 Only two things do not do  
to me, Then

2

talk deceitfully for Him? I will not hide myself from You:

8Will you show partiality for Him? Will 1wi thdraw Your hand far  
from me, And

2

you contend for God? let not the dread of You make me afraid.

Will it be well when He searches you 2 2Then call, and I will answer;  
Or let me

out? Or can you mock Him as one speak, then You respond to me.  
mocks a man?



0He will surely rebuke you If you 2 3How many are my iniquities  
and sins?

Make me know my transgression and  
secretly show partiality. my sin.

2 7 4

Why do You hide Your face, And For there is hope for a tree, If it is  
cut  
regard me as Your enemy? down, that it will sprout again, And that  
its tender shoots will not cease.

25wili You frighten a leaf driven to and fro? And will You pursue dry  
stubble? 8Though its root may grow old in the  
earth, And its stump may die in the

26For You write bitter things against me, ground,  
And make me inherit the iniquities of my  
youth. 9Yet at the scent of water it will bud And  
bring forth branches like a plant.

27

You put my feet in the stocks, And 0But man dies and is laid away;  
Indeed  
watch closely all my paths. You set a 1 limit for the soles of my feet. he  
breathes his last And where is he?

2 11 8 Man decays like a rotten thing, Like a As water disappears from  
the sea, And garment that is moth-eaten. a river becomes parched and  
dries up,

So man lies down and does not rise.

1 Till the heavens are no more, They will 4 Man who is born of woman Is of

few days and full of trouble. not awake Nor be roused from their  
sleep.

2He comes forth like a flower and fades 134§ away; He flees like a shadow and does Oh, that You would hide me in the

not continue. grave, That You would conceal me until

Your wrath is past, That You would

3 appoint me a set time, and remember And do You open Your eyes on such a me! one, And bring me to judgment with

Yourself? 14 a man dies, shall he live again? All 4 the days of my hard service I will wait,

Who can bring a clean thing out of an Till my change comes.

unclean? No one!

15 ou shall call, and I will answer You;

5Since his days are determined, The You shall desire the work of Your hands.

number of his months is with You; You

have appointed his limits, so that he 16For now You number my steps, But do cannot pass. not watch over my sin.

61 7 Look away from him that he may rest, My transgression is sealed up in a bag, Till like a hired man he finishes his day. And You cover my iniquity.

17 "" But as a mountain falls and crumbles Are you the first man who

was born? away, And as a rock is moved from its Or were you made  
before the hills? place;

8Have you heard the counsel of God?

19

As water wears away stones, And as Do you limit wisdom to  
yourself?

torrents wash away the soil of the earth;

So You destroy the hope of man. 9What do you know that we do not

2 not in us?

0You prevail forever against him, and know? What do you understand  
that is

he passes on; You change his

countenance and send him away. 10Both the gray-haired and the aged  
are

among us, Much older than your father.

21 His sons come to honor, and he does

not know it; They are brought low, and 11Are the consolations of God  
too small he does not perceive it. for you, And the word spoken gently

2

2But his flesh will be in pain over it, And with you?

his soul will mourn over it." 12Why does your heart carry you away,

And what do your eyes wink at,

1 1 5Then Eliphaz the Temanite3That you turn your spirit against  
God,

answered and said: And let such words go out of your

mouth?

2 Should a wise man answer with empty 44 What is man, that he  
could be pure?

1

knowledge, And fill himself with the east

wind? And he who is born of a woman, that he

could be righteous?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, 15 God puts no trust in His  
saints, And Or by speeches with which he can do no

good? the heavens are not pure in His sight,

4 16 How much less man, who is

Yes, you cast off fear, And restrain

prayer before God. abominable and filthy, Who drinks

iniquity like water!

5 For your iniquity teaches your mouth, 7 will tell you, hear me;  
What I have

1

And you choose the tongue of the crafty.

seen I will declare,

6 Your own mouth condemns you, and 8 What wise men have told, Not

hiding

not I; Yes, your own lips testify against 1 you. anything received from  
their fathers,

19To whom alone the land was given, 30He will not depart from  
darkness; The

And no alien passed among them: flame will dry out his branches, And  
by

the breath of His mouth he will go away.

20The wicked man writhes with pain all

31

his days, And the number of years is Let him not trust in futile things,  
hidden from the oppressor. deceiving himself, For futility will be his

reward.

21Dreadful sounds are in his ears; In prosperity the destroyer comes  
upon 32It will be accomplished before his time,

him. And his branch will not be green.

22He does not believe that he will return 33He will shake off his  
unripe grape like

from darkness, For a sword is waiting a vine, And cast off his blossom  
like an

for him. olive tree.

23He wanders about for bread, saying, 34For the company of  
hypocrites will be

"Where is it?" He knows that a day of barren, And fire will consume  
the tents

darkness is ready at his hand. of bribery.

2 3 4Trouble and anguish make him afraid; 5They conceive trouble and bring forth They overpower him, like a king ready futility; Their womb prepares deceit."

for battle.

25For he stretches out his hand against

1 6Then Job answered and said:

God, And acts defiantly against the

Almighty, 2 I have heard many such things;

2 Miserable comforters are you all! 6Running stubbornly against Him With

his strong, embossed shield. 3Shall words of wind have an end? Or

27§ what provokes you that you answer?

"Though he has covered his face with

his fatness, And made his waist heavy 4 with fat, 1 also could speak as you do, If your

soul were in my soul's place. I could

28 heap up words against you, And shake

He dwells in desolate cities, In houses

my head at you;

which no one inhabits, Which are

destined to become ruins. <sup>5</sup>But I would strengthen you with my

<sup>2</sup> mouth, And the comfort of my lips would <sup>9</sup>He will not be rich, Nor  
will his wealth

relieve your grief.

continue, Nor will his possessions

overspread the earth.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> Though I speak, my grief is not <sup>7</sup>Although no violence is in my  
hands, relieved; And if I remain silent, how am I And my prayer is  
pure. eased?

<sup>18</sup> O earth, do not cover my blood, And

<sup>7</sup>But now He has worn me out; You have let my cry have no resting  
place! made desolate all my company.

<sup>1</sup> ' Surely even now my witness is in

<sup>8</sup>You have shriveled me up, And it is a heaven, And my evidence is on  
high.

witness against me; My leanness rises

up against me And bears witness to my <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>My friends scorn me; My  
eyes pour out face. tears to God.

He tears me in His wrath, and hates <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Oh, that one might plead for a  
man

me; He gnashes at me with His teeth; with God, As a man pleads for  
his

My adversary sharpens His gaze on me. neighbor!

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>They gape at me with their mouth,

For when a few years are finished, I

They strike me reproachfully on the cheek, They gather together against me.

11

God has delivered me to the ungodly, 1 7 My spirit is broken, My days are

And turned me over to the hands of the wicked. extinguished, The grave is ready for me.

1 Are not mockers with me? And does

2a was at ease, but He has shattered 2

me; He also has taken me by my neck, not my eye dwell on their provocation?

and shaken me to pieces; He has set 3"Now put down a pledge for me with

me up for His target,

Yourself. Who is he who will shake

13His archers surround me. He pierces hands with me?

my heart and does not pity; He pours 4 For You have hidden their heart from out my gall on the ground.

understanding; Therefore You will not

1 exalt them. 4He breaks me with wound upon

wound; He runs at me like a warrior. 5He who speaks flattery to his friends,



1 Even the eyes of his children will fail. 5a have sewn sackcloth over my skin,

And laid my head in the dust. 6 But He has made me a byword of the

1 people, And I have become one in 6My face is flushed from weeping, And

whose face men spit.

on my eyelids is the shadow of death;

7 2 My eye has also grown dim because of How long till you put an end to words? sorrow, And all my members are like Gain understanding, and afterward we

shadows. will speak.

8 3

Upright men are astonished at this, And Why are we counted as beasts, And

the innocent stirs himself up against the regarded as stupid in your sight? hypocrite.

4You who tear yourself in anger, Shall

'Yet the righteous will hold to his way, the earth be forsaken for you? Or shall

And he who has clean hands will be the rock be removed from its place? stronger and stronger.

5 The light of the wicked indeed goes

10 But please, come back again, all of out, And the flame of his fire does not

you, For I shall not find one wise man shine. among you.

6 The light is dark in his tent, And his

11My days are past, My purposes are

lamp beside him is put out.

broken off, Even the thoughts of my

heart. 7The steps of his strength are shortened,

And his own counsel casts him down.

12

They change the night into day; "The

light is near,' they say, in the face of 8For he is cast into a net by his  
own feet, darkness. And he walks into a snare.

13 I wait for the grave as my house, If I

"The net takes him by the heel, And a

make my bed in the darkness, snare lays hold of him.

14 I say to corruption, "You are my 0A noose is hidden for him on the

1

father,' And to the worm, "You are my ground, And a trap for him in  
the road.

mother and my sister,'

11Terrors frighten him on every side,

15Where then is my hope? As for my

And drive him to his feet.

hope, who can see it?

1 His strength is starved, And 6 12

will they go down to the gates of destruction is ready at his side.  
Sheol? Shall we have rest together in  
the dust?" U

It devours patches of his skin; The  
firstborn of death devours his limbs.

1 8Then Bildad the Shuhite answered 14He is uprooted from the  
shelter of his

and said: tent, And they parade him before the  
king of terrors.

1 6 5They dwell in his tent who are none of Know then that God has  
wronged me,  
his; Brimstone is scattered on his And has surrounded me with His net.  
dwelling.

7 If I cry out concerning wrong, I am not  
16 His roots are dried out below, And his heard. If I cry aloud, there is  
no justice.  
branch withers above.

8He has fenced up my way, so that I  
17

The memory of him perishes from the cannot pass; And He has set  
darkness  
earth, And he has no name among the in my paths. renowned.

9He has stripped me of my glory, And  
18He is driven from light into darkness, taken the crown from my  
head.  
And chased out of the world.

He breaks me down on every side,

1' He has neither son nor posterity And I am gone; My hope He has  
among his people, Nor any remaining in uprooted like a tree. his  
dwellings.

11He has also kindled His wrath against

20Those in the west are astonished at me, And He counts me as one of  
His

his day, As those in the east are enemies. frightened.

12His troops come together And build up

21

Surely such are the dwellings of the their road against me; They  
encamp all

wicked, And this is the place of him who around my tent. does not  
know God."

13 He has removed my brothers far from me, And my acquaintances  
are

1 completely estranged from me. 9Then Job answered and said:

14

2 My relatives have failed, And my close How long will you torment  
my soul,

friends have forgotten me.

And break me in pieces with words?

Those who dwell in my house, and my

3These ten times you have reproached 15

maidservants, Count me as a stranger; I

me; You are not ashamed that you have

am an alien in their sight.

wronged me.

16 call my servant, but he gives no

4And if indeed I have erred, My error

answer; I beg him with my mouth.

remains with me.

17

s My breath is offensive to my wife, And

If indeed you exalt yourselves against

I am repulsive to the children of my own

me, And plead my disgrace against me,

body.

1' Even young children despise me; I arise, and they speak against me.

20Then Zophar the Naamathite

1 answered and said: 9All my close friends abhor me, And

those whom I love have turned against 2 Therefore my anxious thoughts make me.

me answer, Because of the turmoil

2 within me. 0My bone clings to my skin and to my

flesh, And I have escaped by the skin of I I have heard the rebuke that my teeth.

reproaches me, And the spirit of my

<sup>2</sup> understanding causes me to answer. <sup>1</sup> Have pity on me, have pity on me, O

you my friends, For the hand of God has <sup>4</sup> Do you not know this of old, Since struck me!

man was placed on earth,

<sup>2</sup> Why do you persecute me as God

<sup>5</sup> That the triumphing of the wicked is does, And are not satisfied with my

short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but flesh?

for a moment?

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Oh, that my words were written! Oh, <sup>6</sup>

Though his haughtiness mounts up to that they were inscribed in a book!

the heavens, And his head reaches to

<sup>2</sup> the clouds, <sup>4</sup> That they were engraved on a rock With an iron pen and lead, forever! <sup>7</sup>

Yet he will perish forever like his own

<sup>2</sup> refuse; Those who have seen him will <sup>5</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives,

And He shall stand at last on the earth;

2

6And after my skin is destroyed, this I sHe will fly away like a dream,  
and not

be found; Yes, he will be chased away

know, That in my flesh I shall see God, like a vision of the night.

27 Whom I shall see for myself, And my 9The eye that saw him will see  
him no eyes shall behold, and not another. How more, Nor will his  
place behold him

my heart yearns within me! anymore.

21 ' If you should say, "How shall we 0His children will seek the  
favor of the persecute him?"-- Since the root of the poor, And his  
hands will restore his

matter is found in me, wealth.

29Be afraid of the sword for yourselves; 11

His bones are full of his youthful vigor,

For wrath brings the punishment of the But it will lie down with him  
in the dust.

sword, That you may know there is a

judgment."

1 2 2§4

"Though evil is sweet in his mouth, He will flee from the iron  
weapon; A

And he hides it under his tongue, bronze bow will pierce him through.

1 2 3 Though he spares it and does not 5 It is drawn, and comes out of  
the body; forsake it, But still keeps it in his mouth, Yes, the glittering  
point comes out of his

gall. Terrors come upon him;

14

Yet his food in his stomach turns sour; 6 Total darkness is reserved  
for his

It becomes cobra venom within him. 2

treasures. An unfanned fire will

15 He swallows down riches And vomits consume him; It shall go ill  
with him who

them up again; God casts them out of is left in his tent. his belly.

2 7

The heavens will reveal his iniquity,

16 And the earth will rise up against him.

He will suck the poison of cobras; The

viper's tongue will slay him. 8 The increase of his house will depart,

2

17 And his goods will flow away in the day

He will not see the streams, The rivers

flowing with honey and cream. of His wrath.

1 2' This is the portion from God for a 8 He will restore that for which  
he labored, And will not swallow it down; wicked man, The heritage



appointed to

From the proceeds of business He will him by God." get no enjoyment.

1' For he has oppressed and forsaken 2 1 Then Job answered and said: the poor, He has violently seized a

house which he did not build. 2 Listen carefully to my speech, And let

2 this be your consolation. 0 Because he knows no quietness in his heart, He will not save anything he 3 Bear with me that I may speak, And

desires. after I have spoken, keep mocking.

21 Nothing is left for him to eat; Therefore 4 As for me, is my complaint against his well-being will not last. man? And if it were, why should I not be

2 impatient? 2 n his self-sufficiency he will be in distress; Every hand of misery will come 5

Look at me and be astonished; Put against him. your hand over your mouth.

23 When he is about to fill his stomach,

6 Even when I remember I am terrified,

God will cast on him the fury of His And trembling takes hold of my flesh.

wrath, And will rain it on him while he is

eating.

7 1 Why do the wicked live and become old, ' They say, "God lays up  
one's iniquity Yes, become mighty in power? for his children'; Let Him  
recompense

him, that he may know it.

8 Their descendants are established with

2 0

them in their sight, And their offspring Let his eyes see his destruction,  
And

before their eyes. let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

2 1

'Their houses are safe from fear, For what does he care about his

Neither is the rod of God upon them. household after him, When the  
number

of his months is cut in half?

10 Their bull breeds without failure; Their cow calves without  
miscarriage. 2 2 Can anyone teach God knowledge,

Since He judges those on high?

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, And their children  
dance. 2 3 One dies in his full strength, Being

wholly at ease and secure;

12

They sing to the tambourine and harp, 4 His pails are full of milk,  
And the

And rejoice to the sound of the flute. 2

marrow of his bones is moist.

13 They spend their days in wealth, And in a moment go down to the grave. 2 5 Another man dies in the bitterness of

his soul, Never having eaten with

14 et they say to God, "Depart from us, pleasure.

For we do not desire the knowledge of 6 They lie down alike in the dust, And

Your ways. 2

worms cover them.

15 Who is the Almighty, that we should serve Him? And what profit do we have 'Look, I know your thoughts, And the 2 7

if we pray to Him?' schemes with which you would wrong

me.

16 ndeed their prosperity is not in their hand; The counsel of the wicked is far 2 8 For you say, "Where is the house of from me. the prince? And where is the tent, The

dwelling place of the wicked?'

17 How often is the lamp of the wicked put out? How often does their 2' Have you not asked those who travel destruction come upon them, The the road? And do you not know their

sorrows God distributes in His anger? signs?

1' They are like straw before the wind, 30 For the wicked are reserved for the

And like chaff that a storm carries away. day of doom; They shall be brought out

on the day of wrath.

Who condemns his way to his face? But the mighty man possessed  
the land,

And who repays him for what he has And the honorable man dwelt in  
it. done?

9You have sent widows away empty,

32

Yet he shall be brought to the grave, And the strength of the  
fatherless was

And a vigil kept over the tomb. crushed.

33The clods of the valley shall be sweet 10Therefore snares are all  
around you, to him; Everyone shall follow him, As And sudden fear  
troubles you, countless have gone before him.

1 1

Or darkness so that you cannot see;

34How then can you comfort me with And an abundance of water  
covers you.

empty words, Since falsehood remains

in your answers?" 12 Is not God in the height of heaven?

And see the highest stars, how lofty they  
are!

22Then Eliphaz the Temanite

1 3And you say, "What does God know?

answered and said:

Can He judge through the deep

2 darkness? Can a man be profitable to God,

Though he who is wise may be 1 4Thick clouds cover Him, so that He profitable to himself?

cannot see, And He walks above the

U circle of heaven.'

s it any pleasure to the Almighty that

you are righteous? Or is it gain to Him 1 5Will you keep to the old way Which that you make your ways blameless?

wicked men have trod,

4 1s it because of your fear of Him that 6Who were cut down before their time,

1

He corrects you, And enters into

judgment with you? Whose foundations were swept away by

a flood?

5Is not your wickedness great, And your 1 7 iniquity without end? They said to God, "Depart from us!

What can the Almighty do to them?"

6For you have taken pledges from your 1 8 brother for no reason, And stripped the Yet He filled their houses with good

naked of their clothing. things; But the counsel of the wicked is

far from me.

7You have not given the weary water to drink, And you have withheld bread from 1 " The righteous see it and are glad,

the hungry. And the innocent laugh at them:

20 Surely our adversaries are cut down,

And the fire consumes their remnant.' 2 3Then Job answered and said:

21 Now acquaint yourself with Him, and

2 Even today my complaint is bitter; My

be at peace; Thereby good will come to

hand is listless because of my groaning.

you.

3

2 Oh, that I knew where I might find Him, 2Receive, please,  
instruction from His

That I might come to His seat!

mouth, And lay up His words in your

heart. 4 1 would present my case before Him,

2 And fill my mouth with arguments. 3 you return to the Almighty,  
you will

be built up; You will remove iniquity far 5 1 would know the words  
which He from your tents. would answer me, And understand what

2 He would say to me. 4Then you will lay your gold in the dust,

And the gold of Ophir among the stones 6 Would He contend with me  
in His great of the brooks. power? No! But He would take note of

2 me. 5 es, the Almighty will be your gold

And your precious silver; 7There the upright could reason with

2 Him, And I would be delivered forever 6 For then you will have your  
delight in from my Judge. the Almighty, And lift up your face to

God. 8 Look, I go forward, but He is not there,

2 And backward, but I cannot perceive 7 ou will make your prayer to  
Him, He

Him;

will hear you, And you will pay your

vows. 9When He works on the left hand, I

2 cannot behold Him; When He turns to

' You will also declare a thing, And it will the right hand, I cannot see  
Him.

be established for you; So light will

shine on your ways. 1 0But He knows the way that I take; 2 When He  
has tested me, I shall come 9

When they cast you down, and you

forth as gold.

say, "Exaltation will come!" Then He will

save the humble person. <sup>11</sup>My foot has held fast to His steps; I

<sup>30</sup>He will even deliver one who is not have kept His way and not turned aside.

innocent; Yes, he will be delivered by <sup>12a</sup> have not departed from the the purity of your hands." commandment of His lips; I have treasured the words of His mouth More <sup>6</sup>They gather their fodder in the field And

than my necessary food. glean in the vineyard of the wicked.

<sup>17 3</sup> But He is unique, and who can make

They spend the night naked, without

Him change? And whatever His soul clothing, And have no covering in the

desires, that He does. cold.

<sup>18 4</sup>

For He performs what is appointed for They are wet with the showers of the

me, And many such things are with Him. mountains, And huddle around the rock

for want of shelter.

<sup>15</sup>Therefore I am terrified at His presence; When I consider this, I am "Some snatch the fatherless from the

afraid of Him. breast, And take a pledge from the poor.

<sup>11 6</sup>For God made my heart weak, And the <sup>0</sup>They cause the poor to go



naked, Almighty terrifies me; without clothing; And they take away  
the

sheaves from the hungry.

<sup>17</sup>Because I was not cut off from the presence of darkness, And He did  
not <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>They press out oil within their walls, hide deep darkness from  
my face. And tread winepresses, yet suffer thirst.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>The dying groan in the city, And the

<sup>24</sup> Since times are not hidden from souls of the wounded cry out;  
Yet God

the Almighty, Why do those who know does not charge them with  
wrong.

Him see not His days? <sup>1</sup> <sup>34</sup> 'There are those who rebel against the  
<sup>2</sup> light; They do not know its ways Nor Some remove landmarks;  
They seize

abide in its paths.

flocks violently and feed on them;

The murderer rises with the light; He

<sup>3</sup>They drive away the donkey of the <sup>14</sup>

kills the poor and needy; And in the  
fatherless; They take the widow's ox as

night he is like a thief.  
a pledge.

<sup>15</sup>The eye of the adulterer waits for the

<sup>4</sup>They push the needy off the road; All the poor of the land are forced to hide. twilight, Saying, "No eye will see me";

And he disguises his face.

Indeed, like wild donkeys in the desert, In the dark they break into houses

1

They go out to their work, searching for

Which they marked for themselves in

food. The wilderness yields food for

them and for their children. the daytime; They do not know the light.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>For the morning is the same to them as the shadow of death; If someone recognizes them, They are in the terrors <sup>2</sup> Dominion and fear belong to Him; He of the shadow of death. makes peace in His high places.

<sup>1</sup> U

" They should be swift on the face of s there any number to His armies?

the waters, Their portion should be Upon whom does His light not rise? cursed in the earth, So that no one

would turn into the way of their <sup>4</sup>How then can man be righteous before vineyards. God? Or how can he be pure who is

born of a woman?

<sup>1</sup>' As drought and heat consume the

snow waters, So the grave consumes <sup>5</sup>If even the moon does not shine, And those who have sinned. the stars are not pure in His sight,

2 6 0The womb should forget him, The

How much less man, who is a maggot,

worm should feed sweetly on him; He And a son of man, who is a  
worm?" should be remembered no more, And

wickedness should be broken like a tree.

2 26But Job answered and said: 1

For he preys on the barren who do not

bear, And does no good for the widow. 2 How have you helped him  
who is

22 But God draws the mighty away with without power? How have  
you saved the

His power; He rises up, but no man is arm that has no strength? sure  
of life.

3

How have you counseled one who has

23He gives them security, and they rely no wisdom? And how have  
you declared

on it; Yet His eyes are on their ways. sound advice to many?

2 To whom have you uttered words? And They are exalted for a little  
while, Then

4 4

they are gone. They are brought low; whose spirit came from you?

They are taken out of the way like all 5 The dead tremble, Those under

the others; They dry out like the heads of grain. waters and those inhabiting them.

26 5 Now if it is not so, who will prove me a Sheol is naked before  
Him, And

liar, And make my speech worth Destruction has no covering.  
nothing?"

7He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on  
nothing.

and said: 25Then Bildad the Shuhite answered 8He binds up  
the water in His thick clouds, Yet the clouds are not broken

under it.

'He covers the face of His throne, And 6My righteousness I hold fast,  
and will spreads His cloud over it. not let it go; My heart shall not  
reproach

me as long as I live.

10He drew a circular horizon on the face of the waters, At the  
boundary of light 7 May my enemy be like the wicked, and darkness.  
And he who rises up against me like the

unrighteous.

11

The pillars of heaven tremble, And are  
astonished at His rebuke. 8For what is the hope of the hypocrite,  
Though he may gain much, If God takes  
12 away his life?

He stirs up the sea with His power,  
And by His understanding He breaks up

the storm. 'Will God hear his cry When trouble

comes upon him?

13

By His Spirit He adorned the heavens; OWill he delight himself in  
the Almighty?

His hand pierced the fleeing serpent. 1

Will he always call on God?

14 ndeed these are the mere edges of His ways, And how small a  
whisper we 11 will teach you about the hand of hear of Him! But the  
thunder of His God; What is with the Almighty I will not

power who can understand?" conceal.

12

SureIy all of you have seen it; Why

2 then do you behave with complete 7Moreover Job continued his  
discourse, and said: nonsense?

2 134 s is the portion of a wicked man 'Thi As God lives, who has taken  
away my with God, And the heritage of justice, And the Almighty,  
who has oppressors, received from the Almighty: made my soul bitter,

3As long as my breath is in me, And the 14 his children are multiplied,  
it is for

the sword; And his offspring shall not be

breath of God in my nostrils,

satisfied with bread.

4My lips will not speak wickedness, Nor 15

Those who survive him shall be buried

my tongue utter deceit.

in death, And their widows shall not

5 weep,

Far be it from me That I should say you

are right; Till I die I will not put away my 16Though he heaps up silver  
like dust, integrity from me.

And piles up clothing like clay--

17He may pile it up, but the just will wear it, And the innocent will  
divide the silver.

17 ' He builds his house like a moth, Like a That path no bird knows,  
Nor has the booth which a watchman makes. falcon's eye seen it.

18 9The rich man will lie down, But not be The proud lions have not  
trodden it, Nor gathered up; He opens his eyes, And he has the fierce  
lion passed over it. is no more.

9He puts his hand on the flint; He

20Terrors overtake him like a flood; A overturns the mountains at the  
roots.

tempest steals him away in the night.

10He cuts out channels in the rocks, And

21

The east wind carries him away, and his eye sees every precious  
thing.

he is gone; It sweeps him out of his

place. 11He dams up the streams from trickling;

What is hidden he brings forth to light.

22 hurls against him and does not

spare; He flees desperately from its 12 'But where can wisdom be found? And power. where is the place of understanding?

2 1 3Men shall clap their hands at him, And 3Man does not know its value, Nor is it shall hiss him out of his place. found in the land of the living.

1 4 The deep says, "It is not in me"; And

28 Surely there is a mine for silver, the sea says, "It is not with me.' And a place where gold is refined.

15

It cannot be purchased for gold, Nor

2 can silver be weighed for its price. Iron is taken from the earth, And copper is smelted from ore.

16

It cannot be valued in the gold of Ophir,

3Man puts an end to darkness, And In precious onyx or sapphire. searches every recess For ore in the

darkness and the shadow of death. 17Neither gold nor crystal can equal it,

Nor can it be exchanged for jewelry of

4 fine gold. He breaks open a shaft away from people; In places forgotten by feet They

hang far away from men; They swing to 18No mention shall be made

of coral or and fro. quartz, For the price of wisdom is above

rubies.

5As for the earth, from it comes bread, But underneath it is turned up  
as by fire; 1' The topaz of Ethiopia cannot equal it,

Nor can it be valued in pure gold.

6Its stones are the source of sapphires, And it contains gold dust.

2 4 0 From where then does wisdom

Just as I was in the days of my prime,

come? And where is the place of When the friendly counsel of God  
was

understanding? over my tent;

2 5 1 is hidden from the eyes of all living,

When the Almighty was yet with me,

And concealed from the birds of the air. When my children were  
around me;

2 6 2When my steps were bathed with Destruction and Death say, "We  
have heard a report about it with our ears.' cream, And the rock  
poured out rivers of

oil for me!

23God understands its way, And He knows its place. 7 When I went out  
to the gate by the city,

When I took my seat in the open square,

24

For He looks to the ends of the earth,

And sees under the whole heavens, 8The young men saw me and hid,



And

the aged arose and stood;

25

To establish a weight for the wind, And

apportion the waters by measure. "The princes refrained from talking,  
And

put their hand on their mouth;

26When He made a law for the rain, And a path for the thunderbolt, 1  
0The voice of nobles was hushed, And

their tongue stuck to the roof of their

27Then He saw wisdom and declared it; mouth.

He prepared it, indeed, He searched it 1When the ear heard, then it  
blessed

out. 1

me, And when the eye saw, then it

28And to man He said, "Behold, the fear approved me;

of the Lord, that is wisdom, And to 2Because I delivered the poor who  
depart from evil is understanding." 1

cried out, The fatherless and the one

who had no helper.

discourse, and said: 29Job further continued his 1 3

The blessing of a perishing man came upon me, And I caused  
the widow's 2 heart to sing for joy.

Oh, that I were as in months past, As

in the days when God watched over me; 14 put on righteousness, and it clothed

me; My justice was like a robe and a

3When His lamp shone upon my head, turban. And when by His light I walked through

darkness; 15 was eyes to the blind, And I was feet

to the lame.

1 2 6 was a father to the poor, And I

Indeed, what profit is the strength of

sought out the case that I did not their hands to me? Their vigor has  
know. perished.

17 broke the fangs of the wicked, And 3They are gaunt from want and  
famine,

plucked the victim from his teeth. Fleeing late to the wilderness,  
desolate

and waste,

18§Then I said, "I shall die in my nest, And multiply my days as the  
sand. 4Who pluck mallow by the bushes, And

broom tree roots for their food.

19My root is spread out to the waters, And the dew lies all night on  
my branch. 5They were driven out from among men,

They shouted at them as at a thief.

20

My glory is fresh within me, And my

bow is renewed in my hand.' 6They had to live in the clefts of the

valleys, In caves of the earth and the

21 Men listened to me and waited, And rocks. kept silence for my counsel.

7Among the bushes they brayed, Under

22After my words they did not speak the nettles they nestled.

again, And my speech settled on them

as dew. 8They were sons of fools, Yes, sons of

vile men; They were scourged from the

23They waited for me as for the rain, And land.

they opened their mouth wide as for the

spring rain. "And now I am their taunting song; Yes,

I am their byword.

24) I mocked at them, they did not believe it, And the light of my 1  
0They abhor me, they keep far from countenance they did not cast  
down. me; They do not hesitate to spit in my

face.

25 chose the way for them, and sat as chief; So I dwelt as a king in the  
army, Because He has loosed my bowstring 1 1

As one who comforts mourners. and afflicted me, They have cast off

restraint before me.

30 But now they mock at me, men At my right hand the rabble  
arises; 1 2

younger than I, Whose fathers I They push away my feet, And they  
raise

against me their ways of destruction.

disdained to put with the dogs of my

flock. 1 3They break up my path, They promote

my calamity; They have no helper.

1 2 4 6But when I looked for good, evil came They come as broad  
breakers; Under

the ruinous storm they roll along. to me; And when I waited for light,  
then

came darkness.

15Terrors are turned upon me; They

27

pursue my honor as the wind, And my My heart is in turmoil and  
cannot rest;

prosperity has passed like a cloud. Days of affliction confront me.

1 2 6 And now my soul is poured out 8a go about mourning, but not in  
the because of my plight; The days of sun; I stand up in the assembly  
and cry

affliction take hold of me. out for help.

1 2 7My bones are pierced in me at night, ' I am a brother of jackals,

And my gnawing pains take no rest. companion of ostriches.

18 30

By great force my garment is My skin grows black and falls from me;

disfigured; It binds me about as the My bones burn with fever. collar of my coat.

31My harp is turned to mourning, And my

1' He has cast me into the mire, And I flute to the voice of those who weep.

have become like dust and ashes.

20 cry out to You, but You do not

3 1 I have made a covenant with my

answer me; I stand up, and You regard eyes; Why then should I look upon a

me. young woman?

21But You have become cruel to me;

2 For what is the allotment of God from

With the strength of Your hand You above, And the inheritance of the oppose me.

Almighty from on high?

22

v ou lift me up to the wind and cause E

Is it not destruction for the wicked, And  
me to ride on it; You spoil my success.

disaster for the workers of iniquity?

23 For I know that You will bring me to

4 Does He not see my ways, And count  
death, And to the house appointed for all my steps? all living.

2  
4 Surely He would not stretch out His 5 If I have walked with  
falsehood, Or if

my foot has hastened to deceit,  
hand against a heap of ruins, If they cry  
out when He destroys it. 6

Let me be weighed on honest scales,

2 That God may know my integrity. 5 Have I not wept for him who was  
in trouble? Has not my soul grieved for the  
poor?

7 1 If my step has turned from the way, Or ' If I have seen anyone  
perish for lack of my heart walked after my eyes, Or if any clothing,  
Or any poor man without  
spot adheres to my hands, covering;

8 2 Then let me sow, and another eat; Yes, 0) his heart has not blessed  
me, And if let my harvest be rooted out. he was not warmed with the  
fleece of

my sheep;

"If my heart has been enticed by a

woman, Or if I have lurked at my 2 1 I have raised my hand against  
the neighbor's door, fatherless, When I saw I had help in the

gate;

10Then let my wife grind for another, And let others bow down over  
her. 2 Then let my arm fall from my shoulder,

Let my arm be torn from the socket.

11

For that would be wickedness; Yes, it

would be iniquity deserving of judgment. 2 3For destruction from God  
is a terror to

me, And because of His magnificence I

12For that would be a fire that consumes cannot endure.

to destruction, And would root out all my

increase. 2 44a I have made gold my hope, Or said to

fine gold, "You are my confidence";

13 I have despised the cause of my male or female servant When they 2

5) I have rejoiced because my wealth complained against me, was  
great, And because my hand had

gained much;

14What then shall I do when God rises up? When He punishes, how  
shall I 2 6) I have observed the sun when it answer Him? shines, Or  
the moon moving in

brightness,

15

Did not He who made me in the womb

make them? Did not the same One So that my heart has been secretly  
fashion us in the womb? enticed, And my mouth has kissed my  
hand;

16§§ I have kept the poor from their desire, Or caused the eyes of the  
widow 2 8

This also would be an iniquity  
to fail, deserving of judgment, For I would have  
denied God who is above.

17  
Or eaten my morsel by myself, So that  
the fatherless could not eat of it 2' If I have rejoiced at the destruction  
of

him who hated me, Or lifted myself up  
1 when evil found him '(But from my youth I reared him as a father,  
And from my mother's womb I

guided the widow );  
30(Indeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin By asking for a curse on  
his soul); 32So these three men ceased

3 answering Job, because he was 1 the men of my tent have not said,  
righteous in his own eyes.

"Who is there that has not been satisfied  
with his meat?' 2

Then the wrath of Elihu, the son of  
3 Barachel the Buzite, of the family of 2( But no sojourner had to lodge  
in the Ram, was aroused against Job; his



street, For I have opened my doors to wrath was aroused because he justified

the traveler ); himself rather than God.

33 I have covered my transgressions as 3Also against his three friends his wrath

Adam, By hiding my iniquity in my was aroused, because they had found

bosom, no answer, and yet had condemned Job.

34 4 Because I feared the great multitude, Now because they were years older And dreaded the contempt of families, than he, Elihu had waited to speak to

So that I kept silence And did not go out Job. of the door--

3 Oh, that I had one to hear me! Here is answer in the mouth of these three men,

5 5When Elihu saw that there was no

my mark. Oh, that the Almighty would his wrath was aroused. answer me, That my Prosecutor had

written a book! 6 So Elihu, the son of Barachel the Buzite,

answered and said: "I am young in

36Surely I would carry it on my shoulder, years, and you are very old; Therefore I

And bind it on me like a crown; was afraid, And dared not declare my opinion to you.

37 would declare to Him the number of

my steps; Like a prince I would 7 1 said, "Age should speak, And  
approach Him. multitude of years should teach wisdom.'

3 8 8§4 my land cries out against me, And

But there is a spirit in man, And the  
its furrows weep together; breath of the Almighty gives him  
understanding.

3' If I have eaten its fruit without money, Or caused its owners to lose  
their lives; 'Great men are not always wise, Nor do

the aged always understand justice.

40

Then let thistles grow instead of wheat,  
And weeds instead of barley." The 1 04 "Therefore I say, "Listen to me,  
I also  
words of Job are ended. will declare my opinion.'

11 ndeed I waited for your words, I

listened to your reasonings, while you 33"But please, Job, hear my  
speech,

searched out what to say. And listen to all my words.

12 paid close attention to you; And

2Now, I open my mouth; My tongue  
surely not one of you convinced Job, Or  
speaks in my mouth.

answered his words--

1 3My words come from my upright heart;

3

Lest you say, "We have found

wisdom'; God will vanquish him, not My lips utter pure knowledge.  
man. 4

The Spirit of God has made me, And

1 the breath of the Almighty gives me life. 4 Now he has not directed  
his words

against me; So I will not answer him 5 with your words. If you can  
answer me, Set your words

in order before me; Take your stand.

1 5§ 'They are dismayed and answer no 6 more; Words escape them.  
Truly I am as your spokesman before

God; I also have been formed out of

1 clay. 6And I have waited, because they did

answered no more. Surely no fear of me will terrify you, Nor will my  
hand be heavy on you. not speak, Because they stood still and 7

17a also will answer my part, I too will

8 Surely you have spoken in my hearing,

declare my opinion.

And I have heard the sound of your

1 words, saying, 8For I am full of words; The spirit within

me compels me. "I am pure, without transgression; I am

1 innocent, and there is no iniquity in me. 9 Indeed my belly is like  
wine that has

no vent; It is ready to burst like new 10 Yet He finds occasions against  
me, He wineskins.

counts me as His enemy;

20 will speak, that I may find relief; I 11 He puts my feet in the stocks,  
He

1

must open my lips and answer. watches all my paths.'

21 Let me not, I pray, show partiality to 1 anyone; Nor let me flatter  
any man. 2 'Look, in this you are not righteous. I

will answer you, For God is greater than

2 man. 2 For I do not know how to flatter, Else my Maker would soon  
take me away.

1 2 3 Why do you contend with Him? For He 5 His flesh shall be young  
like a child's, does not give an accounting of any of He shall return to  
the days of his youth.

His words.

2 6 He shall pray to God, and He will

For God may speak in one way, or in delight in him, He shall see  
His face with

another, Yet man does not perceive it. joy, For He restores to man His  
righteousness.

15 n a dream, in a vision of the night,

2 7

When deep sleep falls upon men, While Then he looks at men and  
says, "I

slumbering on their beds, have sinned, and perverted what was

right, And it did not profit me.'

16 Then He opens the ears of men, And

2 8

seals their instruction. He will redeem his soul from going

down to the Pit, And his life shall see the

17 n order to turn man from his deed, light.

And conceal pride from man,

2 " Behold, God works all these things,

18 He keeps back his soul from the Pit, Twice, in fact, three times with  
a man,

And his life from perishing by the sword.

30 To bring back his soul from the Pit,

1 That he may be enlightened with the " Man is also chastened with  
pain on

his bed, And with strong pain in many of light of life. his bones,

3 14 Give ear, Job, listen to me; Hold your

20 peace, and I will speak. So that his life abhors bread, And his

soul succulent food. <sup>32</sup> you have anything to say, answer

<sup>2</sup> me; Speak, for I desire to justify you. <sup>1</sup>His flesh wastes away from sight, And

his bones stick out which once were not <sup>33</sup> not, listen to me; Hold your peace,

seen.

and I will teach you wisdom."

<sup>22</sup>

Yes, his soul draws near the Pit, And

his life to the executioners.

<sup>34</sup>Elihu further answered and said:

<sup>23</sup> f there is a messenger for him, A mediator, one among a thousand,  
To <sup>2</sup> Hear my words, you wise men; Give show man His uprightness,  
ear to me, you who have knowledge.

<sup>24</sup> <sup>3</sup>For the ear tests words As the palate

Then He is gracious to him, and says,

"Deliver him from going down to the Pit; tastes food. I have found a ransom";

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Let us choose justice for ourselves; Let <sup>64</sup> you have understanding,  
hear this; us know among ourselves what is good. Listen to the sound  
of my words:

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> For Job has said, "I am righteous, But ShouId one who hates  
justice govern? God has taken away my justice; Will you condemn  
Him who is most just?

6 1 Should I lie concerning my right? My 8 s it fitting to say to a king,  
"You are wound is incurable, though I am without worthless,' And to  
nobles, "You are  
transgression.' wicked'?

7 1 What man is like Job, Who drinks scorn' Yet He is not partial to  
princes, Nor like water, does He regard the rich more than the  
poor; For they are all the work of His  
8 hands. Who goes in company with the workers

of iniquity, And walks with wicked men? 0 n a moment they die, in  
the middle of

2

'For he has said, "It profits a man the night; The people are shaken and  
nothing That he should delight in God.' pass away; The mighty are  
taken away

without a hand.

1 0§ 'Therefore listen to me, you men of

2 1 'For His eyes are on the ways of man,  
understanding: Far be it from God to do  
wickedness, And from the Almighty to And He sees all his steps.  
commit iniquity.

2 There is no darkness nor shadow of

11For He repays man according to his death Where the workers of  
iniquity may  
work, And makes man to find a reward hide themselves.

according to his way. 3For He need not further consider a

2

12 man, That he should go before God in

Surely God will never do wickedly, Nor  
will the Almighty pervert justice. judgment.

1 He breaks in pieces mighty men

3Who gave Him charge over the earth? 2 4

Or who appointed Him over the whole without inquiry, And sets  
others in their

world? place.

1 2 5Therefore He knows their works; He 4 He should set His heart on  
it, If He should gather to Himself His Spirit and overthrows them in  
the night, And they

His breath, are crushed.

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5All flesh would perish together, And 2 6He strikes them as wicked  
men In the

man would return to dust. open sight of others, 27Because they turned  
back from Him, And would not consider any of His ways, 3 5Moreover  
Elihu answered and

2 said:

' So that they caused the cry of the poor

to come to Him; For He hears the cry of 2 Do you think this is right?  
Do you say, the afflicted.



"My righteousness is more than God's?"

<sup>2</sup>9When He gives quietness, who then <sup>3</sup>For you say, "What advantage will it be

can make trouble? And when He hides

to You? What profit shall I have, more

His face, who then can see Him,

than if I had sinned?"

Whether it is against a nation or a man

alone?--

<sup>4</sup> I will answer you, And your

<sup>3</sup> companions with you. <sup>0</sup>That the hypocrite should not reign, Lest the people be ensnared. <sup>5</sup>

Look to the heavens and see; And

<sup>3</sup> behold the clouds-- They are higher <sup>1</sup> 'For has anyone said to God, "I have than you. borne chastening; I will offend no more;

<sup>32</sup>Teach me what I do not see; If I have <sup>6</sup>If you sin, what do you accomplish

against Him? Or, if your transgressions

done iniquity, I will do no more?' are multiplied, what do you do to Him?

<sup>33</sup> <sup>7</sup> Should He repay it according to your If you are righteous, what do you give terms, Just because you disavow it? Him? Or what does

He receive from

You must choose, and not I; Therefore your hand? speak what you know.

3

4 Men of understanding say to me, <sup>8</sup>Your wickedness affects a man such as

you, And your righteousness a son of

Wise men who listen to me: man.

35

'Job speaks without knowledge, His "'Because of the multitude of words are without wisdom.' oppressions they cry out; They cry out

for help because of the arm of the

36

Oh, that Job were tried to the utmost, mighty.

Because his answers are like those of

wicked men! <sup>10</sup>But no one says, "Where is God my

<sup>37</sup>For he adds rebellion to his sin; He Maker, Who gives songs in the night,

claps his hands among us, And <sup>11</sup>Who teaches us more than the beasts multiplies his words against God." of the earth, And makes us wiser than

the birds of heaven?'

<sup>12</sup>

There they cry out, but He does not with kings, For He has seated

them

answer, Because of the pride of evil forever, And they are exalted.  
men.

8And if they are bound in fetters, Held in

13

Surely God will not listen to empty talk, the cords of affliction,  
Nor will the Almighty regard it.

1 transgressions-- That they have acted

4Although you say you do not see Him, 9 Then He tells them their  
work and their

Yet justice is before Him, and you must defiantly. wait for Him.

1 0He also opens their ear to instruction,

15And now, because He has not And commands that they turn from  
punished in His anger, Nor taken much iniquity. notice of folly,

1 1)

f they obey and serve Him, They shall

16Therefore Job opens his mouth in spend their days in prosperity,  
And their

vain; He multiplies words without years in pleasures. knowledge."

1 2

But if they do not obey, They shall  
perish by the sword, And they shall die

36Elihu also proceeded and said: without knowledge.

13 But the hypocrites in heart store up

2 Bear with me a little, and I will show you That there are yet words  
to speak wrath; They do not cry for help when He

on God's behalf. binds them.

Al will fetch my knowledge from afar; I 1 4They die in youth, And  
their life ends

will ascribe righteousness to my Maker. among the perverted persons.

1 5He delivers the poor in their affliction,

4For truly my words are not false; One who is perfect in knowledge is  
with you. And opens their ears in oppression.

1 6 Indeed He would have brought you

5 Behold, God is mighty, but despises no one; He is mighty in strength  
of out of dire distress, Into a broad place

where there is no restraint; And what is  
understanding.

set on your table would be full of

6 richness.

He does not preserve the life of the

wicked, But gives justice to the 1 7 But you are filled with the  
judgment oppressed. due the wicked; Judgment and justice 7 take hold  
of you.

He does not withdraw His eyes from

the righteous; But they are on the throne 1 ' Because there is wrath,  
beware lest 31For by these He judges the peoples;

He take you away with one blow; For a He gives food in abundance.  
large ransom would not help you avoid it.

<sup>1</sup> Will your riches, Or all the mighty And commands it to strike. <sup>9</sup>  
<sup>32</sup>He covers His hands with lightning,

forces, Keep you from distress?

<sup>33</sup>His thunder declares it, The cattle also,

<sup>20</sup>Do not desire the night, When people concerning the rising storm.  
are cut off in their place.

<sup>21</sup>

Take heed, do not turn to iniquity, For <sup>3 7</sup> At this also my heart  
trembles,

you have chosen this rather than

And leaps from its place.

affliction.

<sup>2</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Behold, God is exalted by His power; <sup>2</sup> Hear attentively the thunder  
of His

voice, And the rumbling that comes from

Who teaches like Him? His mouth.

<sup>23</sup>Who has assigned Him His way, Or <sup>3</sup>He sends it forth under the  
whole

who has said, "You have done wrong"? heaven, His lightning to the  
ends of the

2 earth. 4 Remember to magnify His work, Of

which men have sung. 4After it a voice roars; He thunders with

2 restrain them when His voice is heard.

5Everyone has seen it; Man looks on it His majestic voice, And He does not

from afar.

2 voice; He does great things which we

6 Behold, God is great, and we do not 5God thunders marvelously with His

know Him; Nor can the number of His cannot comprehend. years be discovered.

2 earth'; Likewise to the gentle rain and

7For He draws up drops of water, 6 For He says to the snow, "Fall on the

Which distill as rain from the mist, the heavy rain of His strength.

2 7 ' Which the clouds drop down And pour He seals the hand of every man, That abundantly on man. all men may know His work.

2 8 ' Indeed, can anyone understand the The beasts go into dens, And remain in spreading of clouds, The thunder from their lairs. His canopy?

30 From the chamber of the south comes Look, He scatters His light

upon it, And the whirlwind, And cold from the  
covers the depths of the sea. scattering winds of the north.

1 2 0 By the breath of God ice is given, And 2

He comes from the north as golden  
the broad waters are frozen. splendor; With God is awesome majesty.

1 2 1 3 As for the Almighty, we cannot find Also with moisture He  
saturates the

thick clouds; He scatters His bright Him; He is excellent in power, In  
clouds. judgment and abundant justice; He does

not oppress.

12

And they swirl about, being turned by 4 Therefore men fear Him; He  
shows no

His guidance, That they may do 2 whatever He commands them On  
the partiality to any who are wise of heart."

face of the whole earth.

13 He causes it to come, Whether for

38 Then the LORD answered Job out

correction, Or for His land, Or for mercy. of the whirlwind, and  
said:

14 § Listen to this, O Job; Stand still and

2 Who is this who darkens counsel By  
consider the wondrous works of God. words without knowledge?

<sup>15</sup>Do you know when God dispatches

<sup>3</sup>Now prepare yourself like a man; I will

them, And causes the light of His cloud question you, and you shall answer Me.

to shine?

<sup>1</sup> Do you know how the clouds are foundations of the earth? Tell Me, if you

<sup>6 4</sup> Where were you when I laid the

balanced, Those wondrous works of have understanding. Him who is perfect in knowledge?

<sup>1</sup> Why are your garments hot, When He Surely you know! Or who stretched the

<sup>7 5</sup> Who determined its measurements?

quiets the earth by the south wind? line upon it?

<sup>1'</sup> With Him, have you spread out the To what were its foundations fastened?

6

skies, Strong as a cast metal mirror? Or who laid its cornerstone,

<sup>1 9</sup> Teach us what we should say to Him,

<sup>7</sup>When the morning stars sang together,



For we can prepare nothing because of And all the sons of God  
shouted for joy?

the darkness.

2 Should He be told that I wish to When it burst forth and issued from  
the

0 8 Or who shut in the sea with doors,

speak? If a man were to speak, surely womb; he would be swallowed  
up.

2 'When I made the clouds its garment, 1 Even now men cannot look  
at the light And thick darkness its swaddling band; when it is bright in  
the skies, When the

wind has passed and cleared them.

1 2 0When I fixed My limit for it, And set 2 Have you entered the  
treasury of bars and doors; snow, Or have you seen the treasury of

hail,

11

When I said, "This far you may come,

2 3

but no farther, And here your proud Which I have reserved for the  
time of

waves must stop!' trouble, For the day of battle and war?

1 2 4 2 Have you commanded the morning By what way is light  
diffused, Or the since your days began, And caused the east wind  
scattered over the earth? dawn to know its place,

254 Who has divided a channel for the

13That it might take hold of the ends of overflowing water, Or a path  
for the

the earth, And the wicked be shaken out thunderbolt,

2 6

To cause it to rain on a land where

14 takes on form like clay under a seal, there is no one, A wilderness  
in which

And stands out like a garment. there is no man;

1 2 5From the wicked their light is withheld, 7To satisfy the desolate  
waste, And And the upraised arm is broken. cause to spring forth the  
growth of

tender grass?

16 Have you entered the springs of the sea? Or have you walked in  
search of 2 8

Has the rain a father? Or who has  
the depths? begotten the drops of dew?

1 2 7

Have the gates of death been revealed ' From whose womb comes  
the ice?

to you? Or have you seen the doors of And the frost of heaven, who  
gives it

the shadow of death? birth?

1 3 ' Have you comprehended the breadth 0The waters harden like

stone, And the of the earth? Tell Me, if you know all this. surface of the deep is frozen.

1 3 9a Where is the way to the dwelling of 1 'Can you bind the cluster of the light? And darkness, where is its place, Pleiades, Or loose the belt of Orion?

20That you may take it to its territory, 32

Can you bring out Mazzaroth in its

That you may know the paths to its season? Or can you guide the Great

home? Bear with its cubs?

21 33Do you know the ordinances of the

Do you know it, because you were

born then, Or because the number of heavens? Can you set their dominion

your days is great? over the earth?

3 4 4 Can you lift up your voice to the

Their young ones are healthy, They

clouds, That an abundance of water grow strong with grain; They depart and

may cover you? do not return to them.

35 5 Who set the wild donkey free? Who Can you send out lightnings, that they may go, And say to you, "Here we are!"; loosed the bonds of the onager,

3 6 Who has put wisdom in the mind? Or Whose home I have made  
the

who has given understanding to the wilderness, And the barren land  
his

heart? dwelling?

3 7 Who can number the clouds by He scorns the tumult of the city;  
He

wisdom? Or who can pour out the does not heed the shouts of the  
driver.

bottles of heaven,

8 The range of the mountains is his

3 8 When the dust hardens in clumps, And pasture, And he searches  
after every

the clods cling together? green thing.

3 9 Can you hunt the prey for the lion, Or "Will the wild ox be willing  
to serve

satisfy the appetite of the young lions, you? Will he bed by your  
manger?

4 1 0 When they crouch in their dens, Or Can you bind the wild ox  
in the furrow

lurk in their lairs to lie in wait? with ropes? Or will he plow the  
valleys

behind you?

4 1 Who provides food for the raven, When its young ones cry to God,  
And 11 will you trust him because his strength wander about for lack of  
food? is great? Or will you leave your labor to

him?

39 Do you know the time when the Will you trust him to bring  
home your <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

grain, And gather it to your threshing  
wild mountain goats bear young? Or can  
floor?  
you mark when the deer gives birth?

<sup>134</sup>The wings of the ostrich wave proudly,  
<sup>2</sup>Can you number the months that they  
But are her wings and pinions like the  
fulfill? Or do you know the time when  
kindly stork's?  
they bear young?

For she leaves her eggs on the ground,  
<sup>3</sup>They bow down, They bring forth their <sup>14</sup>  
And warms them in the dust;  
young, They deliver their offspring.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

She forgets that a foot may crush them,  
Or that a wild beast may break them.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 68

She treats her young harshly, as On the rock it dwells and resides,

On

though they were not hers; Her labor is the crag of the rock and the stronghold.

in vain, without concern,

2 ' From there it spies out the prey; Its

17Because God deprived her of wisdom, eyes observe from afar.

And did not endow her with understanding. 30Its young ones suck up blood; And

1 where the slain are, there it is." 8When she lifts herself on high, She scorns the horse and its rider.

4oMoreover the LORD answered

1 "' Have you given the horse strength?

Job, and said:

Have you clothed his neck with thunder?

2 Can you frighten him like a locust? His Almighty correct Him? He who rebukes

0 2 Shall the one who contends with the

majestic snorting strikes terror. God, let him answer it."

21He paws in the valley, and rejoices in 3Then Job answered the LORD and

his strength; He gallops into the clash of said: arms.

2He mocks at fear, and is not 4 Behold, I am vile; What shall I answer

You? I lay my hand over my mouth.

frightened; Nor does he turn back from

the sword. 5Once I have spoken, but I will not

2 answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no 3The quiver rattles against him, The

further."

glittering spear and javelin.

4He devours the distance with 6Then the LORD answered Job out of

the whirlwind, and said:

fierceness and rage; Nor does he come

to a halt because the trumpet has 7

Now prepare yourself like a man; I will

sounded.

question you, and you shall answer Me:

25At the blast of the trumpet he says,

8 Would you indeed annul My

"Aha!" He smells the battle from afar,

judgment? Would you condemn Me that

The thunder of captains and shouting.

you may be justified?

26 Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,

'Have you an arm like God? Or can you

And spread its wings toward the south?

thunder with a voice like His?

27

Does the eagle mount up at your

command, And make its nest on high?

1 2 0 Then adorn yourself with majesty and The lotus trees cover him  
with their

splendor, And array yourself with glory shade; The willows by the  
brook

and beauty. surround him.

1 2 3 ndeed the river may rage, Yet he is 1 Disperse the rage of your  
wrath; Look on everyone who is proud, and humble not disturbed; He  
is confident, though

him. the Jordan gushes into his mouth,

1 2 2 4

Look on everyone who is proud, and Though he takes it in his eyes,  
Or one

bring him low; Tread down the wicked in pierces his nose with a  
snare. their place.



<sup>13</sup> Hide them in the dust together, Bind

<sup>41</sup> Can you draw out Leviathan with

their faces in hidden darkness. a hook, Or snare his tongue with a line

<sup>1</sup> which you lower? <sup>4</sup>Then I will also confess to you That your own  
right hand can save you. <sup>2</sup>

Can you put a reed through his nose,

<sup>1</sup> Or pierce his jaw with a hook? <sup>5</sup> 'Look now at the behemoth, which  
I

made along with you; He eats grass like <sup>3</sup>Will he make many  
supplications to

an ox.

you? Will he speak softly to you?

<sup>16</sup>

See now, his strength is in his hips, <sup>4</sup>

And his power is in his stomach muscles. Will he make a covenant  
with you? Will

you take him as a servant forever?

<sup>17</sup>

He moves his tail like a cedar; The <sup>5</sup>

Will you play with him as with a bird, Or

sinews of his thighs are tightly knit.

will you leash him for your maidens?

18His bones are like beams of bronze,

6 Will your companions make a banquet

His ribs like bars of iron. of him? Will they apportion him among

1 the merchants? 9He is the first of the ways of God; Only

He who made him can bring near His 7 Can you fill his skin with harpoons, Or sword. his head with fishing spears?

20Surely the mountains yield food for 8Lay your hand on him; Remember the him, And all the beasts of the field play battle-- Never do it again! there.

2 'Indeed, any hope of overcoming him is 1

He lies under the lotus trees, In a false; Shall one not be overwhelmed at

covert of reeds and marsh. the sight of him?

1 2 0No one is so fierce that he would dare 3The folds of his flesh are joined stir him up. Who then is able to stand together; They are firm on him and

against Me? cannot be moved.

1 2 14

Who has preceded Me, that I should His heart is as hard as stone, Even as

pay him? Everything under heaven is hard as the lower millstone. Mine.

2 5When he raises himself up, the mighty

12 will not conceal his limbs, His mighty

are afraid; Because of his crashings  
power, or his graceful proportions. they are beside themselves.

123Who can remove his outer coat? Who 6Though the sword reaches  
him, it can approach him with a double bridle? cannot avail; Nor does  
spear, dart, or

javelin.

14

Who can open the doors of his face, 7He regards iron as straw, And  
bronze

With his terrible teeth all around? 2

as rotten wood.

15His rows of scales are his pride, Shut up tightly as with a seal; 2  
8The arrow cannot make him flee;

Slingstones become like stubble to him.

16

One is so near another That no air can

come between them; 2 ' Darts are regarded as straw; He

laughs at the threat of javelins.

17They are joined one to another, They stick together and cannot be  
parted. 30His undersides are like sharp

potsherds; He spreads pointed marks in

18His sneezings flash forth light, And his the mire.

eyes are like the eyelids of the morning. 31He makes the deep boil  
like a pot; He

1 makes the sea like a pot of ointment. ' Out of his mouth go burning

lights;

Sparks of fire shoot out. 32He leaves a shining wake behind him;

20 One would think the deep had white hair.

Smoke goes out of his nostrils, As

from a boiling pot and burning rushes. 33On earth there is nothing  
like him,

21His breath kindles coals, And a flame Which is made without fear.

goes out of his mouth. 34He beholds every high thing; He is

22Strength dwells in his neck, And king over all the children of pride."

sorrow dances before him.

went and did as the LORD commanded

42Then them; for the LORD had accepted Job. Job answered the  
LORD

and said: 10And the LORD restored Job's losses

2 when he prayed for his friends. Indeed I know that You can do  
everything,

And that no purpose of Yours can be the LORD gave Job twice as  
much as

he had before.

withheld from You.

3You asked, "Who is this who hides 1 Then all his brothers, all his

counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I and all those who had been his

have uttered what I did not understand, acquaintances before, came to him and

ate food with him in his house; and they

Things too wonderful for me, which I did

not know. consoled him and comforted him for all

the adversity that the LORD had brought

4 upon him. Each one gave him a piece of

Listen, please, and let me speak; You silver and each a ring of gold.

said, "I will question you, and you shall

answer Me.' 12

Now the LORD blessed the latter days

5 of Job more than his beginning; for he

I have heard of You by the hearing of

had fourteen thousand sheep, six

the ear, But now my eye sees You. thousand camels, one thousand yoke of

6 oxen, and one thousand f e ema ale

Therefore I abhor myself, And repent in donkeys.

dust and ashes."

1 3He also had seven sons and three

7And so it was, after the LORD had daughters. spoken these words to Job, that the

LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "My 1 4And he called the name of the first wrath is aroused against you and your

Jemimah, the name of the second

two friends, for you have not spoken of Keziah, and the name of the third

Me what is right, as My servant Job has. Keren-Happuch.

8Now therefore, take for yourselves 5 n all the land were found no women

1

seven bulls and seven rams, go to My so beautiful as the daughters of Job;

servant Job, and offer up for yourselves and their father gave them an a burnt offering; and My servant Job inheritance among their brothers. shall pray for you. For I will accept him,

lest I deal with you according to your 16After this Job lived one hundred and folly; because you have not spoken of forty years, and saw his children and Me what is right, as My servant Job grandchildren for four generations. has."

'So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the So Job died, old and full of days. 1 7 Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite

# The Exit of Israel from Egypt

11Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens.

1 And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Now these are the names of the

children of Israel who came to Egypt;

each man and his household came with <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>But the more they afflicted them, the Jacob:

more they multiplied and grew. And they

<sup>2</sup> were in dread of the children of Israel.

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah;

<sup>3</sup> So the Egyptians made the children of <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin; Israel serve with rigor.

<sup>4</sup>Dan, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. <sup>4</sup>And they made their lives bitter with

1

s hard bondage--in mortar, in brick, and in

All those who were descendants of all manner of service in the field. All their

Jacob were seventy persons (for Joseph service in which they made them serve

was in Egypt already). was with rigor.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> And Joseph died, all his brothers, and <sup>5</sup>Then the king of Egypt spoke to the all that generation. Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of

one was Shiprah and the name of the

<sup>7</sup>But the children of Israel were fruitful other Puah; and increased abundantly, multiplied

and grew exceedingly mighty; and the 1 6 and he said, "When you do the duties land was filled with them. of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and

see them on the birthstools, if it is a son,

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, then you shall kill him; but if it is a

who did not know Joseph. daughter, then she shall live."

'And he said to his people, "Look, the But the midwives feared God, and did 1 7

people of the children of Israel are more not do as the king of Egypt commanded

and mightier than we; them, but saved the male children alive.

1 1 08

come, let us deal shrewdly with them, So the king of Egypt called for the

lest they multiply, and it happen, in the midwives and said to them, "Why have

event of war, that they also join our you done this thing, and saved the male

enemies and fight against us, and so go children alive?" up out of the land."

1' And the midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are she had compassion on him, and said,

lively and give birth before the midwives "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

come to them."



2 daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for

0Therefore God dealt well with the 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh's

midwives, and the people multiplied and you from the Hebrew women, that she

grew very mighty. may nurse the child for you?"

2 8 1 And so it was, because the midwives And Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

feared God, that He provided "Go." So the maiden went and called the households for them. child's mother.

22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her,

saying, "Every son who is born you shall "Take this child away and nurse him for

cast into the river, and every daughter me, and I will give you your wages." So

you shall save alive." the woman took the child and nursed

him.

2 1 And a man of the house of Levi went 0And the child grew, and she brought

and took as wife a daughter of Levi. him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he

became her son. So she called his

2 name Moses, saying, "Because I drew

So the woman conceived and bore a him out of the water."

son. And when she saw that he was a

beautiful child, she hid him three months. <sup>1</sup>

Now it came to pass in those days,

<sup>3</sup>But when she could no longer hide him, when Moses was grown, that he went

out to his brethren and looked at their

she took an ark of bulrushes for him,

burdens. And he saw an Egyptian

daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the

beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.

child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the

river's bank. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>So he looked this way and that way, <sup>4</sup> and when he saw no one, he killed the

And his sister stood afar off, to know

Egyptian and hid him in the sand.

what would be done to him.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>And when he went out the second day,

<sup>5</sup>Then the daughter of Pharaoh came behold, two Hebrew men were fighting,

down to bathe at the river. And her and he said to the one who did the

maidens walked along the riverside; and wrong, "Why are you striking your

when she saw the ark among the reeds,

companion?"

she sent her maid to get it.

1 4Then he said, "Who made you a prince

6And when she opened it, she saw the

and a judge over us? Do you intend to  
child, and behold, the baby wept. So

kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely  
this of the bondage, and they cried out; and  
thing is known!" their cry came up to God because of the  
bondage.

15When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he

2 4

sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled So God heard their groaning, and  
God

from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in remembered His covenant with  
the land of Midian; and he sat down by a Abraham, with Isaac, and  
with Jacob.

well.

2 5

1 Israel, and God acknowledged them.

6Now the priest of Midian had seven And God looked upon the  
children of

daughters. And they came and drew

water, and they filled the troughs to

water their father's flock. 3Now Moses was tending the flock of

1 Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of 7

Then the shepherds came and drove Midian. And he led the flock to

the back  
them away; but Moses stood up and  
of the desert, and came to Horeb, the  
helped them, and watered their flock.  
mountain of God.

1 ' When they came to Reuel their father,  
2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared  
he said, "How is it that you have come  
to him in a flame of fire from the midst of  
so soon today?"  
a bush. So he looked, and behold, the

1 bush was burning with fire, but the bush 9 And they said, "An  
Egyptian delivered was not consumed.  
us from the hand of the shepherds, and  
he also drew enough water for us and 3Then Moses said, "I will now  
turn aside  
watered the flock."

and see this great sight, why the bush  
2 does not burn." 0 So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why  
is it that you have left 4

So when the LORD saw that he turned  
the man? Call him, that he may eat aside to look, God called to him  
from the

bread." midst of the bush and said, "Moses,

2 Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 1 Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his 5

Then He said, "Do not draw near this daughter to Moses.

place. Take your sandals off your feet,

2 for the place where you stand is holy 2 And she bore him a son. He called his ground."

name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land." 6

Moreover He said, "I am the God of

2 your father--the God of Abraham, the 3 Now it happened in the process of

God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

time that the king of Egypt died. Then And Moses hid his face, for he was

the children of Israel groaned because afraid to look upon God.

7 14

And the LORD said: "I have surely And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I

seen the oppression of My people who AM." And He said, "Thus you shall say

are in Egypt, and have heard their cry to the children of Israel, "I AM has sent

because of their taskmasters, for I know me to you." their sorrows.

8 So I have come down to deliver them you shall say to the children of Israel:

out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to "The LORD God of your fathers, the

bring them up from that land to a good God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and

and large land, to a land flowing with the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.

milk and honey, to the place of the This is My name forever, and this is My

Canaanites and the Hittites and the memorial to all generations.' Amorites and the Perizzites and the

Hivites and the Jebusites. 1 6 Go and gather the elders of Israel

together, and say to them, "The LORD

'Now therefore, behold, the cry of the God of your fathers, the God of children of Israel has come to Me, and I Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob,

have also seen the oppression with appeared to me, saying, "I have surely

which the Egyptians oppress them. visited you and seen what is done to

you in Egypt;

10

Come now, therefore, and I will send

1 7

you to Pharaoh that you may bring My and I have said I will bring you up out

people, the children of Israel, out of of the affliction of Egypt to the

land of

Egypt." the Canaanites and the Hittites and the

Amorites and the Perizzites and the

11 Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that

I should go to Pharaoh, and that I flowing with milk and honey."

should bring the children of Israel out of 8Then they will heed your voice; and

Egypt?" 1

you shall come, you and the elders of

12 Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you

So He said, "I will certainly be with you.

And this shall be a sign to you that I shall say to him, "The LORD God of the

have sent you: When you have brought Hebrews has met with us; and now,

the people out of Egypt, you shall serve please, let us go three days' journey into

God on this mountain." the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to

the LORD our God.'

13 Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, 1 when I come to the children of Israel ' But I am sure that the king of Egypt

and say to them, "The God of your will not let you go, no, not even by a

fathers has sent me to you,' and they mighty hand. say to me, "What is His name?' what

shall I say to them?" so I will stretch out My hand and strike

Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in its midst; and after that  
he will let he put his hand in his bosom, and when

you go. he took it out, behold, his hand was

leprous, like snow.

21

And I will give this people favor in the

sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, 7And He said, "Put your hand in  
your when you go, that you shall not go bosom again." So he put his  
hand in his

empty-handed. bosom again, and drew it out of his

bosom, and behold, it was restored like

22 his other flesh.

But every woman shall ask of her

neighbor, namely, of her who dwells

near her house, articles of silver, articles 8 Then it will be, if they do  
not believe of gold, and clothing; and you shall put you, nor heed the  
message of the first

them on your sons and on your sign, that they may believe the  
message

daughters. So you shall plunder the of the latter sign. Egyptians."

'And it shall be, if they do not believe

even these two signs, or listen to your

4Then Moses answered and said, "But voice, that you shall take water  
from the

suppose they will not believe me or river and pour it on the dry land.  
The



water which you take from the river will

listen to my voice; suppose they say,

"The LORD has not appeared to you." become blood on the dry land."

1 0Then Moses said to the LORD, "O my

2So the LORD said to him, "What is that

Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before  
in your hand?" He said, "A rod."

nor since You have spoken to Your

3 servant; but I am slow of speech and And He said, "Cast it on the  
ground." slow of tongue." So he cast it on the ground, and it

became a serpent; and Moses fled from 1 it. So the LORD said to him,  
"Who has

made man's mouth? Or who makes the

4 mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind?

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Reach Have not I, the LORD?

out your hand and take it by the tail"

(and he reached out his hand and 1 2Now therefore, go, and I will be  
with caught it, and it became a rod in his your mouth and teach you  
what you hand), shall say."

5 that they may believe that the LORD 3 God of their fathers, the  
God of 1 But he said, "O my Lord, please send

Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the by the hand of whomever else You  
may

God of Jacob, has appeared to you." send."

1 4

6 So the anger of the LORD was kindled Furthermore the LORD said to him,

"Now put your hand in your bosom." And against Moses, and He said:  
"Is not

Aaron the Levite your brother? I know 2 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus that he can speak well. And look, he is says the LORD:  
"Israel is My son, My

also coming out to meet you. When he firstborn. sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

2 3

So I say to you, let My son go that he

15

Now you shall speak to him and put may serve Me. But if you refuse to let

the words in his mouth. And I will be him go, indeed I will kill your son, your

with your mouth and with his mouth, and firstborn. ' I will teach you what you shall do.

2 4And it came to pass on the way, at the

16

So he shall be your spokesman to the encampment, that the LORD met him

people. And he himself shall be as a and sought to kill him. mouth for you, and you shall be to him

as God. 2 5Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and

cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it

17 And you shall take this rod in your at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely

hand, with which you shall do the signs." a husband of blood to me!"

1 2 ' So Moses went and returned to Jethro 6 So He let him go. Then she said, "You his father-in-law, and said to him, are a husband of blood!"--because of

"Please let me go and return to my the circumcision. brethren who are in Egypt, and see

whether they are still alive." And Jethro 2 7

And the LORD said to Aaron, "Go into said to Moses, "Go in peace." the wilderness to meet Moses." So he

went and met him on the mountain of

1' Now the LORD said to Moses in God, and kissed him. Midian, "Go, return to Egypt; for all the

men who sought your life are dead." 2 8

So Moses told Aaron all the words of

2 signs which He had commanded him.

0 Then Moses took his wife and his sons the LORD who had sent him, and all the

and set them on a donkey, and he

returned to the land of Egypt. And 2 ' Then Moses and Aaron went and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. gathered together all the elders of the

children of Israel.

21

And the LORD said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do 30 And Aaron spoke all the

words which

all those wonders before Pharaoh which the LORD had spoken to Moses. Then

I have put in your hand. But I will harden he did the signs in the sight of the

his heart, so that he will not let the people. people go.

31

So the people believed; and when they

heard that the LORD had visited the

children of Israel and that He had looked on their affliction, then they bowed their therefore they cry out, saying, "Let us go

heads and worshiped. and sacrifice to our God.'

9Let more work be laid on the men, that

5Afterward Moses and Aaron went in they may labor in it, and let them not

regard false words."

and told Pharaoh, "Thus says the LORD

God of Israel: "Let My people go, that 1 0And the taskmasters of the people and they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness." their officers went out and spoke to the

people, saying, "Thus says Pharaoh: "I

2 will not give you straw. And Pharaoh said, "Who is the LORD,

that I should obey His voice to let Israel 1 Go, get yourselves straw where you go? I do not know the LORD, nor will I let Israel go." can find it; yet none of your work will be

reduced."

3 So they said, "The God of the Hebrews <sup>1</sup> has met with us. Please, let us go three So the people were scattered abroad <sup>2</sup>

days' throughout all the land of Egypt to journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest He gather stubble instead of straw.

fall upon us with pestilence or with the <sup>3</sup>And the taskmasters forced them to

sword." <sup>1</sup>

hurry, saying, "Fulfill your work, your

<sup>4</sup> daily quota, as when there was straw." Then the king of Egypt said to them,

"Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Also the officers of the children of your labor." Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters

had set over them, were beaten and

<sup>5</sup> were asked, "Why have you not fulfilled And Pharaoh said, "Look, the people of

the land are many now, and you make your task in making brick both yesterday

them rest from their labor!" and today, as before?"

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>Then the officers of the children of

So the same day Pharaoh commanded

the taskmasters of the people and their Israel came and cried out to

Pharaoh,

officers, saying, saying, "Why are you dealing thus with  
your servants?

7 You shall no longer give the people 6There is no straw given to your  
straw to make brick as before. Let them 1 go and gather straw for  
themselves. servants, and they say to us, "Make

brick!" And indeed your servants are

8 beaten, but the fault is in your own And you shall lay on them the  
quota of

people."

bricks which they made before. You  
shall not reduce it. For they are idle;

17 I I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to

But he said, "You are idle! Idle!

Therefore you say, "Let us go and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My  
sacrifice to the LORD.' name LORD I was not known to them.

1 4 ' Therefore go now and work; for no 1 have also established My  
covenant straw shall be given you, yet you shall with them, to give  
them the land of

deliver the quota of bricks." Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in

which they were strangers.

1 ' And the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in  
trouble after 5And I have also heard the groaning of it was said, "You  
shall not reduce any the children of Israel whom the

bricks from your daily quota." Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have

remembered My covenant.

20Then, as they came out from Pharaoh, they met Moses and Aaron who stood 6Therefore say to the children of Israel: there to meet them. "I am the LORD; I will bring you out from

under the burdens of the Egyptians, I

21 will rescue you from their bondage, and

And they said to them, "Let the LORD

look on you and judge, because you I will redeem you with an outstretched

have made us abhorrent in the sight of arm and with great judgments. Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants,

to put a sword in their hand to kill us." 71 will take you as My people, and I will

be your God. Then you shall know that I

22 am the LORD your God who brings you

So Moses returned to the LORD and

said, "Lord, why have You brought out from under the burdens of the trouble on this people? Why is it You Egyptians. have sent me?

8And I will bring you into the land which I

23For since I came to Pharaoh to speak swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and

in Your name, he has done evil to this Jacob; and I will give it to you as a

people; neither have You delivered Your heritage: I am the LORD." people at all."

9So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses,

6Then the LORD said to Moses, "Now because of anguish of spirit and cruel

bondage.

you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh.

For with a strong hand he will let them <sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, go, and with a strong hand he will drive

them out of his land." <sup>11</sup> Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let

<sup>2</sup> the children of Israel go out of his land." And God spoke to Moses and said to

him: "I am the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>

And Moses spoke before the LORD, him Aaron and Moses. And the years of

saying, "The children of Israel have not the life of Amram were one hundred and

heeded me. How then shall Pharaoh thirty-seven. heed me, for I am of uncircumcised

lips?" <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>The sons of Izhar were Korah, Nepheg,

and Zichri.

<sup>13</sup>

Then the LORD spoke to Moses and

Aaron, and gave them a command for <sup>2</sup> And the sons of Uzziel were Mishael, the children of Israel and for Pharaoh Elzaphan, and Zithri. king of Egypt, to bring the children of

Israel out of the land of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Aaron took to himself Elisheba,

<sup>1</sup> daughter of Amminadab, sister of <sup>4</sup> These are the heads of their fathers' Nahshon, as wife; and she bore him



houses: The sons of Reuben, the Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.  
firstborn of Israel, were Hanoch, Pallu,  
Hezron, and Carmi. These are the <sup>24</sup>

And the sons of Korah were Assir,  
families of Reuben.

Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the

<sup>1</sup> families of the Korahites. <sup>5</sup> And the sons of Simeon were Jemuel,

Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Eleazar, Aaron's son, took  
for himself the son of a Canaanite woman. These

one of the daughters of Putiel as wife;  
are the families of Simeon.

and she bore him Phinehas. These are

<sup>1</sup> the heads of the fathers' houses of the <sup>6</sup>These are the names of the  
sons of

Levites according to their families.

Levi according to their generations:

Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. And the <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>

These are the same Aaron and Moses

years of the life of Levi were one to whom the LORD said, "Bring out  
the

hundred and thirty-seven. children of Israel from the land of Egypt

<sup>1</sup> according to their armies." <sup>7</sup> The sons of Gershon were Libni and

Shimi according to their families. <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>These are the ones who spoke to <sup>1</sup>

Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the

' And the sons of Kohath were Amram, children of Israel from Egypt.  
These are

Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the the same Moses and Aaron. years  
of the life of Kohath were one

hundred and thirty-three. 2' And it came to pass, on the day the

LORD spoke to Moses in the land of

1' The sons of Merari were Mahli and Egypt, Mushi. These are the  
families of Levi

according to their generations. 2

' that the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

2 "I am the LORD. Speak to Pharaoh king ONow Amram took for  
himself Jochebed,

of Egypt all that I say to you."

his father's sister, as wife; and she bore 30But Moses said before the  
LORD, and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it

"Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and become a serpent." how shall  
Pharaoh heed me?"

10

So Moses and Aaron went in to

Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the

7So the LORD said to Moses: "See, I LORD commanded. And Aaron  
cast

have made you as God to Pharaoh, and down his rod before Pharaoh  
and before

Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. his servants, and it became  
a serpent.

1 But Pharaoh also called the wise men  
2 You shall speak all that I command you.  
and the sorcerers; so the magicians of  
And Aaron your brother shall tell  
Egypt, they also did in like manner with  
Pharaoh to send the children of Israel  
out of his land. their enchantments.

3 For every man threw down his rod, And I will harden Pharaoh's  
heart, and 1 2  
multiply My signs and My wonders in the and they became serpents.  
But Aaron's  
rod swallowed up their rods.  
land of Egypt.

13 And Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and  
4 But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I  
he did not heed them, as the LORD had  
may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My  
said.  
armies and My people, the children of

Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great 14 So the LORD said to Moses:  
judgments. "Pharaoh's heart is hard; he refuses to  
5 let the people go. And the Egyptians shall know that I am

the LORD, when I stretch out My hand <sup>1</sup> 5Go to Pharaoh in the morning, when on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them." he goes out to the water, and you shall

stand by the river's bank to meet him;

<sup>6</sup> and the rod which was turned to a

Then Moses and Aaron did so; just as

serpent you shall take in your hand.

the LORD commanded them, so they

did. <sup>1</sup> 6And you shall say to him, "The LORD <sup>7</sup> God of the Hebrews has sent me to you,

And Moses was eighty years old and

Aaron eighty-three years old when they saying, "Let My people go, that they

spoke to Pharaoh. may serve Me in the wilderness"; but

indeed, until now you would not hear!

<sup>8</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses and <sup>7</sup> Aaron, saying, <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: "By this you

shall know that I am the LORD. Behold,

I will strike the waters which are in the

"When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying,

"Show a miracle for yourselves,' then river with the rod that is in my hand, and

they shall be turned to blood.

you shall say to Aaron, "Take your rod <sup>1</sup> And the fish that are in the river shall die, the river shall stink, and the <sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to

Moses, "Go

Egyptians will loathe to drink the water

of the river. ' to Pharaoh and say to him, "Thus says

the LORD: "Let My people go, that they

1 may serve Me.

' Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say

to Aaron, "Take your rod and stretch out 2

But if you refuse to let them go, behold,

your hand over the waters of Egypt,

I will smite all your territory with frogs.

over their streams, over their rivers, over

their ponds, and over all their pools of 3So the river shall bring forth  
frogs

water, that they may become blood. And

there shall be blood throughout all the abundantly, which shall go up  
and come

land of Egypt, both in buckets of wood into your house, into your  
bedroom, on

and pitchers of your bed, into the houses of your stone."

servants, on your people, into your

2 ovens, and into your kneading bowls. 0

And Moses and Aaron did so, just as

the LORD commanded. So he lifted up 4 And the frogs shall come up  
on you, on the rod and struck the waters that were ' your people, and  
on all your servants. in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the

sight of his servants. And all the

waters that were in the river were turned 5Then the LORD spoke to Moses, "Say to blood. to Aaron, "Stretch out your hand with

your rod over the streams, over the

21 rivers, and over the ponds, and cause

The fish that were in the river died, the frogs to come up on the land of Egypt."

river stank, and the Egyptians could not

drink the water of the river. So there was 6 So Aaron stretched out his hand over blood throughout all the land of Egypt.

the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came

22 up and covered the land of Egypt.

Then the magicians of Egypt did so

with their enchantments; and Pharaoh's 7And the magicians did so with their heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, as the LORD had said. enchantments, and brought up frogs on

the land of Egypt.

23

And Pharaoh turned and went into his

house. Neither was his heart moved by 8Then Pharaoh called for Moses and

this. Aaron, and said, "Entreat the LORD that

He may take away the frogs from me

24 and from my people; and I will let the

So all the Egyptians dug all around the

river for water to drink, because they people go, that they may sacrifice to the

could not drink the water of the river. LORD."

2 And Moses said to Pharaoh, "Accept

5 And seven days passed after the 9

LORD had struck the river. the honor of saying when I shall

intercede for you, for your servants, and for your people, to destroy  
the frogs 18 Now the magicians so worked with from you and your  
houses, that they their enchantments to bring forth lice,

may remain in the river only." but they could not. So there were lice  
on

man and beast.

10

So he said, "Tomorrow." And he said,

"Let it be according to your word, that 1' Then the magicians said to  
Pharaoh, you may know that there is no one like "This is the finger of  
God." But

the LORD our God. Pharaoh's heart grew hard, and he did

not heed them, just as the LORD had

11 And the frogs shall depart from you, said.

from your houses, from your servants, 0 And the LORD said to Moses,  
"Rise

and from your people. They shall remain 2 in the river only." early in  
the morning and stand before

Pharaoh as he comes out to the water.

12 Then say to him, "Thus says the LORD:

Then Moses and Aaron went out from

Pharaoh. And Moses cried out to the "Let My people go, that they may serve

LORD concerning the frogs which He Me. had brought against Pharaoh.

2 1

Or else, if you will not let My people go,

13 So the LORD did according to the behold, I will send swarms of flies on

word of Moses. And the frogs died out of you and your servants, on your people

the houses, out of the courtyards, and and into your houses. The houses of the

out of the fields. Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies,

and also the ground on which they stand.

14 They gathered them together in heaps, 2 and the land stank. And in that day I will set apart the land 2

of Goshen, in which My people dwell,

15 that no swarms of flies shall be there, in

But when Pharaoh saw that there was

order that you may know that I am the

relief, he hardened his heart and did not

LORD in the midst of the land.

heed them, as the LORD had said.

2 3 will make a difference between My



So the LORD said to Moses, "Say to  
 people and your people. Tomorrow this  
 Aaron, "Stretch out your rod, and strike  
 sign shall be."  
 the dust of the land, so that it may

become lice throughout all the land of <sup>2</sup> 4And the LORD did so. Thick  
 swarms of Egypt."

flies came into the house of Pharaoh,  
<sup>1</sup> into his servants' houses, and into all the <sup>7</sup>And they did so. For  
 Aaron stretched

land of Egypt. The land was corrupted  
 out his hand with his rod and struck the  
 because of the swarms of flies.

dust of the earth, and it became lice on  
 man and beast. All the dust of the land  
 became lice throughout all the land of  
 Egypt.

<sup>25</sup>Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, "Go, sacrifice to  
 your <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go  
 God in the land." in to Pharaoh and tell him, "Thus says

<sup>2</sup> the LORD God of the Hebrews: "Let My <sup>6</sup> And Moses said, "It is not  
 right to do people go, that they may serve Me.  
 so, for we would be sacrificing the

abomination of the Egyptians to the 2 For if you refuse to let them go,  
and still LORD our God. If we sacrifice the

hold them,

abomination of the Egyptians before

their eyes, then will they not stone us? 3behold, the hand of the LORD  
will be

2 on your cattle in the field, on the horses, 7 We will go three days'  
journey into

the

on the donkeys, on the camels, on the

wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD oxen, and on the sheep--a very  
severe

our God as He will command us." pestilence.

28So Pharaoh said, "I will let you go, that 4And the LORD will make a  
difference you may sacrifice to the LORD your God between the  
livestock of Israel and the

in the wilderness; only you shall not go livestock of Egypt. So nothing  
shall die

very far away. Intercede for me." of all that belongs to the children of

2 Israel. ' 9Then Moses said, "Indeed I am going out from you, and I  
will entreat the 5

Then the LORD appointed a set time,

LORD, that the swarms of flies may

saying, "Tomorrow the LORD will do this

depart tomorrow from Pharaoh, from his thing in the land." servants,

and from his people. But let

Pharaoh not deal deceitfully anymore in 6

So the LORD did this thing on the next  
not letting the people go to sacrifice to

day, and all the livestock of Egypt died;  
the LORD."

but of the livestock of the children of

30 Israel, not one died. So Moses went out from Pharaoh and

entreated the LORD. 7Then Pharaoh sent, and indeed, not

31And the LORD did according to the even one of the livestock of the

Israelites was dead. But the heart of  
word of Moses; He removed the swarms Pharaoh became hard, and he  
did not

of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, let the people go. and from  
his people. Not one remained.

32 8So the LORD said to Moses and Aaron,

But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this "Take for yourselves  
handfuls of ashes

time also; neither would he let the from a furnace, and let Moses  
scatter it

people go. toward the heavens in the sight of

Pharaoh.

'And it will become fine dust in all the As yet you exalt yourself  
against My

land of Egypt, and it will cause boils that people in that you will not  
let them go.

break out in sores on man and beast

throughout all the land of Egypt." 18Behold, tomorrow about this time  
I will

cause very heavy hail to rain down,

10

Then they took ashes from the furnace such as has not been in  
Egypt since its

and stood before Pharaoh, and Moses founding until now. scattered  
them toward heaven. And they

caused boils that break out in sores on 1 ' Therefore send now and  
gather your man and beast. livestock and all that you have in the

field, for the hail shall come down on

11And the magicians could not stand every man and every animal  
which is

before Moses because of the boils, for found in the field and is not  
brought

the boils were on the magicians and on home; and they shall die. ' all  
the Egyptians.

20He who feared the word of the LORD

12 But the LORD hardened the heart of among the servants of Pharaoh  
made

Pharaoh; and he did not heed them, just his servants and his livestock  
flee to the

as the LORD had spoken to Moses. houses.

12 1 3Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise But he who did not regard  
the word of

early in the morning and stand before the LORD left his servants and  
his

Pharaoh, and say to him, "Thus says the livestock in the field. LORD  
God of the Hebrews: "Let My

people go, that they may serve Me, 2 Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Stretch out your hand toward heaven,

14 or at this time I will send all My that there may be hail in all the  
land of

plagues to your very heart, and on your Egypt--on man, on beast, and  
on every

servants and on your people, that you herb of the field, throughout  
the land of

may know that there is none like Me in Egypt." all the earth.

2 3And Moses stretched out his rod

15Now if I had stretched out My hand toward heaven; and the LORD  
sent

and struck you and your people with thunder and hail, and fire darted  
to the

pestilence, then you would have been ground. And the LORD rained  
hail on

cut off from the earth. the land of Egypt.

12 6 4So there was hail, and fire mingled But indeed for this purpose I  
have raised you up, that I may show My with the hail, so very heavy  
that there

power in you, and that My name may be was none like it in all the land of Egypt

declared in all the earth. since it became a nation.

25And the hail struck throughout the 34And when Pharaoh saw that the rain,

whole land of Egypt, all that was in the the hail, and the thunder had ceased, he

field, both man and beast; and the hail sinned yet more; and he hardened his

struck every herb of the field and broke heart, he and his servants. every tree of the field.

35

So the heart of Pharaoh was hard;

26

Only in the land of Goshen, where the neither would he let the children of Israel

children of Israel were, there was no hail. go, as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

27And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "I 1 ONow the LORD said to Moses, have sinned this time. The LORD is "Go in to Pharaoh; for I have hardened

righteous, and my people and I are his heart and the hearts of his servants,

wicked. that I may show these signs of Mine

2 before him, 8Entreat the LORD, that there may be no more mighty thundering and hail, for 2

and that you may tell in the hearing of

it is enough. I will let you go, and you your son and your son's son the mighty

shall stay no longer."

things I have done in Egypt, and My

2 signs which I have done among them, 9So Moses said to him, "As soon as I

that you may know that I am the LORD."

have gone out of the city, I will spread

out my hands to the LORD; the thunder 3

So Moses and Aaron came in to

will cease, and there will be no more hail,

Pharaoh and said to him, "Thus says the

that you may know that the earth is the

LORD's. LORD God of the Hebrews: "How long

will you refuse to humble yourself before

30But as for you and your servants, I Me? Let My people go, that they may

serve Me.

know that you will not yet fear the LORD

God." 4

Or else, if you refuse to let My people

31Now the flax and the barley were go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts

into your territory.

struck, for the barley was in the head

and the flax was in bud. <sup>5</sup>

And they shall cover the face of the

32But the wheat and the spelt were not earth, so that no one will be able to see

the earth; and they shall eat the residue

struck, for they are late crops. of what is left, which remains to you

from the hail, and they shall eat every

33So Moses went out of the city from tree which grows up for you out of the

Pharaoh and spread out his hands to field. the LORD; then the thunder and the hail

ceased, and the rain was not poured on <sup>6</sup> They shall fill your houses, the houses the earth. of all your servants, and the houses of

all the Egyptians--which neither your day and all that night. When it was

fathers nor your fathers' fathers have morning, the east wind brought the

seen, since the day that they were on locusts. the earth to this day." And he turned

and went out from Pharaoh. <sup>1</sup> 4And the locusts went up over all the

land of Egypt and rested on all the

<sup>7</sup>Then Pharaoh's servants said to him, territory of Egypt. They were very

"How long shall this man be a snare to severe; previously there had been no



us? Let the men go, that they may serve such locusts as they, nor shall there be

the LORD their God. Do you not yet such after them. know that Egypt is destroyed?"

1 5For they covered the face of the whole

8So Moses and Aaron were brought earth, so that the land was darkened;

again to Pharaoh, and he said to them, and they ate every herb of the land and

"Go, serve the LORD your God. Who all the fruit of the trees which the hail

are the ones that are going?" had left. So there remained nothing

green on the trees or on the plants of

'And Moses said, "We will go with our the field throughout all the land of Egypt.

young and our old; with our sons and 6Then Pharaoh called for Moses and

our daughters, with our flocks and our 1 herds we will go, for we must hold a Aaron in haste, and said, "I have sinned

feast to the LORD." against the LORD your God and against

you.

10Then he said to them, "The LORD had

1 7

better be with you when I let you and Now therefore, please forgive my sin

your little ones go! Beware, for evil is only this once, and entreat the LORD

ahead of you. your God, that He may take away from

me this death only."

11Not so! Go now, you who are men, and serve the LORD, for that is what 18

So he went out from Pharaoh and

you desired." And they were driven out entreated the LORD. from Pharaoh's presence.

1 ' And the LORD turned a very strong

12

Then the LORD said to Moses, west wind, which took the locusts away

"Stretch out your hand over the land of and blew them into the Red Sea. There

Egypt for the locusts, that they may remained not one locust in all the come upon the land of Egypt, and eat territory of Egypt. every herb of the land--all that the hail

has left." 2 the LORD hardened Pharaoh's 0But

heart, and he did not let the children of

13

So Moses stretched out his rod over Israel go.

the land of Egypt, and the LORD

brought an east wind on the land all that

21

Then the LORD said to Moses,

"Stretch out your hand toward heaven, 1 1 And the LORD said to Moses, "I that there may be darkness over the will bring one more plague on Pharaoh

land of Egypt, darkness which may even

and on Egypt. Afterward he will let you  
be felt." go from here. When he lets you go, he

2 will surely drive you out of here 2 So Moses stretched out his hand  
altogether.

toward heaven, and there was thick

darkness in all the land of Egypt three 2

Speak now in the hearing of the people,  
days. and let every man ask from his neighbor

2 and every woman from her neighbor, 3They did not see one another;  
nor did

articles of silver and articles of gold."  
anyone rise from his place for three

days. But all the children of Israel had 3And the LORD gave the  
people favor in

light in their dwellings. the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the

2 man Moses was very great in the land of

4 Then Pharaoh called to Moses and Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's  
servants

said, "Go, serve the LORD; only let your and in the sight of the people.  
flocks and your herds be kept back. Let

your little ones also go with you." 4

Then Moses said, "Thus says the

2 LORD: "About midnight I will go out into 5But Moses said, "You  
must also give

the midst of Egypt;

us sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we

may sacrifice to the LORD our God. and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt <sup>2</sup> shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh

6

Our livestock also shall go with us; not who sits on his throne, even to the

a hoof shall be left behind. For we must firstborn of the female servant who is

take some of them to serve the LORD behind the handmill, and all the firstborn

our God, and even we do not know with of the animals. what we must serve the LORD until we

arrive there." <sup>6</sup>Then there shall be a great cry <sup>2</sup> throughout all the land of Egypt, such as

7

But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's was not like it before, nor shall be like it

heart, and he would not let them go. again.

<sup>2 7</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then Pharaoh said to him, "Get away

But against none of the children of

from me! Take heed to yourself and see Israel shall a dog move its tongue,

my face no more! For in the day you see against man or beast, that you may

my face you shall die!" know that the LORD does make a

difference between the Egyptians and

2 Israel.' ' So Moses said, "You have spoken well. I will never see your face again."

8And all these your servants shall come the whole assembly of the congregation

down to me and bow down to me, of Israel shall kill it at twilight. saying, "Get out, and all the people who

follow you!' After that I will go out." Then 7And they shall take some of the blood he went out from Pharaoh in great anger. and put it on the two doorposts and on

the lintel of the houses where they eat it.

'But the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh

will not heed you, so that My wonders 8Then they shall eat the flesh on that may be multiplied in the land of Egypt." night; roasted in fire, with unleavened

bread and with bitter herbs they shall

10

So Moses and Aaron did all these eat it.

wonders before Pharaoh; and the LORD

hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did 'Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with

not let the children of Israel go out of his water, but roasted in fire--its head with

land. its legs and its entrails.

1 0 ou shall let none of it remain until

1 2Now the LORD spoke to Moses morning, and what remains of it until

and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, morning you shall burn with fire.

211 This month shall be your beginning of And thus you shall eat it:  
with a belt on

months; it shall be the first month of the your waist, your sandals on  
your feet,

year to you. and your staff in your hand. So you shall

eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

3Speak to all the congregation of Israel, 1 2 'For I will pass through the  
land of saying: "On the tenth of this month Egypt on that night, and  
will strike all the every man shall take for himself a lamb, according  
to the house of his father, a firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man

lamb for a household. and beast; and against all the gods of

Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the

4 LORD.

And if the household is too small for the

lamb, let him and his neighbor next to 1 3Now the blood shall be a  
sign for you his house take it according to the number of the persons;  
according to on the houses where you are. And when

each man's need you shall make your I see the blood, I will pass over  
you; and

count for the lamb. the plague shall not be on you to

destroy you when I strike the land of

5 Egypt.

Your lamb shall be without blemish, a

male of the first year. You may take it 14 'So this day shall be to you a

from the sheep or from the goats.

memorial; and you shall keep it as a

6 feast to the LORD throughout your Now you shall keep it until the  
fourteenth day of the same month. Then generations. You shall keep it  
as a feast take lambs for yourselves according to

by an everlasting ordinance. your families, and kill the Passover lamb.

1 2 52

Seven days you shall eat unleavened And you shall take a bunch of  
hyssop,

bread. On the first day you shall remove dip it in the blood that is in  
the basin,

leaven from your houses. For whoever and strike the lintel and the  
two

eats leavened bread from the first day doorposts with the blood that is  
in the

until the seventh day, that person shall basin. And none of you shall  
go out of

be cut off from Israel. the door of his house until morning.

1 2 6 3For the LORD will pass through to On the first day there shall be  
a holy

convocation, and on the seventh day strike the Egyptians; and when  
He sees

there shall be a holy convocation for you. the blood on the lintel and  
on the two

No manner of work shall be done on doorposts, the LORD will pass  
over the

them; but that which everyone must eat- door and not allow the  
destroyer to

-that only may be prepared by you. come into your houses to strike you.

12 74

So you shall observe the Feast of And you shall observe this thing as an

Unleavened Bread, for on this same day ordinance for you and your sons forever.

I will have brought your armies out of

the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall 2 5It will come to pass when you come to observe this day throughout your the land which the LORD will give you,

generations as an everlasting ordinance. just as He promised, that you shall keep

1

8)n the first month, on the fourteenth this service.

day of the month at evening, you shall 2 6And it shall be, when your children say eat unleavened bread, until the twenty- to you, "What do you mean by this

first day of the month at evening. service?'

19For seven days no leaven shall be 2 7

that you shall say, "It is the Passover

found in your houses, since whoever sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over

eats what is leavened, that same person the houses of the children of Israel in

shall be cut off from the congregation of Egypt when He struck the Egyptians

Israel, whether he is a stranger or a and delivered our households." So



the

native of the land. people bowed their heads and

worshiped.

20

You shall eat nothing leavened; in all

your dwellings you shall eat unleavened 2 8Then the children of Israel went away bread." and did so; just as the LORD had

2 did. 1Then Moses called for all the elders of commanded Moses and Aaron, so they

Israel and said to them, "Pick out and 29And it came to pass at midnight that requested. Thus they plundered the

the LORD struck all the firstborn in the Egyptians. land of Egypt, from the firstborn of

Pharaoh who sat on his throne to the 37Then the children of Israel journeyed firstborn of the captive who was in the from Rameses to Succoth, about six

dungeon, and all the firstborn of hundred thousand men on foot, besides

livestock. children.

30 3 So Pharaoh rose in the night, he, all 8A mixed multitude went up with them his servants, and all the Egyptians; and also, and flocks and herds--a great deal

there was a great cry in Egypt, for there of livestock. was not a house where there was not

one dead. 3' And they baked unleavened cakes of

3 the dough which they had brought out of 1 Then he called for Moses

and Aaron Egypt; for it was not leavened, because

by night, and said, "Rise, go out from they were driven out of Egypt and could

among my people, both you and the not wait, nor had they prepared children of Israel. And go, serve the provisions for themselves. LORD as you have said.

40Now the sojourn of the children of

32Also take your flocks and your herds,

Israel who lived in Egypt was four

as you have said, and be gone; and hundred and thirty years. bless me also."

41

33And the Egyptians urged the people, And it came to pass at the end of the

four hundred and thirty years--on that

that they might send them out of the very same day--it came to pass that all

land in haste. For they said, "We shall the armies of the LORD went out from

all be dead." the land of Egypt.

34 42 So the people took their dough before It is a night of solemn observance to it was leavened, having their kneading the LORD for bringing them out of the

bowls bound up in their clothes on their land of Egypt. This is that night of the

shoulders. LORD, a solemn observance for all the

children of Israel throughout their

35 generations. Now the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses, and

they had asked from the Egyptians 43And the LORD said to Moses and articles of silver, articles of gold, and Aaron, "This is the ordinance of the

clothing. Passover: No foreigner shall eat it.

36And the LORD had given the people 44But every man's servant who is bought favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so for money, when you have circumcised

that they granted them what they him, then he may eat it.

45A sojourner and a hired servant shall bondage; for by strength of  
hand the

not eat it. LORD brought you out of this place. No

leavened bread shall be eaten.

46 n one house it shall be eaten; you shall not carry any of the flesh outside 4 On this day you are going out, in the the house, nor shall you break one of its month Abib. bones.

5 And it shall be, when the LORD brings

47

All the congregation of Israel shall you into the land of the Canaanites and

keep it. the Hittites and the Amorites and the

Hivites and the Jebusites, which He

48And when a stranger dwells with you swore to your fathers to give  
you, a land

and wants to keep the Passover to the flowing with milk and honey, that you

LORD, let all his males be circumcised, shall keep this service in this month. and then let him come near and keep it;

and he shall be as a native of the land. <sup>6</sup> Seven days you shall eat unleavened For no uncircumcised person shall eat it. bread, and on the seventh day there

shall be a feast to the LORD.

<sup>49</sup>One law shall be for the native-born and for the stranger who dwells among <sup>7</sup> Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven you." days. And no leavened bread shall be

seen among you, nor shall leaven be

<sup>50</sup> seen among you in all your quarters.

Thus all the children of Israel did; as  
the LORD commanded Moses and

Aaron, so they did. <sup>8</sup>And you shall tell your son in that day,

saying, "This is done because of what

<sup>51</sup> the LORD did for me when I came up

And it came to pass, on that very  
same day, that the LORD brought the from Egypt.'

children of Israel out of the land of Egypt

according to their armies. 'It shall be as a sign to you on your

hand and as a memorial between your

eyes, that the LORD's law may be in

1 your mouth; for with a strong hand the <sup>3</sup>Then the LORD spoke to  
Moses,

LORD has brought you out of Egypt.

saying,

<sup>1</sup> 0 ou shall therefore keep this

<sup>2</sup> Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, ordinance in its season from year  
to

whatever opens the womb among the year. children of Israel, both of man and

beast; it is Mine." <sup>11</sup> 'And it shall be, when the LORD

3And Moses said to the people: brings you into the land of the

Canaanites, as He swore to you and

"Remember this day in which you went your fathers, and gives it to you, out of Egypt, out of the house of

<sup>11</sup> <sup>2</sup> hat you shall set apart to the LORD all

' And Moses took the bones of Joseph

that open the womb, that is, every with him, for he had placed the children

firstborn that comes from an animal of Israel under solemn oath, saying,

which you have; the males shall be the "God will surely visit you, and you shall

LORD's. carry up my bones from here with you."

<sup>12</sup> <sup>3</sup> 0So they took their journey from But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will Succoth and camped in Etham at the

not redeem it, then you shall break its edge of the wilderness. neck. And all the firstborn of man among

your sons you shall redeem. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>And the LORD went before them by

day in a pillar of cloud to lead the way,

<sup>14</sup> so it shall be, when your son asks you and by night in a pillar of fire to give

in time to come, saying, "What is this?" them light, so as to go by day and night.

that you shall say to him, "By strength of  
hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, <sup>2</sup>2

He did not take away the pillar of cloud  
out of the house of bondage. by day or the pillar of fire by night from  
before the people.

15

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh  
was stubborn about letting us go, that  
the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land <sup>1</sup>4Now the LORD  
spoke to Moses, land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man  
saying:

and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I

sacrifice to the LORD all males that <sup>2</sup> Speak to the children of Israel,  
that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' they  
turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth,

between Migdol and the sea, opposite

<sup>16</sup> shall be as a sign on your hand and Baal Zephon; you shall camp  
before it

as frontlets between your eyes, for by the sea.

strength of hand the LORD brought us <sup>3</sup>For Pharaoh will say of the  
children of  
out of Egypt."

Israel, "They are bewildered by the land;

<sup>17</sup> the wilderness has closed them in.'

Then it came to pass, when Pharaoh

had let the people go, that God did not <sup>4</sup> Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so lead them by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for that he will pursue them; and I will gain

God said, "Lest perhaps the people honor over Pharaoh and over all his

change their minds when they see war, army, that the Egyptians may know that

and return to Egypt." I am the LORD." And they did so.

<sup>1 5</sup>Now it was told the king of Egypt that ' So God led the people around by way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the people had fled, and the heart of

the children of Israel went up in orderly Pharaoh and his servants was turned

ranks out of the land of Egypt. against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let accomplish for you today. For the Israel go from serving us?" Egyptians whom you see today, you

shall see again no more forever.

<sup>6</sup>So he made ready his chariot and took

<sup>1 4</sup>

his people with him. The LORD will fight for you, and you

shall hold your peace."

<sup>7</sup>Also, he took six hundred choice

<sup>1 5</sup>

chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt And the LORD said to Moses, "Why do

with captains over every one of them. you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel

to go forward.

8And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued <sup>1</sup> 6But lift up your rod, and stretch out the children of Israel; and the children of your hand over the sea and divide it.

Israel went out with boldness. And the children of Israel shall go on dry

ground through the midst of the sea.

'So the Egyptians pursued them, all the

horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his <sup>1</sup> 7

And I indeed will harden the hearts of

horsemen and his army, and overtook the Egyptians, and they shall follow

them camping by the sea beside Pi them. So I will gain honor over Pharaoh

Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon. and over all his army, his chariots, and

his horsemen.

<sup>10</sup>And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and <sup>18</sup>

Then the Egyptians shall know that I

behold, the Egyptians marched after am the LORD, when I have gained

them. So they were very afraid, and the honor for Myself over Pharaoh, his

children of Israel cried out to the LORD. chariots, and his horsemen."

<sup>11</sup> 1 Then they said to Moses, "Because ' And the Angel of God, who went there were no graves in Egypt, have you before the camp of



Israel, moved and

taken us away to die in the wilderness? went behind them; and the pillar of cloud

Why have you so dealt with us, to bring went from before them and stood behind

us up out of Egypt? them.

1 2 s this not the word that we told you in 0

So it came between the camp of the

Egypt, saying, "Let us alone that we Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus

may serve the Egyptians"? For it would it was a cloud and darkness to the one,

have been better for us to serve the and it gave light by night to the other, so

Egyptians than that we should die in the that the one did not come near the other

wilderness." all that night.

1 2 3And Moses said to the people, "Do not 1Then Moses stretched out his hand be afraid. Stand still, and see the over the sea; and the LORD caused the

salvation of the LORD, which He will sea to go back by a strong east wind all

that night, and made the sea into dry 2 ' But the children of Israel had walked land, and the waters were divided. on dry land in the midst of the sea, and

the waters were a wall to them on their

22 right hand and on their left.

So the children of Israel went into the

the waters were a wall to them on their the LORD saved Israel that  
day out 30So midst of the sea on the dry ground, and

right hand and on their left. of the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel

saw the Egyptians dead on the

23 seashore.

And the Egyptians pursued and went

after them into the midst of the sea, all 1Thus Israel saw the great  
work which

Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his 3 horsemen. the LORD had done  
in Egypt; so the

people feared the LORD, and believed

24Now it came to pass, in the morning the LORD and His servant  
Moses.

watch, that the LORD looked down upon

the army of the Egyptians through the

pillar of fire and cloud, and He troubled 1 5Then Moses and  
the children of the army of the Egyptians.

Israel sang this song to the LORD, and

2 spoke, saying: "I will sing to the LORD, 5And He took off their  
chariot wheels,

For He has triumphed gloriously! The

so that they drove them with difficulty; horse and its rider He has  
thrown into

and the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the sea! the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for

them against the Egyptians." <sup>2</sup>

The LORD is my strength and song,

<sup>2</sup> And He has become my salvation; He is

6 Then the LORD said to Moses, my God, and I will praise Him; My

"Stretch out your hand over the sea, that father's God, and I will exalt Him. the waters may come back upon the

Egyptians, on their chariots, and on their <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war; The LORD

horsemen."

is His name.

<sup>27</sup>

And Moses stretched out his hand <sup>4</sup>

Pharaoh's chariots and his army He

over the sea; and when the morning has cast into the sea; His chosen appeared, the sea returned to its full

captains also are drowned in the Red depth, while the Egyptians were fleeing

Sea.

into it. So the LORD overthrew the

Egyptians in the midst of the sea. <sup>5</sup>The depths have covered them; They

<sup>2</sup> sank to the bottom like a stone. <sup>8</sup>Then the waters returned and covered

the chariots, the horsemen, and all the 6 Your right hand, O LORD,  
has become

army of Pharaoh that came into the sea

glorious in power; Your right hand, O

after them. Not so much as one of them

remained. LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces.

7 1 And in the greatness of Your 6 Fear and dread will fall on them; By  
excellence You have overthrown those the greatness of Your arm They  
will be

who rose against You; You sent forth as still as a stone, Till Your  
people pass

Your wrath; It consumed them like over, O LORD, Till the people pass  
over

stubble. Whom You have purchased.

8 1 And with the blast of Your nostrils The 7 ou will bring them in and  
plant them waters were gathered together; The In the mountain of  
Your inheritance, In

floods stood upright like a heap; The the place, O LORD, which You  
have

depths congealed in the heart of the sea. made For Your own dwelling,  
The

sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands

'The enemy said, "I will pursue, I will have established.

overtake, I will divide the spoil; My 84 'The LORD shall reign forever  
and

desire shall be satisfied on them. I will 1 draw my sword, My hand

shall destroy ever." them.'

1' For the horses of Pharaoh went with

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You blew with Your wind, The sea his chariots and his horsemen  
into the

covered them; They sank like lead in the sea, and the LORD brought  
back the

mighty waters. waters of the sea upon them. But the

children of Israel went on dry land in the

11a Who is like You, O LORD, among the midst of the sea.

gods? Who is like You, glorious in O Then Miriam the prophetess, the  
sister

holiness, Fearful in praises, doing 2 wonders? of Aaron, took the  
timbrel in her hand;

and all the women went out after her

12 ou stretched out Your right hand; The with timbrels and with  
dances.

earth swallowed them. 1 And Miriam answered them: "Sing to

2

13 ou in Your mercy have led forth The the LORD, For He has  
triumphed

people whom You have redeemed; You gloriously! The horse and its  
rider He

have guided them in Your strength To has thrown into the sea!" Your  
holy habitation.

2 So Moses brought Israel from the Red

14§ Sea; then they went out into the "The

people will hear and be afraid;

Sorrow will take hold of the inhabitants Wilderness of Shur. And they went three

of Philistia. days in the wilderness and found no

water.

15Then the chiefs of Edom will be

2 3Now when they came to Marah, they

dismayed; 1 The mighty men of Moab,

Trembling will take hold of them; All the could not drink the waters of Marah, for

inhabitants of Canaan will melt away. they were bitter. Therefore the name of

it was called Marah.

2 4 4

And the people complained against Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold,

Moses, saying, "What shall we drink?" I will rain bread from heaven for you.

And the people shall go out and gather

25 a certain quota every day, that I may

So he cried out to the LORD, and the

LORD showed him a tree. When he cast test them, whether they will walk in My

it into the waters, the waters were made law or not. sweet. There He made a statute and an

ordinance for them, and there He tested 5And it shall be on the sixth

day that them, they shall prepare what they bring in,

and it shall be twice as much as they

26 gather daily."

and said, "If you diligently heed the

voice of the LORD your God and do 6Then what is right in His sight,  
give ear to His Moses and Aaron said to all the

commandments and keep all His children of Israel, "At evening you  
shall

statutes, I will put none of the diseases know that the LORD has  
brought you

on you which I have brought on the out of the land of Egypt.  
Egyptians. For I am the LORD who

heals you." 7 And in the morning you shall see the

2 complaints against the LORD. But what

7Then they came to Elim, where there glory of the LORD; for He hears  
your

were twelve wells of water and seventy are we, that you complain  
against us?"

palm trees; so they camped there by the

waters. 8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen

when the LORD gives you meat to eat in

the evening, and in the morning bread to

1 the full; for the LORD hears your 6And they journeyed from  
Elim,

complaints which you make against Him.

and all the congregation of the children

And what are we? Your complaints are  
of Israel came to the Wilderness of Sin,

not against us but against the LORD."  
which is between Elim and Sinai, on the

fifteenth day of the second month after <sup>9</sup>Then Moses spoke to Aaron,  
"Say to all they departed from the land of Egypt.

the congregation of the children of Israel,  
<sup>2</sup> "Come near before the LORD, for He  
Then the whole congregation of the has heard your complaints."  
children of Israel complained against

Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>1</sup> 0Now it came to pass, as Aaron  
spoke

<sup>3</sup>And the children of Israel said to them, to the whole congregation of  
the

children of Israel, that they looked  
"Oh, that we had died by the hand of the

toward the wilderness, and behold, the  
LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat

glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.  
by the pots of meat and when we ate

bread to the full! For you have brought <sup>1</sup> us out into this wilderness to  
kill this And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

whole assembly with hunger."



1 2a have heard the complaints of the 0Notwithstanding they did not heed children of Israel. Speak to them, saying, Moses. But some of them left part of it

"At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the until morning, and it bred worms and

morning you shall be filled with bread. stank. And Moses was angry with them.

And you shall know that I am the LORD

your 2 1 God."

So they gathered it every morning,

every man according to his need. And

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So it was that quails came up at when the sun became hot, it melted.

evening and covered the camp, and in

the morning the dew lay all around the 2 2And so it was, on the sixth day, that camp. they gathered twice as much bread, two

omers for each one. And all the rulers of

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And when the layer of dew lifted, there, the congregation came and told Moses.

on the surface of the wilderness, was a

small round substance, as fine as frost 23Then he said to them, "This is what the on the ground. LORD has said: "Tomorrow is a

Sabbath rest, a holy Sabbath to the

15 So when the children of Israel saw it, LORD. Bake what you will bake today,

they said to one another, "What is it?" and boil what you will boil; and lay up for

For they did not know what it was. And yourselves all that remains, to be kept

Moses said to them, "This is the bread until morning." which the LORD has given you to eat.

2 4

1 Moses commanded; and it did not stink,

6 This is the thing which the LORD has So they laid it up till morning, as

commanded: "Let every man gather it nor were there any worms in it. according to each one's need, one omer

for each person, according to the 2 5 Then Moses said, "Eat that today, for number of persons; let every man take today is a Sabbath to the LORD; today

for those who are in his tent." you will not find it in the field.

1 2 7 6 Then the children of Israel did so and Six days you shall gather it, but on the gathered, some more, some less. seventh day, the Sabbath, there will be

none."

1 ' So when they measured it by omers, he who gathered much had nothing left 2 7

Now it happened that some of the

over, and he who gathered little had no people went out on the seventh day to

lack. Every man had gathered according gather, but they found none. to each one's need.

2 8 And the LORD said to Moses, "How

1' And Moses said, "Let no one leave long do you refuse to keep My

any of it till morning." commandments and My laws? 2 9 See! For the LORD has given you the the commandment of the LORD, and

Sabbath; therefore He gives you on the camped in Rephidim; but there was no

sixth day bread for two days. Let every water for the people to drink. man remain in his place; let no man go

out of his place on the seventh day." <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people contended with

30 So Moses, and said, "Give us water, that

the people rested on the seventh we may drink." So Moses said to them,

day. "Why do you contend with me? Why do

you tempt the LORD?"

<sup>31</sup> And the house of Israel called its name Manna. And it was like white coriander <sup>3</sup> And the people thirsted there for water,

seed, and the taste of it was like wafers and the people complained against

made with honey. Moses, and said, "Why is it you have

brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and

<sup>32</sup> our children and our livestock with

Then Moses said, "This is the thing

which the LORD has commanded: "Fill thirst?" an omer with it, to be kept for your

generations, that they may see the <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, bread with which I fed you in the saying, "What shall I do with this

wilderness, when I brought you out of people? They are almost ready to stone

the land of Egypt." me!"

33And Moses said to Aaron, "Take a pot <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on and put an omer of manna in it, and lay before the people, and take with you

it up before the LORD, to be kept for some of the elders of Israel. Also take in

your generations." your hand your rod with which you

struck the river, and go.

34As the LORD commanded Moses, so

Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on be kept. the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike

the rock, and water will come out of it,

35And the children of Israel ate manna that the people may drink." And Moses

forty years, until they came to an did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.

inhabited land; they ate manna until they

came to the border of the land of <sup>7</sup>So he called the name of the place Canaan. Massah and Meribah, because of the

contention of the children of Israel, and

36 because they tempted the LORD, Now an omer is one-tenth of an ephah.

saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

1 <sup>8</sup>Now Amalek came and fought with <sup>7</sup>Then all the congregation of the

Israel in Rephidim.

children of Israel set out on their journey

from the Wilderness of Sin, according to 'And Moses said to Joshua, "Choose us His people--that the LORD had brought

some men and go out, fight with Amalek. Israel out of Egypt.  
Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the

hill with the rod of God in my hand." 2 Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took

Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent

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So Joshua did as Moses said to him, her back,

and fought with Amalek. And Moses,

Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the 3 with her two sons, of whom the name of

hill. one was Gershom (for he said, "I have

been a stranger in a foreign land")

11 And so it was, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he 4 and the name of the other was Eliezer let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. (for he said, "The God of my father was

my help, and delivered me from the

12 But Moses' hands became heavy; so sword of Pharaoh");

they took a stone and put it under him,

and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur s and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, came supported his hands, one on one side, with his sons and his wife to Moses in

and the other on the other side; and his the wilderness, where he was hands were steady until the going down encamped at the mountain of God. of the sun.

1 6 Now he had said to Moses, "I, your 3 So Joshua defeated Amalek and his father-in-law Jethro, am coming to you

people with the edge of the sword. with your wife and her two sons with

her."

14

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write

this for a memorial in the book and 7So Moses went out to meet his father- recount it in the hearing of Joshua, that I in-law, bowed down, and kissed him.

will utterly blot out the remembrance of And they asked each other about their

Amalek from under heaven." well-being, and they went into the tent.

1 8 5And Moses built an altar and called its

And Moses told his father-in-law all that name, The-LORD-Is-My-Banner; the LORD had done to Pharaoh and to

the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the

16 or he said, "Because the LORD has hardship that had come upon them on

sworn: the LORD will have war with the way, and how the LORD had Amalek from generation to generation." delivered them.

9Then Jethro rejoiced for all the good

1 which the LORD had done for Israel, 8And Jethro, the priest of Midian,

whom He had delivered out of the hand

Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that

of the Egyptians.

God had done for Moses and for Israel 1 1 0And Jethro said, "Blessed be the 8Both you and these people who are LORD, who has delivered you

out of the with you will surely wear yourselves out.

hand of the Egyptians and out of the For this thing is too much for you; you

hand of Pharaoh, and who has delivered are not able to perform it by yourself. the people from under the hand of the

Egyptians. <sup>1</sup> ' Listen now to my voice; I will give you

<sup>1</sup> Stand before God for the people, so that

Now I know that the LORD is greater counsel, and God will be with you:

than all the gods; for in the very thing in you may bring the difficulties to God. which they behaved proudly, He was

above them." <sup>2</sup> And you shall teach them the statutes

and the laws, and show them the way in

<sup>12</sup>

Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took which they must walk and the work they

a burnt offering and other sacrifices to must do. offer to God. And Aaron came with all

the elders of Israel to eat bread with <sup>21</sup>Moreover you shall select from all the Moses' father-in-law before God. people able men, such as fear God,

men of truth, hating covetousness; and

<sup>13</sup>

And so it was, on the next day, that place such over them to be rulers of

Moses sat to judge the people; and the thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of

people stood before Moses from fifties, and rulers of tens. morning

until evening.

2 2 And let them judge the people at all

14 So when Moses' father-in-law saw all times. Then it will be that every great

that he did for the people, he said, matter they shall bring to you, but every

"What is this thing that you are doing for small matter they themselves shall

the people? Why do you alone sit, and judge. So it will be easier for you, for

all the people stand before you from they will bear the burden with you. morning until evening?"

2 3 you do this thing, and God so

15 And Moses said to his father-in-law, commands you, then you will be able to

"Because the people come to me to endure, and all this people will also go

inquire of God. to their place in peace."

1 2 6 4 So Moses heeded the voice of his When they have a difficulty, they come to me, and I judge between one and father-in-law and did all that he had said.

another; and I make known the statutes

of God and His laws." 2 5

And Moses chose able men out of all

Israel, and made them heads over the

17 So Moses' father

-in-law said to him, people: rulers of thousands, rulers of



"The thing that you do is not good. hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of

tens.

28 6 So they judged the people at all times; Then all the people answered together

the hard cases they brought to Moses, and said, "All that the LORD has spoken

but they judged every small case we will do." So Moses brought back the

themselves. words of the people to the LORD.

27 Then Moses let his father-in-law 'And the LORD said to Moses, "Behold,

depart, and he went his way to his own I come to you in the thick cloud, that the

land. people may hear when I speak with you,

and believe you forever." So Moses told

the words of the people to the LORD.

19 In the third month after the 10 Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go to children of Israel had gone out of the the people and consecrate them today land of Egypt, on the same day, they and tomorrow, and let them wash their came to the Wilderness of Sinai. clothes.

2 For they had departed from Rephidim, 1

1 And let them be ready for the third day.

had come to the Wilderness of Sinai,

For on the third day the LORD will come

and camped in the wilderness. So Israel

down upon Mount Sinai in the sight of all

camped there before the mountain.

the people.

3And Moses went up to God, and the LORD said to him, "You shall set bounds for the people all around the mountain, around, saying, 'Take heed to saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Israel: 'You shall not go up to the mountain or touch its base. Whoever touches the mountain shall surely be put

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians,

and how I bore you on

eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. 3Not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned or shot with an

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice; whether man or beast, he shall

My voice and keep My covenant, then not live.' When the trumpet sounds long,

you shall be a special treasure to Me; they shall come near the mountain." above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

1 4

6 So Moses went down from the

And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a sanctified

priests and a holy nation.' These are the people, and they washed their

words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

1 5And he said to the people, "Be ready

7So Moses came and called for the for the third day; do not come near  
your

elders of the people, and laid before wives." them all these words  
which the LORD

commanded him.

16Then it came to pass on the third day, Aaron with you. But do not  
let the priests

in the morning, that there were and the people break through to come

thunderings and lightnings, and a thick up to the LORD, lest He break  
out

cloud on the mountain; and the sound of against them." the trumpet  
was very loud, so that all the

people who were in the camp trembled. 2 5

So Moses went down to the people

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7And Moses brought the people out of and spoke to them.

the camp to meet with God, and they

stood at the foot of the mountain. 2 OAnd God spoke all these  
words,

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18Now Mount Sinai was completely in smoke, because the LORD  
descended 2

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I am the LORD your God, who brought

saying:

upon it in fire. Its smoke ascended like

you out of the land of Egypt, out of the  
the smoke of a furnace, and the whole

house of bondage.

mountain quaked greatly.

sounded long and became louder and ' And when the blast of the  
trumpet Me. 1 3" You shall have no other gods before

louder, Moses spoke, and God 4 You shall not make for yourself a  
answered him by voice.

carved image--any likeness of anything

2 that is in heaven above, or that is in the 0Then the LORD came down  
upon

earth beneath, or that is in the water

Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain.

under the earth;

And the LORD called Moses to the top

of the mountain, and Moses went up. s you shall not bow down to  
them nor

21And the LORD said to Moses, "Go serve them. For I, the LORD your  
God,

am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of

down and warn the people, lest they

the fathers upon the children to the third  
break through to gaze at the LORD, and  
and fourth generations of those who  
many of them perish.

hate Me,  
22

Also let the priests who come near the 6  
but showing mercy to thousands, to  
LORD consecrate themselves, lest the  
those who love Me and keep My  
LORD break out against them."  
commandments.

23 But Moses said to the LORD, "The 7 You shall not take the name of  
the people cannot come up to Mount Sinai;

LORD your God in vain, for the LORD  
for You warned us, saying, "Set bounds  
around the mountain and consecrate it." will not hold him guiltless  
who takes His  
name in vain.

24 Then the LORD said to him, "Away!  
"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it  
Get down and then come up, you and  
holy.



You shall not murder.

2 4

An altar of earth you shall make for Me,

14 You shall not commit adultery. and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt

offerings and your peace offerings, your

15 sheep and your oxen. In every place

You shall not steal.

where I record My name I will come to

1 you, and I will bless you. 6 You shall not bear false witness

against your neighbor. 2 5And if you make Me an altar of stone,

1 you shall not build it of hewn stone; for if 7 You shall not covet your neighbor's

you use your tool on it, you have

house; you shall not covet your

neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, profaned it.

nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor 26Nor shall you go up by steps to My his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." altar, that your nakedness may not be

exposed on it.'

18Now all the people witnessed the thunderings, the lightning flashes, the

sound of the trumpet, and the mountain 2 1 Now these are the judgments

smoking; and when the people saw it, which you shall set before them: they trembled and stood afar off.

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If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall And if he does not do these three for

serve six years; and in the seventh he her, then she shall go out free, without

shall go out free and pay nothing. paying money.

E 1 2 He who strikes a man so that he dies If he comes in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he comes in married, shall surely be put to death. then his wife shall go out with him.

1 3However, if he did not lie in wait, but

4If his master has given him a wife, and God delivered him into his hand, then I

she has borne him sons or daughters, will appoint for you a place where he

the wife and her children shall be her may flee. master's, and he shall go out by himself.

1 4 'But if a man acts with premeditation

5But if the servant plainly says, "I love against his neighbor, to kill him by

my master, my wife, and my children; I treachery, you shall take him from My

will not go out free,' altar, that he may die.

6 1 5 And he who strikes his father or his

then his master shall bring him to the

judges. He shall also bring him to the mother shall surely be put to



death. door, or to the doorpost, and his master

shall pierce his ear with an awl; and he 16 He who kidnaps a man and sells him, shall serve him forever. or if he is found in his hand, shall surely

be put to death.

7 And if a man sells his daughter to be a

female slave, she shall not go out as the 1 7 'And he who curses his father or his male slaves do. mother shall surely be put to death.

8If she does not please her master, who 84a men contend with each other, and

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has betrothed her to himself, then he one strikes the other with a stone or with

shall let her be redeemed. He shall have his fist, and he does not die but is

no right to sell her to a foreign people, confined to his bed, since he has dealt deceitfully with her.

1 ' if he rises again and walks about

'And if he has betrothed her to his son, outside with his staff, then he who struck

he shall deal with her according to the him shall be acquitted. He shall only pay

custom of daughters. for the loss of his time, and shall provide

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0 he takes another wife, he shall not for him to be thoroughly healed.

diminish her food, her clothing, and her 2 0 And if a man beats his male or female marriage rights. servant with a rod, so that he dies under

his hand, he shall surely be punished.

21 30 there is imposed on him a sum of

Notwithstanding, if he remains alive a

day or two, he shall not be punished; for money, then he shall pay to  
redeem his

he is his property. life, whatever is imposed on him.

23 284 men fight, and hurt a woman with 1Whether it has gored a son  
or gored a child, so that she gives birth prematurely, daughter,  
according to this judgment it

yet no harm follows, he shall surely be shall be done to him. punished  
accordingly as the woman's

husband imposes on him; and he shall 32) the ox gores a male or  
female

pay as the judges determine. servant, he shall give to their master

2 be stoned. 3But if any harm follows, then you shall thirty shekels of  
silver, and the ox shall

give life for life,

33 'And if a man opens a pit, or if a man

24eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for digs a pit and does not cover  
it, and an

hand, foot for foot, ox or a donkey falls in it,

25 34

burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe the owner of the pit shall  
make it good;

for stripe. he shall give money to their owner, but

the dead animal shall be his.

26s f a man strikes the eye of his male or female servant, and destroys it, he shall 3 54 f one man's ox hurts another's, so let him go free for the sake of his eye. that it dies, then they shall sell the live

ox and divide the money from it; and the

27 dead ox they shall also divide.

And if he knocks out the tooth of his

male or female servant, he shall let him 36 Or go free for the sake of his tooth. if it was known that the ox tended

to thrust in time past, and its owner has

2 not kept it confined, he shall surely pay ' If an ox gores a man or a woman to

death, then the ox shall surely be stoned, ox for ox, and the dead animal shall be

and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the his own. owner of the ox shall be acquitted.

2 ' But if the ox tended to thrust with its 22 If a man steals an ox or a sheep,

horn in times past, and it has been and slaughters it or sells it, he shall

made known to his owner, and he has restore five oxen for an ox and four not kept it confined, so that it has killed sheep for a sheep. a man or a woman, the ox shall be

stoned and its owner also shall be put to 2

If the thief is found breaking in, and he

death.

is struck so that he dies, there shall be

no guilt for his bloodshed.

3 the sun has risen on him, there shall to keep, and it dies, is hurt, or driven

be guilt for his bloodshed. He should away, no one seeing it, make full restitution; if he has nothing,

then he shall be sold for his theft. 11 then an oath of the LORD shall be

between them both, that he has not put

4 If the theft is certainly found alive in his his hand into his neighbor's goods; and

hand, whether it is an ox or donkey or the owner of it shall accept that, and he

sheep, he shall restore double. shall not make it good.

5 1 If a man causes a field or vineyard to 2 But if, in fact, it is stolen from him, he be grazed, and lets loose his animal, shall make restitution to the owner of it.

and it feeds in another man's field, he

shall make restitution from the best of 1 3 it is torn to pieces by a beast, then his own field and the best of his own he shall bring it as evidence, and he

vineyard. shall not make good what was torn.

6 1 If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, 4 'And if a man borrows anything from so that stacked grain, standing grain, or his neighbor, and it becomes injured or

the field is consumed, he who kindled dies, the owner of it not being with it, he

the fire shall surely make restitution. shall surely make it good.

7 If a man delivers to his neighbor 5 its owner was with it, he shall not

money or articles to keep, and it is made good; if it was hired, it came for

stolen out of the man's house, if the thief or his hire is found, he shall pay double.

16 If a man entices a virgin who is not

yet betrothed, and lies with her, he shall

bring her to the house of her father, and he shall pay the bride-price for her to be

as the judges see whether he has put his wife's hand into his neighbor's goods.

17 If her father utterly refuses to give her

"For any kind of trespass, whether it be to him, he shall pay money according to

what concerns an ox, a donkey, a sheep, or the bride-price of virgins, clothing, or for any kind of lost thing

which another claims to be his, the 18 You shall not permit a sorceress to cause of both parties shall come before

live.

the judges; and whomever the judges

condemn shall pay double to his 1 neighbor. " Whoever lies with an animal shall

surely be put to death.

10 If a man delivers to his neighbor a

20 He who sacrifices to any god, except

donkey, an ox, a sheep, or any animal

to the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

2 31 1 'You shall neither mistreat a stranger 'And you shall be holy men to Me: you nor oppress him, for you were strangers shall not eat meat torn by beasts in the

in the land of Egypt. field; you shall throw it to the dogs.

22 You shall not afflict any widow or

fatherless child. 2 3 "You shall not circulate a false

2 report. Do not put your hand with the 3 you afflict them in any way, and they

wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their

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You shall not follow a crowd to do evil;

2 nor shall you testify in a dispute so as to 4 and My wrath will become hot, and I turn aside after many to pervert justice.

will kill you with the sword; your wives

shall be widows, and your children 3You shall not show partiality to a poor fatherless. man in his dispute.

25a you lend money to any of My people

4 If you meet your enemy's ox or his

who are poor among you, you shall not

donkey going astray, you shall surely

be like a moneylender to him; you shall

bring it back to him again.

not charge him interest.

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6 you ever take your neighbor's s If you see the donkey of one who hates

you lying under its burden, and you garment as a pledge, you shall return it

would refrain from helping it, you shall to him before the sun goes down.

surely help him with it.

27 For that is his only covering, it is his 6 You shall not pervert the judgment of garment for his skin. What will he sleep

your poor in his dispute.

in? And it will be that when he cries to

Me, I will hear, for I am gracious. 7Keep yourself far from a false matter;

2 do not kill the innocent and righteous. 8 You shall not revile God, nor curse a

For I will not justify the wicked.

ruler of your people.

8And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe

2 '" You shall not delay to offer the first of

blinds the discerning and perverts the

your ripe produce and your juices. The words of the righteous.  
firstborn of your sons you shall give to

Me. "Also you shall not oppress a stranger,

3 for you know the heart of a stranger, 0 Likewise you shall do with  
your oxen

because you were strangers in the land

and your sheep. It shall be with its of Egypt. mother seven days; on  
the eighth day

you shall give it to Me.

11 0a Six years you shall sow your land and 8 You shall not offer the  
blood of My gather in its produce, sacrifice with leavened bread; nor  
shall

the fat of My sacrifice remain until

11 morning.

but the seventh year you shall let it

rest and lie fallow, that the poor of your

people may eat; and what they leave, 1 ' The first of the firstfruits of  
your land the beasts of the field may eat. In like you shall bring into  
the house of the

manner you shall do with your vineyard LORD your God. You shall  
not boil a

and your olive grove. young goat in its mother's milk.

1 2 2 0 Behold, I send an Angel before you to Six days you shall do  
your work, and on the seventh day you shall rest, that keep you in the  
way and to bring you



your ox and your donkey may rest, and into the place which I have prepared.

the son of your female servant and the

stranger may be refreshed. <sup>21</sup>

Beware of Him and obey His voice; do

not provoke Him, for He will not pardon

<sup>13</sup> And in all that I have said to you, be your transgressions; for My name is in

circumspect and make no mention of Him. the name of other gods, nor let it be

heard from your mouth. <sup>2</sup> But if you indeed obey His voice and

do all that I speak, then I will be an

<sup>14</sup> § Three times you shall keep a feast to enemy to your enemies and an

Me in the year: adversary to your adversaries.

<sup>1 2 5 3</sup> shall You keep the Feast of For My Angel will go before you and Unleavened Bread (you shall eat bring you in to the Amorites and the

unleavened bread seven days, as I Hittites and the Perizzites and the

commanded you, at the time appointed Canaanites and the Hivites and the

in the month of Abib, for in it you came Jebusites; and I will cut them off. out of Egypt; none shall appear before

Me empty); <sup>2 4</sup> ou shall not bow down to their gods,

nor serve them, nor do according to

<sup>16</sup> and the Feast of Harvest, the firstfruits their works; but you shall utterly

of your labors which you have sown in overthrow them and completely break

the field; and the Feast of Ingathering at down their sacred pillars. the end of the year, when you have

gathered in the fruit of your labors from 2 5 So you shall serve the LORD your the field. God, and He will bless your bread and

your water. And I will take sickness

17§Three times in the year all your males away from the midst of you. shall appear before the Lord GOD.

2 2 6No one shall suffer miscarriage or be And Moses alone shall come near the

barren in your land; I will fulfill the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor

number of your days. shall the people go up with him."

2 7 will send My fear before you, I will 3

So Moses came and told the people all

cause confusion among all the people to the words of the LORD and all the

whom you come, and will make all your judgments. And all the people answered

enemies turn their backs to you. with one voice and said, "All the words

which the LORD has said we will do."

28And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the Canaanite, and the Hittite from before LORD. And he rose early in the morning,

you. and built an altar at the foot of the

mountain, and twelve pillars according

2 to the twelve tribes of Israel. ' I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become

desolate and the beasts of the field 5 Then he sent young men of the children become too numerous for you. of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and

sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the

30 Little by little I will drive them out from LORD.

before you, until you have increased,

and you inherit the land. 6 And Moses took half the blood and put

it in basins, and half the blood he

31 sprinkled on the altar. And I will set your bounds from the Red Sea to the sea, Philistia, and from

the desert to the River. For I will deliver 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant the inhabitants of the land into your and read in the hearing of the people.

hand, and you shall drive them out And they said, "All that the LORD has

before you. said we will do, and be obedient."

32 ou shall make no covenant with them, 8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it nor with their gods. on the people, and said, "This is the

blood of the covenant which the LORD

33 They shall not dwell in your land, lest has made with you according to all

they make you sin against Me. For if you these words." serve their gods, it will surely be a snare

to you." 9 Then Moses went up, also Aaron,

Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the  
elders of Israel,

to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab 24Now He said to  
Moses, "Come up <sup>1</sup> 0and they saw the God of Israel. And there  
was under His feet as it were a and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of  
Israel, and worship from afar.

paved work of sapphire stone, and it <sup>2</sup> Speak to the children of Israel,  
that was like the very heavens in its clarity. they bring Me an offering.  
From

everyone who gives it willingly with his

<sup>11</sup> heart you shall take My offering.

But on the nobles of the children of  
Israel He did not lay His hand. So they

O

saw God, and they ate and drank. And this is the offering which you  
shall

take from them: gold, silver, and bronze;

<sup>12</sup>

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Come  
up to Me on the mountain and be there; <sup>4</sup> blue, purple, and scarlet  
thread, fine and I will give you tablets of stone, and linen, and goats'  
hair; the law and commandments which I  
have written, that you may teach them." s ram skins dyed red, badger  
skins, and

acacia wood;

<sup>13</sup>

So Moses arose with his assistant  
Joshua, and Moses went up to the <sup>6</sup> oil for the light, and spices for the  
mountain of God. anointing oil and for the sweet incense;

14 And he said to the elders, "Wait here 7 onyx stones, and stones to be set in the for us until we come back to you. Indeed, ephod and in the breastplate. Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man

has a difficulty, let him go to them." 8 And let them make Me a sanctuary, 1 that I may dwell among them.

5

Then Moses went up into the mountain,  
and a cloud covered the mountain. 'According to all that I show you,  
that is,

1 the pattern of the tabernacle and the

6 Now the glory of the LORD rested on pattern of all its furnishings,  
just so you

Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six shall make it. days. And on  
the seventh day He called

to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 1 0 And they shall make an ark  
of acacia

1 wood; two and a half cubits shall be its 7The sight of the glory of the  
LORD was

length, a cubit and a half its width, and a

like a consuming fire on the top of the cubit and a half its height.  
mountain in the eyes of the children of

Israel. 11And you shall overlay it with pure gold, 1 inside and out you  
shall overlay it, and

8 So Moses went into the midst of the shall make on it a molding of  
gold all

cloud and went up into the mountain. around. And Moses was on the  
mountain forty

days and forty nights. 12 ou shall cast four rings of gold for it,

and put them in its four corners; two

rings shall be on one side, and two rings

25 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, on the other side.

saying:

1 2 3 And you shall make poles of acacia 3 You shall also make a table of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. wood; two cubits shall be its length, a

cubit its width, and a cubit and a half its

14 height.

You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, that the ark may

2 4

be carried by them. And you shall overlay it with pure gold,

and make a molding of gold all around.

15

The poles shall be in the rings of the 5 ou shall make for it a frame of a

ark; they shall not be taken from it. 2

handbreadth all around, and you shall

16 And you shall put into the ark the make a gold molding for the frame all

Testimony which I will give you. around.

1 2 6 And you shall make for it four rings of 7 You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold; two and a half cubits shall be its gold, and put the rings on the four

length and a cubit and a half its width. corners that are at its four legs.

<sup>1</sup> The rings shall be close to the frame,

<sup>8</sup> And you shall make two cherubim of <sup>27</sup>

gold; of hammered work you shall make as holders for the poles to bear the table.

them at the two ends of the mercy seat. <sup>8</sup> And you shall make the poles of

2

<sup>1</sup> acacia wood, and overlay them with ' Make one cherub at one end, and the

other cherub at the other end; you shall gold, that the table may be carried with

make the cherubim at the two ends of it them. of one piece with the mercy seat.

<sup>2</sup> ' You shall make its dishes, its pans, its

<sup>20</sup> And the cherubim shall stretch out pitchers, and its bowls for pouring. You

their wings above, covering the mercy shall make them of pure gold.

seat with their wings, and they shall face <sup>0</sup> And you shall set the showbread on

one another; the faces of the cherubim <sup>3</sup> shall be toward the mercy seat. the table before Me always.

<sup>23</sup> <sup>11</sup> You shall also make a lampstand of

You shall put the mercy seat on top of

the ark, and in the ark you shall put the pure gold; the lampstand shall be of

Testimony that I will give you. hammered work. Its shaft, its branches,  
its bowls, its ornamental knobs, and  
22 flowers shall be of one piece.

And there I will meet with you, and I

will speak with you from above the 32And six branches shall come out  
of its

mercy seat, from between the two

cherubim which are on the ark of the sides: three branches of the  
lampstand

Testimony, about everything which I will out of one side, and three  
branches of

give you in commandment to the the lampstand out of the other side.  
children of Israel.

33Three bowls shall be made like woven linen and blue, purple, and  
almond blossoms on one branch, with scarlet thread; with artistic  
designs of

an ornamental knob and a flower, and cherubim you shall weave  
them. three bowls made like almond blossoms

on the other branch, with an ornamental 2 The length of each curtain  
shall be knob and a flower--and so for the six twenty-eight cubits, and  
the width of

branches that come out of the each curtain four cubits. And every one  
lampstand. of the curtains shall have the same

34On measurements. the lampstand itself four bowls

shall be made like almond blossoms, 3Five curtains shall be coupled to  
one



each with its ornamental knob and another, and the other five curtains shall

flower. be coupled to one another.

35 <sup>4</sup> And there shall be a knob under the And you shall make loops of blue yarn first two branches of the same, a knob on the edge of the curtain on the

under the second two branches of the selvedge of one set, and likewise you

same, and a knob under the third two shall do on the outer edge of the other

branches of the same, according to the curtain of the second set. six branches that extend from the

lampstand. <sup>5</sup>

Fifty loops you shall make in the one

<sup>3</sup> curtain, and fifty loops you shall make <sup>6</sup> Their knobs and their branches shall

on the edge of the curtain that is on the

be of one piece; all of it shall be one end of the second set, that the loops

hammered piece of pure gold. may be clasped to one another.

37 ou shall make seven lamps for it, and <sup>6</sup> And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, they shall arrange its lamps so that they and couple the curtains together with

give light in front of it. the clasps, so that it may be one

3' And tabernacle.

its wick-trimmers and their trays

shall be of pure gold. 7 You shall also make curtains of goats'

hair, to be a tent over the tabernacle.

39 shall be made of a talent of pure

You shall make eleven curtains.

gold, with all these utensils.

'The length of each curtain shall be

40

And see to it that you make them thirty cubits, and the width of each

according to the pattern which was curtain four cubits; and the eleven

shown you on the mountain. curtains shall all have the same

measurements.

26 Moreover you shall make the And you shall couple five curtains by

themselves and six curtains by

tabernacle with ten curtains of fine themselves, and you shall double over 1' You shall make forty sockets of silver the sixth curtain at the forefront of the under the twenty boards: two sockets

tent. under each of the boards for its two

tenons.

10

You shall make fifty loops on the edge

2 0

of the curtain that is outermost in one And for the second side of the

set, and fifty loops on the edge of the tabernacle, the north side, there shall be

curtain of the second set. twenty boards

12 1 And you shall make fifty bronze clasps, and their forty sockets of silver: two

put the clasps into the loops, and couple sockets under each of the boards. the tent together, that it may be one.

2 For the far side of the tabernacle,

12 The remnant that remains of the westward, you shall make six boards.

curtains of the tent, the half curtain that

remains, shall hang over the back of the 23 And you shall also make two boards tabernacle. for the two back corners of the

tabernacle.

13 And a cubit on one side and a cubit on the other side, of what remains of the 2 4 They shall be coupled together at the length of the curtains of the tent, shall bottom and they shall be coupled

hang over the sides of the tabernacle, together at the top by one ring. Thus it

on this side and on that side, to cover it. shall be for both of them. They shall be

for the two corners.

14 You shall also make a covering of

ram skins dyed red for the tent, and a 2 5 So there shall be eight boards with covering of badger skins above that. their sockets of silver-- sixteen sockets--

two sockets under each of the boards.

1 5 And for the tabernacle you shall make

the boards of acacia wood, standing 2 6 'And you shall make bars of acacia upright. wood: five for the boards on one side of

the tabernacle,

16Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be 2 7five bars for the boards on the other the width of each board. side of the tabernacle, and five bars for

the boards of the side of the tabernacle,

17Two tenons shall be in each board for for the far side westward.

binding one to another. Thus you shall

make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 2 8The middle bar shall pass through the

midst of the boards from end to end.

1 ' And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south

side.

29You shall overlay the boards with gold, you shall cast five sockets of bronze for

make their rings of gold as holders for them. the bars, and overlay the bars with gold.

30

And you shall raise up the tabernacle 2 7 You shall make an altar of acacia

according to its pattern which you were

wood, five cubits long and five cubits

shown on the mountain.

wide--the altar shall be square--and its

3 height shall be three cubits. 1 You shall make a veil woven of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine 2

You shall make its horns on its four

woven linen. It shall be woven with an corners; its horns shall be of one piece

artistic design of cherubim. with it. And you shall overlay it with

32 ou shall hang it upon the four pillars bronze.

of acacia wood overlaid with gold. Their 3Also you shall make its pans to receive

hooks shall be gold, upon four sockets

its ashes, and its shovels and its basins

of silver.

and its forks and its firepans; you shall

33And you shall hang the veil from the make all its utensils of bronze.

clasps. Then you shall bring the ark of 4You shall make a grate for it, a network the Testimony in there, behind the veil. of bronze; and on the network you shall

The veil shall be a divider for you make four bronze rings at its four between the holy place and the Most corners. Holy.

34 5You shall put it under the rim of the

You shall put the mercy seat upon the altar beneath, that the network may be

ark of the Testimony in the Most Holy. midway up the altar.

35 ou shall set the table outside the veil, OAnd you shall make poles for the altar, and the lampstand across from the table poles of acacia wood, and overlay them on the side of the tabernacle toward the with bronze. south; and you shall put the table on the

north side. 7

The poles shall be put in the rings, and

3 the poles shall be on the two sides of 6 You shall make a screen for the door

the altar to bear it.

of the tabernacle, woven of blue, purple,

and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, 8 made by a weaver. You shall make it hollow with boards;

as it was shown you on the mountain,

37And you shall make for the screen five so shall they make it.

pillars of acacia wood, and overlay them "You shall also make the court of the

with gold; their hooks shall be gold, and

tabernacle. For the south side there

shall be hangings for the court made of fine woven linen, one hundred cubits made of fine woven linen, and its

long for one side. sockets of bronze.

11 OAnd its twenty pillars and their twenty ' All the utensils of the tabernacle for all

sockets shall be bronze. The hooks of its service, all its pegs, and all

the pegs

the pillars and their bands shall be silver. of the court, shall be of bronze.

120 'And you shall command the 1 Likewise along the length of the north children side there shall be hangings one of Israel that they bring you pure oil of

hundred cubits long, with its twenty pressed olives for the light, to cause the

pillars and their twenty sockets of lamp to burn continually. bronze, and the hooks of the pillars and

their bands of silver. 21 n the tabernacle of meeting, outside

the veil which is before the Testimony,

12 And along the width of the court on

Aaron and his sons shall tend it from

the west side shall be hangings of fifty evening until morning before the LORD.

cubits, with their ten pillars and their ten It shall be a statute forever to their

sockets. generations on behalf of the children of

Israel.

13 The width of the court on the east side shall be fifty cubits.

28 Now take Aaron your brother,

14

The hangings on one side of the gate and his sons with him, from among the

shall be fifteen cubits, with their three children of Israel, that he may minister

pillars and their three sockets. to Me as priest, Aaron and Aaron's

sons: Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and

15

And on the other side shall be Ithamar.

hangings of fifteen cubits, with their

three pillars and their three sockets. 2 And you shall make holy garments for

Aaron your brother, for glory and for

16 'For the gate of the court there shall beauty. be a screen twenty cubits long, woven

of blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and 3So you shall speak to all who are gifted fine woven linen, made by a weaver. It artisans, whom I have filled with the

shall have four pillars and four sockets. spirit of wisdom, that they may make

Aaron's garments, to consecrate him,

17All the pillars around the court shall that he may minister to Me as priest.

have bands of silver; their hooks shall

be of silver and their sockets of bronze. 4 And these are the garments which they

shall make: a breastplate, an ephod, a

1' The length of the court shall be one robe, a skillfully woven tunic, a turban,

hundred cubits, the width fifty and a sash. So they shall make holy throughout, and the height five cubits, garments for Aaron your brother and his



sons, that he may minister to Me as and you shall make two chains of pure

priest. gold like braided cords, and fasten the

braided chains to the settings.

<sup>5</sup> They shall take the gold, blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and the fine linen, <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> You shall make the breastplate of

judgment. Artistically woven according

<sup>6</sup> to the workmanship of the ephod you and they shall make the ephod of gold,

blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and fine shall make it: of gold, blue, purple, and

woven linen, artistically worked. scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, you

shall make it.

<sup>7</sup>It shall have two shoulder straps joined <sup>6</sup> at its two edges, and so it shall be joined <sup>1</sup> It shall be doubled into a square: a

together. span shall be its length, and a span

shall be its width.

<sup>8</sup>And the intricately woven band of the <sup>7</sup> ephod, which is on it, shall be of the <sup>1</sup> And you shall put settings of stones in

same workmanship, made of gold, blue, it, four rows of stones: The first row shall

purple, and scarlet thread, and fine be a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald;

woven linen. this shall be the first row;

18the second row shall be a turquoise, a

""Then you shall take two onyx stones

and engrave on them the names of the sapphire, and a diamond; sons  
of Israel:

1 ' the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and

10 an amethyst;

six of their names on one stone and  
six names on the other stone, in order of

2 0

their birth. and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx,

and a jasper. They shall be set in gold

11 settings.

with the work of an engraver in stone,

like the engravings of a signet, you shall 1And the stones shall have  
the names

engrave the two stones with the names 2 of the sons of Israel. You  
shall set them of the sons of Israel, twelve according to

in settings of gold. their names, like the engravings of a

signet, each one with its own name;

12And you shall put the two stones on they shall be according to the  
twelve

the shoulders of the ephod as memorial tribes. stones for the sons of  
Israel. So Aaron

shall bear their names before the LORD 'You shall make chains for the

22

on his two shoulders as a memorial. breastplate at the end, like  
braided

cords of pure gold.

13

You shall also make settings of gold, <sup>23</sup>And you shall make two rings of gold children of Israel over his heart before

for the breastplate, and put the two rings the LORD continually. on the two ends of the breastplate.

31 'You shall make the robe of the ephod

24

Then you shall put the two braided all of blue.

chains of gold in the two rings which are

on the ends of the breastplate; 32

There shall be an opening for his head

in the middle of it; it shall have a woven

25

and the other two ends of the two binding all around its opening,  
like the

braided chains you shall fasten to the opening in a coat of mail, so that it does

two settings, and put them on the not tear. shoulder straps of the ephod in the front.

33

And upon its hem you shall make

26 You shall make two rings of gold, and

pomegranates of blue, purple, and

put them on the two ends of the scarlet, all around its hem, and bells of

breastplate, on the edge of it, which is gold between them all around: on the inner side of the ephod.

34

a golden bell and a pomegranate, a

27

And two other rings of gold you shall golden bell and a pomegranate, upon

make, and put them on the two shoulder the hem of the robe all around. straps, underneath the ephod toward its

front, right at the seam above the 35And it shall be upon Aaron when he

intricately woven band of the ephod. ministers, and its sound will be heard

when he goes into the holy place before

2' They shall bind the breastplate by the LORD and when he comes out, that

means of its rings to the rings of the he may not die. ephod, using a blue cord, so that it is

above the intricately woven band of the 36 You shall also make a plate of pure ephod, and so that the breastplate does gold and engrave on it, like the

not come loose from the ephod. engraving of a signet: HOLINESS TO

2

9 So Aaron shall bear the names of the THE LORD.

sons of Israel on the breastplate of 37And you shall put it on a blue cord,

judgment over his heart, when he goes that it may be on the turban; it shall be

into the holy place, as a memorial on the front of the turban.  
before the LORD continually.

38 So it shall be on Aaron's forehead, that

30 And you shall put in the breastplate of Aaron may bear the iniquity  
of the holy

judgment the Urim and the Thummim, things which the children of  
Israel hallow

and they shall be over Aaron's heart in all their holy gifts; and it shall  
always

when he goes in before the LORD. So be on his forehead, that they  
may be

Aaron shall bear the judgment of the accepted before the LORD.

34 9 You shall skillfully weave the tunic of And Aaron and his sons  
you shall fine linen thread, you shall make the bring to the door of the  
tabernacle of

turban of fine linen, and you shall make meeting, and you shall  
wash them with

the sash of woven work. water.

45 0 'For Aaron's sons you shall make

Then you shall take the garments, put

tunics, and you shall make sashes for the tunic on Aaron, and the robe  
of the

them. And you shall make hats for them, ephod, the ephod, and the  
breastplate,

for glory and beauty. and gird him with the intricately woven

band of the ephod.

41

so you shall put them on Aaron your

brother and on his sons with him. You 6You shall put the turban on his head, shall anoint them, consecrate them, and and put the holy crown on the turban.

sanctify them, that they may minister to

Me as priests. 7And you shall take the anointing oil,

pour it on his head, and anoint him.

42

And you shall make for them linen

trousers to cover their nakedness; they 8Then you shall bring his sons and put shall reach from the waist to the thighs. tunics on them.

4 9 3They shall be on Aaron and on his

And you shall gird them with sashes,

sons when they come into the Aaron and his sons, and put the hats on  
tabernacle of meeting, or when they them. The priesthood shall be  
theirs for

come near the altar to minister in the a perpetual statute. So you shall  
holy place, that they do not incur iniquity consecrate Aaron and his  
sons. and die. It shall be a statute forever to

him and his descendants after him. 1 0 You shall also have the bull  
brought

before the tabernacle of meeting, and

Aaron and his sons shall put their hands

29 And this is what you shall do to on the head of the bull.

them to hallow them for ministering to 1Then you shall kill the bull  
before the

Me as priests: Take one young bull and 1 two rams without blemish,  
LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of

meeting.

2and unleavened bread, unleavened 2 ou shall take some of the  
blood of

cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened 1 wafers anointed with oil (you  
shall make the bull and put it on the horns of the

them of wheat flour). altar with your finger, and pour all the

blood beside the base of the altar.

3You shall put them in one basket and

bring them in the basket, with the bull 13And you shall take all the fat  
that and the two rams. covers the entrails, the fatty lobe

attached to the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is on them,  
and hallowed, and his sons and his sons'

burn them on the altar. garments with him.

1 2 424

But the flesh of the bull, with its skin 'Also you shall take the fat of  
the ram,

and its offal, you shall burn with fire the fat tail, the fat that covers  
the

outside the camp. It is a sin offering. entrails, the fatty lobe attached  
to the

liver, the two kidneys and the fat on

1 5 You shall also take one ram, and them, the right thigh (for it is a  
ram of

Aaron and his sons shall put their hands consecration), on the head of  
the ram;

2 3 ne loaf of bread, one cake made with

16 oil, and one wafer from the basket of the

and you shall kill the ram, and you

shall take its blood and sprinkle it all unleavened bread that is  
before the

around on the altar. LORD;

1 24 7and you shall put all these in the Then you shall cut the ram in  
pieces, wash its entrails and its legs, and put hands of Aaron and in  
the hands of his

them with its pieces and with its head. sons, and you shall wave them  
as a

wave offering before the LORD.

18And you shall burn the whole ram on

2 5 ou shall receive them back from their

the altar. It is a burnt offering to the

LORD; it is a sweet aroma, an offering hands and burn them on the  
altar as a

made by fire to the LORD. burnt offering, as a sweet aroma before

the LORD. It is an offering made by fire

1 to the LORD. '"

You shall also take the other ram, and

Aaron and his sons shall put their hands 2 64"Then you shall take the  
breast of the on the head of the ram. ram of Aaron's consecration and  
wave it

2 as a wave offering before the LORD; 0Then you shall kill the ram,  
and take



and it shall be your portion.

some of its blood and put it on the tip of

the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of <sup>2</sup> 7 And from the ram of the consecration the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of you shall consecrate the breast of the

their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all wave offering which is waved, and the

around on the altar. thigh of the heave offering which is

raised, of that which is for Aaron and of

<sup>21</sup> that which is for his sons.

And you shall take some of the blood

that is on the altar, and some of the <sup>2</sup> ' It shall be from the children of Israel anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and for Aaron and his sons by a statute

on the garments of his sons with him; forever. For it is a heave offering; it shall

and he and his garments shall be be a heave offering from the children of

Israel from the sacrifices of their peace offerings, that is, their heave offering to <sup>37</sup> Seven days you shall make atonement

the LORD. for the altar and sanctify it. And the altar

shall be most holy. Whatever touches

<sup>29</sup> And the holy garments of Aaron shall the altar must be holy. be his sons' after him, to be anointed in

them and to be consecrated in them. <sup>3</sup> 8 Now this is what you shall offer on the

altar: two lambs of the first year, day by

30 day continually.

That son who becomes priest in his

when he enters the tabernacle of 39 lamb you shall offer in the One  
place shall put them on for seven days,

meeting to minister in the holy place. morning, and the other lamb  
you shall

offer at twilight.

3 1 'And you shall take the ram of the

4 0

consecration and boil its flesh in the holy wi th the one lamb shall be  
one-tenth

place. of an ephah of flour mixed with one-

fourth of a hin of pressed oil, and one-

32 fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering.

Then Aaron and his sons shall eat the  
flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in

4 1

the basket, by the door of the tabernacle And the other lamb you shall  
offer at

of meeting. twilight; and you shall offer with it the

grain offering and the drink offering, as

33They shall eat those things with which in the morning, for a sweet  
aroma, an

the atonement was made, to consecrate offering made by fire to the  
LORD. and to sanctify them; but an outsider

4 2

shall not eat them, because they are This shall be a continual burnt offering

holy. throughout your generations at the door

of the tabernacle of meeting before the

34 LORD, where I will meet you to speak And if any of the flesh of the consecration offerings, or of the bread, with you.

remains until the morning, then you shall 3And there I will meet with the children

burn the remainder with fire. It shall not 4 be eaten, because it is holy. of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be

sanctified by My glory.

35§Thus you shall do to Aaron and his

44

sons, according to all that I have so I will consecrate the tabernacle of commanded you. Seven days you shall meeting and the altar. I will also

consecrate them. consecrate both Aaron and his sons to

minister to Me as priests.

36And you shall offer a bull every day as

a sin offering for atonement. You shall 4 5 will dwell among the children of Israel cleanse the altar when you make and will be their God. atonement for it, and you shall anoint it

to sanctify it.

4 9 6And they shall know that I am the You shall not offer strange incense on it,

LORD their God, who brought them up or a burnt offering, or a grain offering;

out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell nor shall you pour a drink offering on it.

among them. I am the LORD their God.

10

And Aaron shall make atonement  
upon its horns once a year with the

30 You shall make an altar to burn blood of the sin offering of atonement;

incense on; you shall make it of acacia once a year he shall make atonement

wood. upon it throughout your generations. It is

most holy to the LORD."

2A cubit shall be its length and a cubit its 1Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

1

width--it shall be square--and two cubits

saying:

shall be its height. Its horns shall be of

one piece with it. 1 2a When you take the census of the

OAnd you shall overlay its top, its sides children of Israel for their number, then

every man shall give a ransom for

all around, and its horns with pure gold;

himself to the LORD, when you number

and you shall make for it a molding of

them, that there may be no plague

gold all around.

among them when you number them.

4Two gold rings you shall make for it, 3This is what everyone among those

1

under the molding on both its sides. You

who are numbered shall give: half a

shall place them on its two sides, and

they will be holders for the poles with shekel according to the shekel of the

sanctuary (a shekel is twenty gerahs).

which to bear it.

The half-shekel shall be an offering to

5 the LORD.

You shall make the poles of acacia

wood, and overlay them with gold. 1 4Everyone included among those who 6 are numbered, from twenty years old

And you shall put it before the veil that and above, shall give an offering to the

is before the ark of the Testimony, LORD. before the mercy seat that is over the

Testimony, where I will meet with you. 1 5The rich shall not give more and the 7 poor shall not give less than half a

Aaron shall burn on it sweet incense shekel, when you give an offering to the

every morning; when he tends the LORD, to make atonement for lamps, he shall burn incense on it. yourselves.

And when Aaron lights the lamps at 1 6And you shall take the atonement

twilight, he shall burn incense on it, a money of the children of Israel, and shall

perpetual incense before the LORD appoint it for the service of the throughout your generations. tabernacle of meeting, that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before according to the art of the perfumer. It

the LORD, to make atonement for shall be a holy anointing oil. yourselves."

2 6with it you shall anoint the tabernacle

17

Then the LORD spoke to Moses, of meeting and the ark of the Testimony;

saying:

2 7

the table and all its utensils, the

1 "" You shall also make a laver of bronze, lampstand and its utensils, and the altar

with its base also of bronze, for washing. of incense; You shall put it between the tabernacle

of meeting and the altar. And you shall 2 8the altar of burnt offering with all its put water in it, utensils, and the laver and its base.

1 ' for Aaron and his sons shall wash their

2 ' You shall consecrate them, that they

hands and their feet in water from it. may be most holy; whatever touches

2

0When they go into the tabernacle of them must be holy.

meeting, or when they come near the 30And you shall anoint Aaron and his

altar to minister, to burn an offering sons, and consecrate them, that they

made by fire to the LORD, they shall may minister to Me as priests. wash with water, lest they die.

3 1 'And you shall speak to the children of

21 So they shall wash their hands and Israel, saying: "This shall be a holy

their feet, lest they die. And it shall be a anointing oil to Me throughout your

statute forever to them--to him and his generations. descendants throughout their

generations." 32It shall not be poured on man's flesh;

2 nor shall you make any other like it, 2Moreover the LORD spoke to Moses,

according to its composition. It is holy,

saying: and it shall be holy to you.

23a Also take for yourself quality spices-- 33Whoever compounds any like it, or

five hundred shekels of liquid myrrh, half whoever puts any of it on

an outsider,

as much sweet-smelling cinnamon (two shall be cut off from his people." hundred and fifty shekels), two hundred

and fifty shekels of sweet-smelling cane, 34

And the LORD said to Moses: "Take

2 sweet spices, stacte and onycha and 4 five hundred shekels of cassia, galbanum, and pure frankincense with

according to the shekel of the sanctuary, these sweet spices; there shall be equal

and a hin of olive oil. amounts of each.

25And you shall make from these a holy anointing oil, an ointment compounded 35You shall make of these an incense, a that they may make all that I have

compound according to the art of the commanded you: perfumer, salted, pure, and holy.

7the tabernacle of meeting, the ark of

36

And you shall beat some of it very fine, the Testimony and the mercy seat that

and put some of it before the Testimony is on it, and all the furniture of the

in the tabernacle of meeting where I will tabernacle--meet with you. It shall be most holy to

you. 8the table and its utensils, the pure gold

37But as for the incense which you shall lampstand with all its utensils, the altar



of incense,

make, you shall not make any for

yourselves, according to its composition. 'the altar of burnt offering  
with all its

It shall be to you holy for the LORD. utensils, and the laver and its  
base--

3 1 0 8Whoever makes any like it, to smell it,

the garments of ministry, the holy

he shall be cut off from his people." garments for Aaron the priest and  
the

garments of his sons, to minister as

priests,

3 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

11

saying: and the anointing oil and sweet

incense for the holy place. According to

2 all that I have commanded you they See, I have called by name  
Bezalel

the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the shall do."

tribe of Judah. 1 2And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

OAnd I have filled him with the Spirit of 13 Speak also to the children  
of Israel, God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all  
manner of saying: "Surely My Sabbaths you shall

workmanship, keep, for it is a sign between Me and

you throughout your generations, that

4 you may know that I am the LORD who to design artistic works, to work in gold,

in silver, in bronze, sanctifies you.

1 4 ou shall keep the Sabbath, therefore,

sin cutting jewels for setting, in carving

for it is holy to you. Everyone who

wood, and to work in all manner of

profanes it shall surely be put to death;

workmanship.

for whoever does any work on it, that

6 person shall be cut off from among his

And I, indeed I, have appointed with

people.

him Aholiab the son of Ahisamach, of

the tribe of Dan; and I have put wisdom 15 Work shall be done for six days, but in the hearts of all the gifted artisans,

the seventh is the Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work Then they said, "This is your god, O

on the Sabbath day, he shall surely be Israel, that brought you out of the land of

put to death. Egypt!"

1 5 6 Therefore the children of Israel shall So when Aaron saw it, he built an altar

keep the Sabbath, to observe the before it. And Aaron made a Sabbath throughout their generations as proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a

a perpetual covenant. feast to the LORD."

16 7 is a sign between Me and the

Then they rose early on the next day,

children of Israel forever; for in six days offered burnt offerings, and brought

the LORD made the heavens and the peace offerings; and the people sat

earth, and on the seventh day He rested down to eat and drink, and rose up to

and was refreshed." play.

17 8And when He had made an end of And the LORD said to Moses, "Go, get

speaking with him on Mount Sinai, He down! For your people whom you

gave Moses two tablets of the brought out of the land of Egypt have

Testimony, tablets of stone, written with corrupted themselves. the finger of God.

8They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They

32Now when the people saw that have made themselves a molded calf,

and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and

Moses delayed coming down from the

mountain, the people gathered together said, "This is your god, O

Israel, that

to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

us gods that shall go before us; for as

for this Moses, the man who brought us 'And the LORD said to Moses, "I have

up out of the land of Egypt, we do not seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-

know what has become of him." necked people!

1 0Now therefore, let Me alone, that My

2And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of wrath may burn hot against them and I

your wives, your sons, and your may consume them. And I will make of

daughters, and bring them to me." you a great nation."

3So all the people broke off the golden 11Then Moses pleaded with the LORD

earrings which were in their ears, and his God, and said: "LORD, why does

brought them to Aaron. Your wrath burn hot against Your people

whom You have brought out of the land

4 of Egypt with great power and with a

And he received the gold from their

mighty hand?

hand, and he fashioned it with an

engraving tool, and made a molded calf.

Why should the Egyptians speak, and he cast the tablets out of his hands

say, "He brought them out to harm them, and broke them at the foot of the

to kill them in the mountains, and to mountain. consume them from the face of the

earth"? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and 2 0Then he took the calf which they had relented from this harm to Your people. made, burned it in the fire, and ground it

to powder; and he scattered it on the

13Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, water and made the children of Israel

Your servants, to whom You swore by drink it. Your own self, and said to them, "I will

multiply your descendants as the stars 2 1And Moses said to Aaron, "What did of heaven; and all this land that I have this people do to you that you have

spoken of I give to your descendants, brought so great a sin upon them?" and they shall inherit it forever."

1 So Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of 4 2

So the LORD relented from the harm my lord become hot. You know the

which He said He would do to His people, that they are set on evil. people.

2 3For they said to me, "Make us gods

15And Moses turned and went down

that shall go before us; as for this Moses,

from the mountain, and the two tablets the man who brought us out

of the land

of the Testimony were in his hand. The of Egypt, we do not know what has

tablets were written on both sides; on become of him.' the one side and on the other they were

written. <sup>2</sup> 4And I said to them, "Whoever has any

<sup>1</sup> gold, let them break it off.' So they gave <sup>6</sup>Now the tablets were the work of God,

it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and

and the writing was the writing of God this calf came out." engraved on the tablets.

<sup>2</sup> 5Now when Moses saw that the people

<sup>17</sup> And when Joshua heard the noise of were unrestrained (for Aaron had not

the people as they shouted, he said to restrained them, to their shame among

Moses, "There is a noise of war in the their enemies), camp."

<sup>26</sup>then Moses stood in the entrance of

<sup>1</sup> But he said: "It is not the noise of the the camp, and said, "Whoever is on the

shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry LORD's side--come to me!" And all the

of defeat, But the sound of singing I sons of Levi gathered themselves hear." together to him.

<sup>1</sup> ' So it was, as soon as he came near <sup>7</sup>And he said to them, "Thus says the

the camp, that he saw the calf and the LORD God of Israel: "Let every man put

dancing. So Moses' anger became hot, his sword on his side, and go in and out

from entrance to entrance throughout 35 So the LORD plagued the people

the camp, and let every man kill his because of what they did with the calf

brother, every man his companion, and which Aaron made. every man his neighbor."

2 ' So the sons of Levi did according to 3 3 Then the LORD said to Moses,

the word of Moses. And about three "Depart and go up from here, you and

thousand men of the people fell that day.

the people whom you have brought out  
of the land of Egypt, to the land of which

2' Then Moses said, "Consecrate I swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, yourselves today to the LORD, that He saying, "To your descendants I will give

may bestow on you a blessing this day, i for every man has opposed his son and

his brother." 2

And I will send My Angel before you,

30 Now it came to pass on the next day and I will drive out the Canaanite and

the Amorite and the Hittite and the

that Moses said to the people, "You Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

have committed a great sin. So now I  
will go up to the LORD; perhaps I can 3

Go up to a land flowing with milk and  
make atonement for your sin."

honey; for I will not go up in your midst,

3 lest I consume you on the way, for you 1 Then Moses returned to the  
LORD

are a stiff-necked people."  
and said, "Oh, these people have  
committed a great sin, and have made 4

And when the people heard this bad  
for themselves a god of gold!

news, they mourned, and no one put on

32 et now, if You will forgive their sin-- his ornaments. but if not, I  
pray, blot me out of Your 5

For the LORD had said to Moses, "Say  
book which You have written."

to the children of Israel, "You are a stiff-

33 And the LORD said to Moses, necked people. I could come up into  
your midst in one moment and consume  
"Whoever has sinned against Me, I will you. Now therefore, take off



your

blot him out of My book. ornaments, that I may know what to do  
to you."

34Now therefore, go, lead the people to

the place of which I have spoken to you. <sup>6</sup> So the children of Israel  
stripped Behold, My Angel shall go before you. themselves of their  
ornaments by Mount

Nevertheless, in the day when I visit for Horeb. punishment, I will  
visit punishment upon

them for their sin." <sup>7</sup>

Moses took his tent and pitched it  
outside the camp, far from the camp,  
and called it the tabernacle of meeting.

And it came to pass that everyone who sought the LORD went out to  
the <sup>15</sup>Then he said to Him, "If Your tabernacle of meeting which was  
Presence does not go with us, do not  
outside the camp. bring us up from here.

8 1 6

So it was, whenever Moses went out to For how then will it be known  
that Your

the tabernacle, that all the people rose, people and I have found grace  
in Your

and each man stood at his tent door and sight, except You go with us?  
So we

watched Moses until he had gone into shall be separate, Your people  
and I,

the tabernacle. from all the people who are upon the

face of the earth."

'And it came to pass, when Moses

1 7

entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of So the LORD said to Moses, "I will

cloud descended and stood at the door also do this thing that you have spoken;

of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked for you have found grace in My sight,

with Moses. and I know you by name."

1 1 08

All the people saw the pillar of cloud And he said, "Please, show me Your

standing at the tabernacle door, and all glory." the people rose and worshiped, each

man in his tent door. 1' Then He said, "I will make all My

goodness pass before you, and I will

11

So the LORD spoke to Moses face to proclaim the name of the LORD before

face, as a man speaks to his friend. And you. I will be gracious to whom I will be

he would return to the camp, but his gracious, and I will have compassion on

servant Joshua the son of Nun, a young whom I will have compassion." man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

2 0But He said, "You cannot see My face;

12Then Moses said to the LORD, "See, for no man shall see Me, and live."

You say to me, "Bring up this people."

But You have not let me know whom 2 1And the LORD said, "Here is a place You will send with me. Yet You have by Me, and you shall stand on the rock.

said, "I know you by name, and you

have also found grace in My sight.' 2 so it shall be, while My glory passes

1 by, that I will put you in the cleft of the 3 Now therefore, I pray, if I have found rock, and will cover you with My hand

grace in Your sight, show me now Your while I pass by. way, that I may know You and that I

may find grace in Your sight. And 23Then I will take away My hand, and consider that this nation is Your people." you shall see My back; but My face shall

1 not be seen." 4And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

9Then he said, "If now I have found

34And the LORD said to Moses, grace in Your sight, O Lord, let my Lord,

I pray, go among us, even though we

"Cut two tablets of stone like the first

are a stiff-necked people; and pardon

ones, and I will write on these tablets

our iniquity and our sin, and take us as

the words that were on the first tablets

Your inheritance."

which you broke.

<sup>1</sup> OAnd He said: "Behold, I make a

<sup>2</sup>So be ready in the morning, and come

covenant. Before all your people I will do

up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and

marvels such as have not been done in

present yourself to Me there on the top

all the earth, nor in any nation; and all

of the mountain.

the people among whom you are shall

OAnd no man shall come up with you, see the work of the LORD. For  
it is an

awesome thing that I will do with you.

and let no man be seen throughout all

the mountain; let neither flocks nor <sup>1</sup> I observe what I command you  
this day. herds feed before that mountain."

Behold, I am driving out from before you

<sup>4</sup> the Amorite and the Canaanite and the

So he cut two tablets of stone like the Hittite and the Perizzite and the  
Hivite

first ones. Then Moses rose early in the and the Jebusite. morning and  
went up Mount Sinai, as

the LORD had commanded him; and he <sup>1</sup> 2Take heed to yourself, lest  
you make a tool in his hand the two tablets of stone.

covenant with the inhabitants of the land

<sup>5</sup> where you are going, lest it be a snare

Now the LORD descended in the cloud in your midst.

and stood with him there, and

proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>1</sup> 3But you shall destroy their  
altars, <sup>6</sup> break their sacred pillars, and cut down

And the LORD passed before him and their wooden images

proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God,

merciful and gracious, longsuffering, <sup>14</sup>(

for you shall worship no other god, for

and abounding in goodness and truth,

the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a

<sup>7</sup> jealous God),

keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving

iniquity and transgression and sin, by no <sup>1</sup> 5est you make a covenant  
with the means clearing the guilty, visiting the

inhabitants of the land, and they play the

iniquity of the fathers upon the children

harlot with their gods and make sacrifice

and the children's children to the third

to their gods, and one of them invites

and the fourth generation."

you and you eat of his sacrifice,

8So Moses made haste and bowed his 6

1 and you take of his daughters for your  
head toward the earth, and worshiped.

sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your  
sons play 2 5 You shall not offer the blood of My the harlot with their  
gods. sacrifice with leaven, nor shall the

sacrifice of the Feast of the Passover be

17 You shall make no molded gods for left until morning. yourselves.

2 64The first of the firstfruits of your land

1 you shall bring to the house of the " The Feast of Unleavened Bread  
you

shall keep. Seven days you shall eat LORD your God. You shall not  
boil a

unleavened bread, as I commanded you, young goat in its mother's  
milk." in the appointed time of the month of

Abib; for in the month of Abib you came 2 7Then the LORD said to  
Moses, "Write out from Egypt. these words, for according to the tenor

of these words I have made a covenant

1 with you and with Israel." " All that open the womb are Mine, and  
every male firstborn among your

livestock, whether ox or sheep. 2' So he was there with the LORD forty

days and forty nights; he neither ate

20But the firstborn of a donkey you shall bread nor drank water. And  
He wrote on

redeem with a lamb. And if you will not the tablets the words of the  
covenant,

redeem him, then you shall break his the Ten Commandments. neck.  
All the firstborn of your sons you

shall redeem. "And none shall appear 2 ' Now it was so, when Moses

came before Me empty-handed. down from Mount Sinai (and the two

tablets of the Testimony were in Moses'

21 'Six days you shall work, but on the hand when he came down from the

seventh day you shall rest; in plowing mountain), that Moses did not know that

time and in harvest you shall rest. the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him.

22 And you shall observe the Feast of

30

Weeks, of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, So when Aaron and all the children of

and the Feast of Ingathering at the Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his

year's end. face shone, and they were afraid to

come near him.

2 3§ 'Three times in the year all your men shall appear before the Lord, the LORD Then Moses called to them, and Aaron 3 1

God of Israel. and all the rulers of the congregation

returned to him; and Moses talked with

24 them.

For I will cast out the nations before

you and enlarge your borders; neither 3 2Afterward all the children of Israel will any man covet your land when you go up to appear before the LORD your came near, and he gave them as

God three times in the year. commandments all that the LORD had

spoken with him on Mount Sinai.

33 And when Moses had finished 6 blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine speaking with them, he put a veil on his linen, and goats' hair; face.

34 acacia wood; But whenever Moses went in before 7 ram skins dyed red, badger skins, and the LORD to speak with Him, he would

take the veil off until he came out; and soil for the light, and spices for the he would come out and speak to the anointing oil and for the sweet incense;

children of Israel whatever he had been

commanded. 9

onyx stones, and stones to be set in the

3 ephod and in the breastplate. 5 And whenever the children of Israel

saw the face of Moses, that the skin of 1 04 'All who are gifted artisans among you Moses' face shone, then Moses would shall come and make all that the LORD

put the veil on his face again, until he has commanded: went in to speak with Him.

1 the tabernacle, its tent, its covering, its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars,

3 5 Then Moses gathered all the and its sockets;

congregation of the children of Israel

together, and said to them, "These are 1 2 the ark and its poles, with the mercy the words which the LORD has said, and the veil of the covering; commanded you to do:



2 the table and its poles, all its utensils,

Work shall be done for six days, but the and the showbread;

seventh day shall be a holy day for you,

a Sabbath of rest to the LORD. 1 4also the lampstand for the light, its  
Whoever does any work on it shall be utensils, its lamps, and the oil  
for the put to death. light;

3 1 You shall kindle no fire throughout your 5the incense altar, its  
poles, the dwellings on the Sabbath day." anointing oil, the sweet  
incense, and the 4 screen for the door at the entrance of

And Moses spoke to all the the tabernacle;

congregation of the children of Israel,

saying, "This is the thing which the 1 6the altar of burnt offering with  
its LORD commanded, saying:

bronze grating, its poles, all its utensils,

5 and the laver and its base;

Take from among you an offering to

the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, 17

the hangings of the court, its pillars,

let him bring it as an offering to the

their sockets, and the screen for the

LORD: gold, silver, and bronze;

gate of the court;

1 2 ' the pegs of the tabernacle, the pegs of 6And all the women whose  
hearts the court, and their cords; stirred with wisdom spun yarn of  
goats'

hair.

19 he garments of ministry, for ministering in the holy place--the holy  
2 7

The rulers brought onyx stones, and  
garments for Aaron the priest and the the stones to be set in the ephod  
and in  
garments of his sons, to minister as the breastplate, priests."

2 8

2 anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

0And all the congregation of the and spices and oil for the light, for  
the

children of Israel departed from the

presence of Moses. 2 ' The children of Israel brought a freewill

2 women whose hearts were willing to

1Then everyone came whose heart was offering to the LORD, all the  
men and

stirred, and everyone whose spirit was bring material for all kinds of  
work which

willing, and they brought the LORD's the LORD, by the hand of Moses,  
had

offering for the work of the tabernacle of commanded to be done.  
meeting, for all its service, and for the

holy garments. 30And Moses said to the children of

Israel, "See, the LORD has called by

22

They came, both men and women, as name Bezalel the son of Uri,  
the son of

many as had a willing heart, and Hur, of the tribe of Judah; brought

earrings and nose rings, rings

and necklaces, all jewelry of gold, that is, 31 and He has filled him with the Spirit of every man who made an offering of gold God, in wisdom and understanding, in

to the LORD. knowledge and all manner of

2

3And every man, with whom was found workmanship,

blue, purple, and scarlet thread, fine 32 to design artistic works, to work in gold linen, goats' hair, red skins of rams, and and silver and bronze, badger skins, brought them.

2 thin cutting jewels for setting, in carving

4Everyone who offered an offering of wood, and to work in all manner of

silver or bronze brought the LORD's artistic workmanship. offering. And everyone with whom was

found acacia wood for any work of the 34 'And He has put in his heart the ability

service, brought it.

to teach, in him and Aholiab the son of

2 Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 5All the women who were gifted

artisans spun yarn with their hands, and 35He has filled them with skill to do all

brought what they had spun, of blue,

manner of work of the engraver and the

purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

designer and the tapestry maker, in blue,

purple, and scarlet thread, and fine linen, and of the weaver--those who do every 7for the material they had was sufficient work and those

who design artistic for all the work to be done--indeed too  
works. much.

8 Then all the gifted artisans among them

36 And Bezalel and Aholiab, and who worked on the tabernacle  
made ten

every gifted artisan in whom the LORD curtains woven of fine linen,  
and of blue,

has put wisdom and understanding, to purple, and scarlet thread; with  
artistic

designs of cherubim they made them.

know how to do all manner of work for

the service of the sanctuary, shall do

according to all that the LORD has "The length of each curtain was  
twenty-

commanded." eight cubits, and the width of each

curtain four cubits; the curtains were all

2 the same size.

Then Moses called Bezalel and Aholiab,

and every gifted artisan in whose heart 1 0And he coupled five  
curtains to one the LORD had put wisdom, everyone

whose heart was stirred, to come and another, and the other five  
curtains he

do the work. coupled to one another.

0And they received from Moses all the 11He made loops of blue yarn

on the offering which the children of Israel had edge of the curtain on the selvedge of

brought for the work of the service of one set; likewise he did on the outer

making edge of the other curtain of the second the sanctuary. So they continued bringing to him freewill set. offerings every morning.

1 2

Fifty loops he made on one curtain,

4 and fifty loops he made on the edge of Then all the craftsmen who were doing

all the work of the sanctuary came, each the curtain on the end of the second set;

from the work he was doing, the loops held one curtain to another.

s 1 3And he made fifty clasps of gold, and

and they spoke to Moses, saying, "The

people bring much more than enough coupled the curtains to one another with

for the service of the work which the the clasps, that it might be one

LORD commanded us to do." tabernacle.

6 1 4He made curtains of goats' hair for the So Moses gave a commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed tent over the tabernacle; he made

throughout the camp, saying, "Let eleven curtains.

neither man nor woman do any more 5The length of each curtain was thirty

work for the offering of the sanctuary." <sup>1</sup> And the people were restrained from cubits, and the width of each curtain four

bringing, cubits; the eleven curtains were the  
same size.

<sup>1 2</sup> He coupled five curtains by 7

For the west side of the tabernacle he  
themselves and six curtains by made six boards. themselves.

<sup>2</sup> He also made two boards for the two

<sup>17</sup>

And he made fifty loops on the edge of back corners of the  
tabernacle.

the curtain that is outermost in one set,

and fifty loops he made on the edge of <sup>2</sup> ' And they were coupled at  
the bottom the curtain of the second set. and coupled together at the  
top by one

<sup>1</sup> two corners.

He also made fifty bronze clasps to ring. Thus he made both of them  
for the

couple the tent together, that it might be

one. <sup>30</sup> So there were eight boards and their

sockets--sixteen sockets of silver--two

<sup>1</sup> ' Then he made a covering for the tent sockets under each of the  
boards. of ram skins dyed red, and a covering of

badger skins above that. <sup>31</sup> And he made bars of acacia wood: five

<sup>2</sup> tabernacle, <sup>0</sup> For the tabernacle he made boards of for the boards on

one side of the

acacia wood, standing upright.

2 The length of each board was ten side of the tabernacle, and five bars for

1 32 five bars for the boards on the other

cubits, and the width of each board a the boards of the tabernacle on the far

cubit and a half. side westward.

2 33 And he made the middle bar to pass

Each board had two tenons for binding

one to another. Thus he made for all the through the boards from one end to the

boards of the tabernacle. other.

2 34 3 And he made boards for the He overlaid the boards with gold, tabernacle, twenty boards for the south made their rings of gold to be holders for

side. the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

24 35

Forty sockets of silver he made to go And he made a veil of blue, purple,

under the twenty boards: two sockets and scarlet thread, and fine woven linen;

under each of the boards for its two it was worked with an artistic design of

tenons. cherubim.

25And for the other side of the 36He made for it four pillars of acacia

tabernacle, the north side, he made wood, and overlaid them with gold, with

twenty boards their hooks of gold; and he cast four

sockets of silver for them.

26

and their forty sockets of silver: two

sockets under each of the boards.

37He also made a screen for the 9The cherubim spread out their wings  
tabernacle door, of blue, purple, and above, and covered the mercy  
seat with

scarlet thread, and fine woven linen, their wings. They faced one  
another; the

made by a weaver, faces of the cherubim were toward the

mercy seat.

3' and its five pillars with their hooks. And 0 1 he overlaid their  
capitals and their rings He made the table of acacia wood; two with  
gold, but their five sockets were cubits was its length, a cubit its  
width,

bronze. and a cubit and a half its height.

1 1And he overlaid it with pure gold, and

37Then Bezalel made the ark of made a molding of gold all around



it.

acacia wood; two and a half cubits was <sup>2</sup>Also he made a frame of a  
its length, a cubit and a half its width, <sup>1</sup> and a cubit and a half its  
height. handbreadth all around it, and made a

molding of gold for the frame all around

<sup>2</sup> it. He overlaid it with pure gold inside and

outside, and made a molding of gold all <sup>13</sup>And he cast for it four rings  
of gold, around it.

and put the rings on the four corners

OAnd he cast for it four rings of gold to that were at its four legs.

be set in its four corners: two rings on <sup>14</sup>The rings were close to the  
frame, as one side, and two rings on the other side of it. holders for  
the poles to bear the table.

<sup>4 1</sup> <sup>5</sup>And he made the poles of acacia wood He made poles of acacia  
wood, and overlaid them with gold. to bear the table, and overlaid  
them with

gold.

<sup>5</sup>And he put the poles into the rings at <sup>6</sup>He made of pure gold the  
utensils

the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. <sup>1</sup>

which were on the table: its dishes, its

<sup>6</sup> cups, its bowls, and its pitchers for He also made the mercy seat of  
pure

gold; two and a half cubits was its length pouring.

and a cubit and a half its width. <sup>1</sup> 7He also made the lampstand of pure

<sup>7</sup> gold; of hammered work he made the He made two cherubim of beaten gold;

he made them of one piece at the two lampstand. Its shaft, its branches, its

ends of the mercy seat: bowls, its ornamental knobs, and its

flowers were of the same piece.

some cherub at one end on this side, and <sup>8</sup>And six branches came out of its

<sup>1</sup>

the other cherub at the other end on that

side. He made the cherubim at the two sides: three branches of the lampstand

ends of one piece with the mercy seat.

<sup>2</sup> 7

out of one side, and three branches of He made two rings of gold for it under

the lampstand out of the other side. its molding, by its two corners on both

sides, as holders for the poles with

<sup>19</sup>There were three bowls made like which to bear it.

almond blossoms on one branch, with

<sup>2</sup> 8

an ornamental knob and a flower, and And he made the poles of

acacia wood,

three bowls made like almond blossoms and overlaid them with gold.  
on the other branch, with an ornamental

knob and a flower--and so for the six <sup>2</sup> ' He also made the holy  
anointing oil branches coming out of the lampstand. and the pure  
incense of sweet spices,

2

0And on the lampstand itself were four according to the work of the  
perfumer.

bowls made like almond blossoms, each

with its ornamental knob and flower. 38 He made the altar of burnt  
offering

<sup>2</sup> of acacia wood; five cubits was its <sup>1</sup> There was a knob under the first  
two length and five cubits its width--it was branches of the same, a  
knob under the square--and its height was three cubits. second two  
branches of the same, and

a knob under the third two branches of <sup>2</sup> He made its horns on its four  
corners; the same, according to the six branches the horns were of one  
piece with it. And extending from it. he overlaid it with bronze.

<sup>2</sup>2Their knobs and their branches were 3He made all the utensils for  
the altar:

of one piece; all of it was one hammered

piece of pure gold. the pans, the shovels, the basins, the

forks, and the firepans; all its utensils he

<sup>2</sup> made of bronze. 3And he made its seven lamps, its wick- trimmers,  
and its trays of pure gold. <sup>4</sup>

And he made a grate of bronze network

2 for the altar, under its rim, midway from 4 Of a talent of pure gold he made it, the bottom. with all its utensils.

2

5He made the incense altar of acacia 5He cast four rings for the four corners

of the bronze grating, as holders for the  
wood. Its length was a cubit and its  
poles.

width a cubit--it was square--and two

cubits was its height. Its horns were of 6 one piece with it. And he made the poles of acacia wood,

and overlaid them with bronze.

26And he overlaid it with pure gold: its top, its sides all around, and its horns. 7Then he put the poles into the rings on

He also made for it a molding of gold all the sides of the altar, with which to bear

around it. it. He made the altar hollow with boards.

8He made the laver of bronze and its capitals was silver; and all the pillars of

base of bronze, from the bronze mirrors the court had bands of silver. of the serving women who assembled at

the door of the tabernacle of meeting. 18The screen for the gate of the court

was woven of blue, purple, and scarlet

"Then he made the court on the south thread, and of fine woven linen. The

side; the hangings of the court were of length was twenty cubits, and the height

fine woven linen, one hundred cubits along its width was five cubits, long. corresponding to the hangings of the

court.

<sup>10</sup>There were twenty pillars for them, with twenty bronze sockets. The hooks <sup>1</sup> ' And there were four pillars with their of the pillars and their bands were silver. four sockets of bronze; their hooks were

silver, and the overlay of their capitals

<sup>11</sup> and their bands was silver.

On the north side the hangings were one hundred cubits long, with twenty

<sup>2</sup> 0

pillars and their twenty bronze sockets. All the pegs of the tabernacle, and of

The hooks of the pillars and their bands the court all around, were bronze. were silver.

<sup>2</sup> 1

This is the inventory of the tabernacle,

<sup>12</sup>

And on the west side there were the tabernacle of the Testimony, which

hangings of fifty cubits, with ten pillars was counted according to the and their ten sockets. The hooks of the commandment of Moses, for the service

pillars and their bands were silver. of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar,

13

For the east side the hangings were 2Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur,

fifty cubits. 2

of the tribe of Judah, made all that the

14The hangings of one side of the gate LORD had commanded Moses.

were fifteen cubits long, with their three 3And with him was Aholiab the son of

pillars and their three sockets, 2

Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, an

15 engraver and designer, a weaver of blue,

and the same for the other side of the

court gate; on this side and that were purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine

hangings of fifteen cubits, with their linen. three pillars and their three sockets.

2 4

All the gold that was used in all the

16All the hangings of the court all around work of the holy place, that is, the gold

were of fine woven linen. of the offering, was twenty-nine talents

and seven hundred and thirty shekels,

17 according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

The sockets for the pillars were bronze,

the hooks of the pillars and their bands

were silver, and the overlay of their <sup>25</sup>And the silver from those who were made the holy garments for Aaron, as

numbered of the congregation was one the LORD had commanded Moses. hundred talents and one thousand

seven hundred and seventy-five shekels, <sup>2</sup> He made the ephod of gold, blue, according to the shekel of the sanctuary: purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine

woven linen.

26

a bekah for each man (that is, half a

shekel, according to the shekel of the OAnd they beat the gold into thin sheets sanctuary), for everyone included in the and cut it into threads, to work it in with

numbering from twenty years old and the blue, purple, and scarlet thread, and

above, for six hundred and three the fine linen, into artistic designs. thousand, five hundred and fifty men.

<sup>4</sup> They made shoulder straps for it to

<sup>27</sup> And from the hundred talents of silver couple it together; it was coupled

were cast the sockets of the sanctuary together at its two edges. and the bases of the veil: one hundred

sockets from the hundred talents, one <sup>5</sup>And the intricately woven band of his talent for each socket.

ephod that was on it was of the same

<sup>2</sup> workmanship, woven of gold, blue, <sup>8</sup>Then from the one thousand seven

purple, and scarlet thread, and of fine

hundred and seventy-five shekels he woven linen, as the LORD had

made hooks for the pillars, overlaid their commanded Moses. capitals,  
and made bands for them.

6 And they set onyx stones, enclosed in

2' The offering of bronze was seventy settings of gold; they were  
engraved, as

talents and two thousand four hundred signets are engraved, with the  
names of

shekels. the sons of Israel.

30 And with it he made the sockets for the 7 He put them on the  
shoulders of the door of the tabernacle of meeting, the ephod as  
memorial stones for the sons

bronze altar, the bronze grating for it, of Israel, as the LORD had  
commanded

and all the utensils for the altar, Moses.

3 1 he sockets for the court all around,

'And he made the breastplate,

the bases for the court gate, all the pegs artistically woven like the  
workmanship

for the tabernacle, and all the pegs for of the ephod, of gold, blue,  
purple, and

the court all around. scarlet thread, and of fine woven linen.

9 They made the breastplate square by

39 Of the blue, purple, and scarlet doubling it; a span was its length  
and a

thread they made garments of ministry, span its width when doubled.  
for ministering in the holy place, and 1 2 0 And they set in it four rows



of stones: a 0They made two other gold rings and row with a sardius,  
a topaz, and an put them on the two shoulder straps,

emerald was the first row; underneath the ephod toward its front,

right at the seam above the intricately

11t woven band of the ephod.

he second row, a turquoise, a  
sapphire, and a diamond;

2 1

And they bound the breastplate by

12t means of its rings to the rings of the

he third row, a jacinth, an agate, and  
an amethyst; ephod with a blue cord, so that it would

be above the intricately woven band of

1 the ephod, and that the breastplate 3 he fourth row, a beryl, an  
onyx, and a

would not come loose from the ephod,

jasper. They were enclosed in settings

as the LORD had commanded Moses.

of gold in their mountings.

1

4There were twelve stones according to 2 He made the robe of the  
ephod of

woven work, all of blue.

the names of the sons of Israel:

according to their names, engraved like 2 3And there was an opening in the a signet, each one with its own name according to the twelve tribes. middle of the robe, like the opening in a

coat of mail, with a woven binding all

15And they made chains for the around the opening, so that it would not

tear.

breastplate at the ends, like braided

cords of pure gold. 2 4They made on the hem of the robe

1 pomegranates of blue, purple, and 6They also made two settings of gold

scarlet, and of fine woven linen.

and two gold rings, and put the two rings

on the two ends of the breastplate. 2 5And they made bells of pure gold, and 17 put the bells between the pomegranates

And they put the two braided chains of

on the hem of the robe all around

gold in the two rings on the ends of the

between the pomegranates:

breastplate.

2 6

18 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a

The two ends of the two braided

chains they fastened in the two settings, pomegranate, all around the hem of the

robe to minister in, as the LORD had

and put them on the shoulder straps of

commanded Moses.

the ephod in the front.

2 7

1 They made tunics, artistically woven of '

And they made two rings of gold and

fine linen, for Aaron and his sons,

put them on the two ends of the

breastplate, on the edge of it, which was 2 8a turban of fine linen,  
exquisite hats of on the inward side of the ephod.

fine linen, short trousers of fine woven

linen, 29and a sash of fine woven  
linen with 3' the bronze altar, its  
grate of bronze, its

blue, purple, and scarlet thread, made poles, and all its utensils; the  
laver with

by a weaver, as the LORD had its base; commanded Moses.

4 0

the hangings of the court, its pillars

30 Then they made the plate of the holy and its sockets, the screen for  
the court

crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an gate, its cords, and its pegs; all  
the

inscription like the engraving of a signet: utensils for the service of the  
tabernacle,

HOLINESS TO THE LORD. for the tent of meeting;

3 4 1 And they tied to it a blue cord, to and the garments of ministry,  
to

fasten it above on the turban, as the minister in the holy place: the  
holy

LORD had commanded Moses. garments for Aaron the priest, and his  
sons' garments, to minister as priests.

32

Thus all the work of the tabernacle of 2 According to all that the  
LORD had

the tent of meeting was finished. And 4 the children of Israel did  
according to all commanded Moses, so the children of

that the LORD had commanded Moses; Israel did all the work. so they  
did.

4 3 Then Moses looked over all the work,

33 And they brought the tabernacle to and indeed they had done it; as  
the

Moses, the tent and all its furnishings: LORD had commanded, just so  
they

its clasps, its boards, its bars, its pillars, had done it. And Moses  
blessed them.

and its sockets;

34t

he covering of ram skins dyed red, the 4o Then the LORD spoke  
to Moses,

covering of badger skins, and the veil of saying: the covering;

5 he ark of the Testimony with its poles, 2 On the first day of the first month you

shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of  
and the mercy seat; meeting.

36 he table, all its utensils, and the 3

You shall put in it the ark of the  
showbread; Testimony, and partition off the ark with

3 the veil. 7 he pure gold lampstand with its lamps

(the lamps set in order), all its utensils, 4 You shall bring in the table  
and arrange and the oil for light; the things that are to be set in order  
on

3 it; and you shall bring in the lampstand 8 he gold altar, the  
anointing oil, and the

and light its lamps.

sweet incense; the screen for the

tabernacle door; 5You shall also set the altar of gold for

the incense before the ark of the Testimony, and put up the screen for  
the be an everlasting priesthood throughout

door of the tabernacle. their generations."

6 1 Then you shall set the altar of the burnt 6Thus Moses did;  
according to all that offering before the door of the the LORD had  
commanded him, so he

tabernacle of the tent of meeting. did.

7 1 7

And you shall set the laver between the And it came to pass in the first month

tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and of the second year, on the first day of

put water in it. the month, that the tabernacle was

raised up.

8You shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen at the court 1 ' So Moses raised up the tabernacle, gate. fastened its sockets, set up its boards,

put in its bars, and raised up its pillars.

"And you shall take the anointing oil,

and anoint the tabernacle and all that is 1' And he spread out the tent over the in it; and you shall hallow it and all its tabernacle and put the covering of the

utensils, and it shall be holy. tent on top of it, as the LORD had

commanded Moses.

10

You shall anoint the altar of the burnt 0He took the Testimony and put it into

offering and all its utensils, and 2 consecrate the altar. The altar shall be the ark, inserted the poles through the

most holy. rings of the ark, and put the mercy seat

on top of the ark.

11

And you shall anoint the laver and its

base, and consecrate it. And he brought the ark into the  
 tabernacle, hung up the veil of the  
 12§ covering, and partitioned off the ark of 'The

n you shall bring Aaron and his  
 sons to the door of the tabernacle of the Testimony, as the LORD had  
 meeting and wash them with water. commanded Moses.

1 2 3 2He put the table in the tabernacle of

You shall put the holy garments on  
 Aaron, and anoint him and consecrate meeting, on the north side of  
 the  
 him, that he may minister to Me as tabernacle, outside the veil; priest.

23

and he set the bread in order upon it  
 14And you shall bring his sons and before the LORD, as the LORD had  
 clothe them with tunics. commanded Moses.

1 2 4 5 ou shall anoint them, as you anointed He put the lampstand in  
 the tabernacle their father, that they may minister to Me of meeting,  
 across from the table, on the

as priests; for their anointing shall surely south side of the tabernacle;  
 25and he lit the lamps before the LORD, 33And he raised up the court  
 all around

as the LORD had commanded Moses. the tabernacle and the altar, and  
 hung

up the screen of the court gate. So

26He put the gold altar in the tabernacle Moses finished the work.

of meeting in front of the veil;

34

Then the cloud covered the tabernacle

27 of meeting, and the glory of the LORD

and he burned sweet incense on it, as

the LORD had commanded Moses. filled the tabernacle.

2 35And Moses was not able to enter the

' He hung up the screen at the door of

the tabernacle. tabernacle of meeting, because the

cloud rested above it, and the glory of

2 the LORD filled the tabernacle. 9And he put the altar of burnt offering

before the door of the tabernacle of the 36Whenever the cloud was taken up tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as from above the tabernacle, the children

the LORD had commanded Moses. of Israel would go onward in all their

journeys.

30He set the laver between the

tabernacle of meeting and the altar, and 37But if the cloud was not taken up, then

put water there for washing; they did not journey till the day that it

was taken up.



31and Moses, Aaron, and his sons would 38 wash their hands and  
their feet with For the cloud of the LORD was above

water from it. the tabernacle by day, and fire was over

it by night, in the sight of all the house of

3 Israel, throughout all their journeys. 2Whenever they went into the  
tabernacle of meeting, and when they

came near the altar, they washed, as

the LORD had commanded Moses.

# Rules for Sacrifices and Offerings of Israelites

order on the wood that is on the fire  
upon the altar;

1 Now the LORD called to Moses, and 9 but he shall wash its entrails  
and its spoke to him from the tabernacle of legs with water. And the  
priest shall burn meeting, saying, all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice,  
an

2 offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to

Speak to the children of Israel, and

the LORD.

say to them: "When any one of you

brings an offering to the LORD, you 104§)f his offering is of the flocks--  
of the shall bring your offering of the livestock--

sheep or of the goats--as a burnt

of the herd and of the flock.

sacrifice, he shall bring a male without

3"If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the blemish.

herd, let him offer a male without 11He shall kill it on the north side  
of the blemish; he shall offer it of his own free altar before the LORD;  
and the priests, will at the door of the tabernacle of Aaron's sons, shall

sprinkle its blood all meeting before the LORD. around on the altar.

4 Then he shall put his hand on the head 2

1 And he shall cut it into its pieces, with  
of the burnt offering, and it will be

its head and its fat; and the priest shall  
accepted on his behalf to make  
atonement for him. lay them in order on the wood that is on  
the fire upon the altar;

5He shall kill the bull before the LORD; 3

1 but he shall wash the entrails and the  
and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring  
the blood and sprinkle the blood all legs with water. Then the priest  
shall

around on the altar that is by the door of bring it all and burn it on  
the altar; it is a

burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire,  
the tabernacle of meeting.

a sweet aroma to the LORD.

6And he shall skin the burnt offering and 4 'And if the burnt sacrifice  
of his 1

cut it into its pieces.

offering to the LORD is of birds, then he  
7 shall bring his offering of turtledoves or

The sons of Aaron the priest shall put young pigeons.

fire on the altar, and lay the wood in

order on the fire. <sup>15</sup>The priest shall bring it to the altar,

'Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall wring off its head, and burn it on the

altar; its blood shall be drained out at

lay the parts, the head, and the fat in the side of the altar.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>6</sup>And he shall remove its crop with its If your offering is a grain offering

feathers and cast it beside the altar on baked in a covered pan, it shall be made

the east side, into the place for ashes. of fine flour with oil.

<sup>18</sup> <sup>7</sup>

Then he shall split it at its wings, but You shall bring the grain offering that is

shall not divide it completely; and the made of these things to the LORD. And

priest shall burn it on the altar, on the when it is presented to the priest, he

wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt shall bring it to the altar. sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a

sweet aroma to the LORD. 'Then the priest shall take from the grain

offering a memorial portion, and burn it

on the altar. It is an offering made by fire,

2 a sweet aroma to the LORD. When anyone offers a grain offering

to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine <sup>1</sup> 0 And what is left of the grain offering flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put

frankincense on it. shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is most

holy of the offerings to the LORD made

<sup>2</sup> by fire.

He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the

priests, one of whom shall take from it <sup>1</sup> 1 'No grain offering which you bring to his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall the LORD shall be made with leaven, for

burn it as a memorial on the altar, an you shall burn no leaven nor any honey

offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to in any offering to the LORD made by fire.

the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> 2

As for the offering of the firstfruits, you

3 shall offer them to the LORD, but they The rest of the grain offering shall be

Aaron's and his sons'. It is most holy of shall not be burned on the altar for a

the offerings to the LORD made by fire. sweet aroma.

<sup>4</sup> 1 3 And every offering of your grain

And if you bring as an offering a grain

offering baked in the oven, it shall be offering you shall season with salt; you

unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed shall not allow the salt of the covenant

with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed of your God to be lacking from your

with oil. grain offering. With all your offerings you

shall offer salt.

5But if your offering is a grain offering 4 you offer a grain offering of your

baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour, <sup>1</sup> unleavened, mixed with oil. firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for

the grain offering of your firstfruits green

6 heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain You shall break it in pieces and pour oil

on it; it is a grain offering. beaten from full heads.

<sup>1 7</sup> 5And you shall put oil on it, and lay If he offers a lamb as his offering, then

frankincense on it. It is a grain offering. he shall offer it before the LORD.

<sup>1 8</sup> 6Then the priest shall burn the And he shall lay his hand on the head

memorial portion: part of its beaten grain of his offering, and kill it before the

and part of its oil, with all the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons frankincense, as an offering made by shall sprinkle its blood all around on the

fire to the LORD. altar.

"Then he shall offer from the sacrifice

3"When his offering is a sacrifice of a of the peace offering, as an offering

peace offering, if he offers it of the herd, made by fire to the LORD, its fat and the

whole fat tail which he shall remove

whether male or female, he shall offer it

without blemish before the LORD. close to the backbone. And the fat that

covers the entrails and all the fat that is

2 on the entrails,

And he shall lay his hand on the head

of his offering, and kill it at the door of 10the two kidneys and the fat that is on the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the attached to the liver above the kidneys, blood all around on the altar. he shall remove;

3Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of 1 and the priest shall burn them on the the peace offering an offering made by altar as food, an offering made by fire to fire to the LORD. The fat that covers the the LORD. entrails and all the fat that is on the

entrails, 1 2 'And if his offering is a goat, then he

4 shall offer it before the LORD. the two kidneys and the fat that is on

them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe 1 3He shall lay his hand on its head and attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; kill it before the tabernacle of meeting;

and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its

s blood all around on the altar. and Aaron's sons shall burn it on the

altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is <sup>1</sup> 4Then he shall offer from it his offering, on the wood that is on the fire, as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

the LORD. The fat that covers the entrails and all

the fat that is on the entrails,

<sup>6</sup> If his offering as a sacrifice of a peace <sup>5</sup>the two kidneys and the fat that is on

offering to the LORD is of the flock, <sup>1</sup> whether male or female, he shall offer it them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe

without blemish. attached to the liver above the kidneys,

he shall remove;

<sup>16</sup>and the priest shall burn them on the the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall

altar as food, an offering made by fire pour the remaining blood of the bull at

for a sweet aroma; all the fat is the the base of the altar of the burnt offering,

LORD's. which is at the door of the tabernacle of

meeting.

<sup>17</sup>§ 'Thi

s shall be a perpetual statute

throughout your generations in all your sHe shall take from it all the fat of the dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor bull as the sin offering. The fat that



blood." covers the entrails and all the fat which

is on the entrails,

4Now the LORD spoke to Moses, the two kidneys and the fat that is on  
saying, them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe

attached to the liver above the kidneys,

2 he shall remove,

Speak to the children of Israel, saying:

"If a person sins unintentionally against 10as it was taken from the bull  
of the any of the commandments of the LORD sacrifice of the peace  
offering; and the in anything which ought not to be done, priest shall  
burn them on the altar of the and does any of them, burnt offering.

3 the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt 1But the bull's hide and all its  
flesh, with

on the people, then let him offer to the 1 LORD for his sin which he  
has sinned a its head and legs, its entrails and offal--

young bull without blemish as a sin

offering. 1 2

the whole bull he shall carry outside

the camp to a clean place, where the

4He shall bring the bull to the door of the ashes are poured out, and  
burn it on

tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, wood with fire; where the  
ashes are

lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill poured out it shall be burned.  
the bull before the LORD.

5 Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing Then the anointed priest shall take

some of the bull's blood and bring it to is hidden from the eyes of the assembly,

the tabernacle of meeting. and they have done something against

any of the commandments of the LORD

6 in anything which should not be done, The priest shall dip his finger in the

blood and sprinkle some of the blood and are guilty;

seven times before the LORD, in front of 4when the sin which they have

the veil of the sanctuary. 1

committed becomes known, then the

7 assembly shall offer a young bull for the And the priest shall put some of the

blood on the horns of the altar of sweet sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of

incense before the LORD, which is in meeting.

15And the elders of the congregation as his offering a kid of the goats, a male

shall lay their hands on the head of the without blemish. bull before the LORD. Then the bull

shall be killed before the LORD. 2 4And he shall lay his hand on the head

of the goat, and kill it at the place where

The anointed priest shall bring some of they kill the burnt offering before the

the bull's blood to the tabernacle of LORD. It is a sin offering. meeting.

2 5

1 of the sin offering with his finger, put it

7Then the priest shall dip his finger in The priest shall take some of the blood

the blood and sprinkle it seven times on the horns of the altar of burnt offering,

before the LORD, in front of the veil. and pour its blood at the base of the

altar of burnt offering.

18And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before the 26And he shall burn all its fat on the altar, LORD, which is in the tabernacle of like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace

meeting; and he shall pour the offering. So the priest shall make

remaining blood at the base of the altar atonement for him concerning his sin,

of burnt offering, which is at the door of and it shall be forgiven him. the tabernacle of meeting.

274 f anyone of the common people sins

1' He shall take all the fat from it and unintentionally by doing something

burn it on the altar. against any of the commandments of

the LORD in anything which ought not to

20 be done, and is guilty,

And he shall do with the bull as he did

with the bull as a sin offering; thus he

shall do with it. So the priest shall make 2 ' or if his sin which he has committed atonement for them, and it shall be comes to his knowledge, then he shall

forgiven them. bring as his offering a kid of the goats, a

female without blemish, for his sin which

21Then he shall carry the bull outside the he has committed.

camp, and burn it as he burned the first

bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly. 2' And he shall lay his hand on the head

of the sin offering, and kill the sin

22a When a ruler has sinned, and done offering at the place of the burnt offering.

something unintentionally against any of

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the commandments of the LORD his Then the priest shall take some of its

God in anything which should not be blood with his finger, put it on the horns

done, and is guilty, of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all

the remaining blood at the base of the

23 r if his sin which he has committed altar. comes to his knowledge, he shall bring 31He shall remove all its fat, as fat is 30Or if he touches human uncleanness--

removed from the sacrifice of the peace whatever uncleanness with which a man

offering; and the priest shall burn it on may be defiled, and he is unaware of it--

the altar for a sweet aroma to the LORD. when he realizes it, then he shall be

So the priest shall make atonement for guilty. him, and it shall be forgiven him.

4 Or if a person swears, speaking

32§§f he brings a lamb as his sin offering, thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to

he shall bring a female without blemish. do good, whatever it is that a man may

pronounce by an oath, and he is

33Then he shall lay his hand on the head unaware of it--when he realizes it, then

of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin he shall be guilty in any of these matters.

offering at the place where they kill the

burnt offering. 5 And it shall be, when he is guilty in any

of these matters, that he shall confess

34 that he has sinned in that thing;

The priest shall take some of the blood

of the sin offering with his finger, put it

on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, 6and he shall bring his trespass offering and pour all the remaining blood at the to the LORD for his sin which he has

base of the altar. committed, a female from the flock, a

lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin

35He shall remove all its fat, as the fat of offering. So the priest shall make

the lamb is removed from the sacrifice atonement for him concerning his sin.

of the peace offering. Then the priest

shall burn it on the altar, according to 7 If he is not able to bring a lamb, then the offerings made by fire to the LORD. he shall bring to the LORD, for his

So the priest shall make atonement for trespass which he has committed, two

his sin that he has committed, and it turtledoves or two young pigeons: one

shall be forgiven him. as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering.

5 If a person sins in hearing the 8And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin utterance of an oath, and is a witness,

offering first, and wring off its head from whether he has seen or known of the

its neck, but shall not divide it matter--if he does not tell it, he bears completely.

guilt.

2 Then he shall sprinkle some of the Or if a person touches any unclean

thing, whether it is the carcass of an blood of the sin offering on the side of

the altar, and the rest of the blood shall unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean

be drained out at the base of the altar. It

livestock, or the carcass of unclean

is a sin offering.

creeping things, and he is unaware of it,

he also shall be unclean and guilty.

10 And he shall offer the second as a ram of the trespass offering, and it shall

be burnt offering according to the prescribed manner. So the priest shall

make atonement on his behalf for his sin 17 for a person sins, and commits any of which he has committed, and it shall be these things which are forbidden to be

forgiven him. done by the commandments of the

LORD, though he does not know it, yet

11 But if he is not able to bring two

he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.

turtledoves or two young pigeons, then

he who sinned shall bring for his offering 18 And he shall bring to the priest a ram one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a without blemish from the flock, with your

sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, nor valuation, as a trespass offering. So the

shall he put frankincense on it, for it is a priest shall make atonement for him

sin offering. regarding his ignorance in which he

erred and did not know it, and it shall be

12

Then he shall bring it to the priest, and forgiven him.

the priest shall take his handful of it as a

memorial portion, and burn it on the <sup>1</sup> It is a trespass offering; he has altar according to the offerings made by certainly trespassed against the LORD."

fire to the LORD. It is a sin offering.

<sup>13</sup>The priest shall make atonement for

<sup>6</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses,

him, for his sin that he has committed in

any of these matters; and it shall be saying:

forgiven him. The rest shall be the <sup>2</sup> If a person sins and commits a priest's as a grain offering."

trespass against the LORD by lying to

<sup>14</sup> his neighbor about what was delivered

Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying: to him for safekeeping, or about a

pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has

<sup>1</sup> extorted from his neighbor, <sup>5</sup> f a person commits a trespass, and

sins unintentionally in regard to the holy for if he has found what was lost and things of the LORD, then he shall bring lies concerning it, and swears falsely--in to the LORD as his trespass offering a any one of these things that a man may ram without blemish from the flocks, do in which he sins: with your valuation in shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary,

as a trespass offering. <sup>4</sup>then it shall be, because he has sinned

and is guilty, that he shall restore what



16And he shall make restitution for the he has stolen, or the thing  
which he has

harm that he has done in regard to the extorted, or what was  
delivered to him

holy thing, and shall add one-fifth to it for safekeeping, or the lost  
thing which

he found,

and give it to the priest. So the priest

shall make atonement for him with the sor all that about which he has  
sworn order on it; and he shall burn on it the fat

falsely. He shall restore its full value, of the peace offerings. add one-  
fifth more to it, and give it to

whomever it belongs, on the day of his <sup>u</sup> A fire shall always be burning  
on the trespass offering. altar; it shall never go out.

6 1 And he shall bring his trespass offering 44" This is the law of the  
grain offering: to the LORD, a ram without blemish The sons of Aaron  
shall offer it on the

from the flock, with your valuation, as a altar before the LORD.  
trespass offering, to the priest.

15He shall take from it his handful of the

7So the priest shall make atonement for fine flour of the grain offering,  
with its oil,

him before the LORD, and he shall be and all the frankincense which  
is on the

forgiven for any one of these things that grain offering, and shall burn  
it on the

he may have done in which he altar for a sweet aroma, as a memorial  
trespasses." to the LORD.

8 1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 6 And the remainder of it Aaron and his saying, sons shall eat; with unleavened bread it

shall be eaten in a holy place; in the

"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, court of the tabernacle of meeting they

"This is the law of the burnt offering: The shall eat it. burnt offering shall be on the hearth

upon the altar all night until morning, 1 7 It shall not be baked with leaven. I and the fire of the altar shall be kept have given it as their portion of My

burning on it. offerings made by fire; it is most holy,

1 offering. 0 And the priest shall put on his linen like the sin offering and the trespass

garment, and his linen trousers he shall

put on his body, and take up the ashes 1 ' All the males among the children of of the burnt offering which the fire has Aaron may eat it. It shall be a statute

consumed on the altar, and he shall put forever in your generations concerning

them beside the altar. the offerings made by fire to the LORD.

Everyone who touches them must be

11 Then he shall take off his garments, holy." put on other garments, and carry the

ashes outside the camp to a clean place. 1' And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

1 204 2 And the fire on the altar shall be kept

"This is the offering of Aaron and his

burning on it; it shall not be put out. And sons, which they shall offer to the LORD,

the priest shall burn wood on it every beginning on the day when he is

morning, and lay the burnt offering in anointed: one-tenth of an ephah of fine

flour as a daily grain offering, half of it in 30But no sin offering from which any of

the morning and half of it at night. the blood is brought into the tabernacle

of meeting, to make atonement in the

21 shall be made in a pan with oil. holy place, shall be eaten. It shall be When it is mixed, you shall bring it in. burned in the fire. The baked pieces of the grain offering

you shall offer for a sweet aroma to the

LORD. 7 Likewise this is the law of the

2 trespass offering (it is most holy): 2The priest from among his sons, who is anointed in his place, shall offer it. It is 2

In the place where they kill the burnt

a statute forever to the LORD. It shall be

offering they shall kill the trespass

wholly burned. offering. And its blood he shall sprinkle

2 all around on the altar. 3For every grain offering for the priest

shall be wholly burned. It shall not be 3And he shall offer from it all its fat. The

eaten." fat tail and the fat that covers the

2 entrails, 4 Also the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 4

the two kidneys and the fat that is on

2 them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe 5 Speak to Aaron and to his sons,

attached to the liver above the kidneys,

saying, "This is the law of the sin he shall remove; offering: In the place where the burnt

offering is killed, the sin offering shall be s

and the priest shall burn them on the

killed before the LORD. It is most holy. altar as an offering made by fire to the

2 LORD. It is a trespass offering. 6 The priest who offers it for sin shall eat

it. In a holy place it shall be eaten, in the 6Every male among the priests may eat

court of the tabernacle of meeting. it. It shall be eaten in a holy place. It is

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7Everyone who touches its flesh must most holy.

be holy. And when its blood is sprinkled 7The trespass offering is like the sin on any garment, you shall wash that on offering; there is one law for them both:

which it was sprinkled, in a holy place. the priest who makes atonement with it

2 shall have it. 8But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be

broken. And if it is boiled <sup>8</sup>

And the priest who offers anyone's

in a bronze pot, it shall be both scoured

burnt offering, that priest shall have for

and rinsed in water.

himself the skin of the burnt offering

<sup>2</sup> which he has offered. <sup>9</sup>All the males among the priests may eat it. It is most holy.

'Also every grain offering that is baked the remainder of the flesh of the

in the oven and all that is prepared in sacrifice on the third day must be

the covered pan, or in a pan, shall be burned with fire. the priest's who offers it.

1 8

And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice

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Every grain offering, whether mixed of his peace offering is eaten at all on

with oil or dry, shall belong to all the the third day, it shall not be accepted,

sons of Aaron, to one as much as the nor shall it be imputed to him; it shall be

other. an abomination to him who offers it, and

the person who eats of it shall bear guilt.

11§'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer to 1 " The flesh that touches any unclean the LORD: thing shall not be eaten. It shall be

burned with fire. And as for the clean

12 he offers it for a thanksgiving, then flesh, all who are clean may eat of it.

he shall offer, with the sacrifice of

2 0

thanksgiving, unleavened cakes mixed But the person who eats the flesh of

with oil, unleavened wafers anointed the sacrifice of the peace offering that

with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed belongs to the LORD, while he is

with oil. unclean, that person shall be cut off

from his people.

13

Besides the cakes, as his offering he

shall offer leavened bread with the 2 1Moreover the person who touches any sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace unclean thing, such as human offering. uncleanness, an unclean animal, or any

abominable unclean thing, and who eats

14And from it he shall offer one cake the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace

from each offering as a heave offering to offering that belongs to the LORD, that

the LORD. It shall belong to the priest person shall be cut off from his people."

who sprinkles the blood of the peace

offering. 2 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

1 2 5§The flesh of the sacrifice of his peace 3 Speak to the children of Israel, offering for thanksgiving shall be eaten saying: "You shall not eat any fat, of ox

the same day it is offered. He shall not or sheep or goat. leave any of it until morning.

2 4

And the fat of an animal that dies

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering is a naturally, and the fat of what

is torn by

vow or a voluntary offering, it shall be wild beasts, may be used in any other

eaten the same day that he offers his way; but you shall by no means eat it.

sacrifice; but on the next day the

remainder of it also may be eaten; <sup>2</sup> 5For whoever eats the fat of the animal

of which men offer an offering made by fire to the LORD, the person who eats it priest and to his sons from the children

shall be cut off from his people. of Israel by a statute forever."

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> 6Moreover you shall not eat any blood <sup>5</sup>This is the consecrated portion for in any of your dwellings, whether of bird Aaron and his sons, from the offerings

or beast. made by fire to the LORD, on the day

when Moses presented them to minister

<sup>2</sup> 7Whoever eats any blood, that person to the LORD as priests.

shall be cut off from his people." <sup>6</sup>The LORD commanded this to be

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<sup>2</sup> given to them by the children of Israel, ' Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying, on the day that He anointed them, by a

statute forever throughout their

<sup>2</sup> generations. "' Speak

to the children of Israel,



saying: "He who offers the sacrifice of <sup>3</sup> 7This is the law of the burnt offering, the his peace offering to the LORD shall bring his offering to the LORD from the grain offering, the sin offering, the

sacrifice of his peace offering. trespass offering, the consecrations,

and the sacrifice of the peace offering,

<sup>30</sup>His own hands shall bring the offerings made by fire to the LORD. The fat with <sup>38</sup>which the LORD commanded Moses

the breast he shall bring, that the breast on Mount Sinai, on the day when He

may be waved as a wave offering before commanded the children of Israel to

the LORD. offer their offerings to the LORD in the

Wilderness of Sinai.

31

And the priest shall burn the fat on the

altar, but the breast shall be Aaron's and

his sons'. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying:

<sup>32</sup>

Also the right thigh you shall give to

the priest as a heave offering from the <sup>2</sup> Take Aaron and his sons with him, and sacrifices of your peace offerings. the garments, the anointing oil, a bull as

<sup>33</sup>He among the sons of Aaron, who the sin offering, two rams, and a basket

of unleavened bread;

offers the blood of the peace offering

and the fat, shall have the right thigh for h and gather all the congregation his part. together at the door of the tabernacle of

34For the breast of the wave offering and meeting."

the thigh of the heave offering I have 4 So Moses did as the LORD taken from the children of Israel, from commanded him. And the congregation

the sacrifices of their peace offerings, was gathered together at the door of the

and I have given them to Aaron the tabernacle of meeting.

5And Moses said to the congregation, their hands on the head of the bull for

"This is what the LORD commanded to the sin offering, be done."

15

and Moses killed it. Then he took the

6Then Moses brought Aaron and his blood, and put some on the horns of the

sons and washed them with water. altar all around with his finger, and

purified the altar. And he poured the

7 blood at the base of the altar, and And he put the tunic on him, girded him

with the sash, clothed him with the robe, consecrated it, to make atonement for it.

and put the ephod on him; and he

girded him with the intricately woven 1 6Then he took all the fat that was on the band of the ephod, and with it tied the entrails, the fatty lobe attached to the

ephod on him. liver, and the two kidneys with their fat,

and Moses burned them on the altar.

'Then he put the breastplate on him,

and he put the Urim and the Thummim <sup>1</sup> 7

But the bull, its hide, its flesh, and its  
in the breastplate. offal, he burned with fire outside the

camp, as the LORD had commanded

'And he put the turban on his head. Also Moses. on the turban, on its  
front, he put the

golden plate, the holy crown, as the <sup>18</sup>Then he brought the ram as the  
burnt LORD had commanded Moses. offering. And Aaron and his sons  
laid

their hands on the head of the ram,

<sup>10</sup>

Also Moses took the anointing oil, and

anointed the tabernacle and all that was <sup>1</sup> ' and Moses killed it. Then  
he sprinkled in it, and consecrated them. the blood all around on the  
altar.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 10

He sprinkled some of it on the altar And he cut the ram into pieces;  
and

seven times, anointed the altar and all Moses burned the head, the  
pieces, and

its utensils, and the laver and its base, the fat. to consecrate them.

<sup>2</sup> 1Then he washed the entrails and the

<sup>12</sup>And he poured some of the anointing legs in water. And Moses  
burned the

oil on Aaron's head and anointed him, to whole ram on the altar. It was a burnt

consecrate him. sacrifice for a sweet aroma, an offering

made by fire to the LORD, as the LORD

13 Then Moses brought Aaron's sons as he had commanded Moses. sons and

put tunics on them, girded them with

sashes, and put hats on them, as the LORD had commanded Moses. And he brought the second ram, the LORD had commanded Moses. ram of consecration. Then Aaron and

his sons laid their hands on the head of

14 the ram,

And he brought the bull for the sin

offering. Then Aaron and his sons laid hands on it, and Moses killed it. Also he took some which was on the altar, and sprinkled it

of its blood and put it on the tip of Aaron, on his garments, on his sons,

Aaron's right ear, on the thumb of his right hand and on the garments of his sons with

right hand, and on the big toe of his right foot; and he consecrated Aaron, his

foot. garments, his sons, and the garments of

his sons with him.

24 Then he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put some of the blood on the tips of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet, and Moses sprinkled the with the blood that is in the basket

of their right ears, on the thumbs of their right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet, and Moses sprinkled the with the blood that is in the basket

right hands, and on the big toes of their right feet, and Moses sprinkled the with the blood that is in the basket

right feet. And Moses sprinkled the with the bread that is in the basket

of

blood all around on the altar. consecration offerings, as I commanded,  
saying, "Aaron and his sons shall eat it.'

25 Then he took the fat and the fat tail, all

32

the fat that was on the entrails, the fatty What remains of the flesh  
and of the

lobe attached to the liver, the two bread you shall burn with fire.  
kidneys and their fat, and the right thigh;

33

And you shall not go outside the door

26

and from the basket of unleavened of the tabernacle of meeting for  
seven

bread that was before the LORD he took days, until the days of your  
consecration

one unleavened cake, a cake of bread are ended. For seven days he  
shall

anointed with oil, and one wafer, and put consecrate you. them on the  
fat and on the right thigh;

2 and he put all these in Aaron's hands as he commanded to do, to make

7 34 As he has done this day, so the LORD

and in his sons' hands, and waved them atonement for you. as a wave  
offering before the LORD.

35 Therefore you shall stay at the door of

28 Then Moses took them from their the tabernacle of meeting day and

hands and burned them on the altar, on for seven days, and keep the charge of

the burnt offering. They were the LORD, so that you may not die; for consecration offerings for a sweet so I have been commanded." aroma. That was an offering made by

fire to the LORD. 36 So Aaron and his sons did all the

things that the LORD had commanded

2 ' And Moses took the breast and waved by the hand of Moses. it as a wave offering before the LORD. It

was Moses' part of the ram of

consecration, as the LORD had 9lt came to pass on the eighth day commanded Moses.

that Moses called Aaron and his sons

3 and the elders of Israel. 0Then Moses took some of the anointing oil and some of the blood 2And he said to Aaron, "Take for and poured the blood at the base of the

yourself a young bull as a sin offering altar. and a ram as a burnt offering, without

blemish, and offer them before the 10But the fat, the kidneys, and the fatty LORD. lobe from the liver of the sin offering he

burned on the altar, as the LORD had

3

And to the children of Israel you shall commanded Moses.

speak, saying, "Take a kid of the goats

as a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb, 1 The flesh and the hide he burned with both of the first year, without blemish, as fire outside the camp. a burnt offering,

1 2And he killed the burnt offering; and

4also a bull and a ram as peace Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD, which he sprinkled all around on the

and a grain offering mixed with oil; for altar. today the LORD will appear to you."

1 3Then they presented the burnt offering

5So they brought what Moses to him, with its pieces and head, and he commanded before the tabernacle of burned them on the altar. meeting. And all the congregation drew

near and stood before the LORD. 14

And he washed the entrails and the

6 legs, and burned them with the burnt

Then Moses said, "This is the thing offering on the altar.

which the LORD commanded you to do,

and the glory of the LORD will appear to 1 5Then he brought the people's offering,

you."

and took the goat, which was the sin

7 offering for the people, and killed it and

And Moses said to Aaron, "Go to the offered it for sin, like the first one.

altar, offer your sin offering and your

burnt offering, and make atonement for 16And he brought the burnt offering and yourself and for the people. Offer the

offered it according to the prescribed

offering of the people, and make

manner.

atonement for them, as the LORD

commanded." <sup>1</sup> 7Then he brought the grain offering, <sup>8</sup> took a handful of it, and burned it on the

Aaron therefore went to the altar and

altar, besides the burnt sacrifice of the

killed the calf of the sin offering, which

morning.

was for himself.

<sup>1</sup> 8He also killed the bull and the ram as

"Then the sons of Aaron brought the

sacrifices of peace offerings, which were

blood to him. And he dipped his finger in

for the people. And Aaron's sons

the blood, put it on the horns of the altar,

presented to him the blood, which he

sprinkled all around on the altar, <sup>19</sup>and the fat from the bull and the  
ram-- holy; And before all the people I must be

the fatty tail, what covers the entrails glorified." So Aaron held his  
peace. and the kidneys, and the fatty lobe

attached to the liver; <sup>4</sup>Then Moses called Mishael and

Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle

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and they put the fat on the breasts. of Aaron, and said to them,  
"Come near,



Then he burned the fat on the altar; carry your brethren from before the

sanctuary out of the camp."

21

but the breasts and the right thigh

Aaron waved as a wave offering before 5So they went near and carried them by the LORD, as Moses had commanded. their tunics out of the camp, as Moses

had said.

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Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the

people, blessed them, and came down 6And Moses said to Aaron, and to from offering the sin offering, the burnt Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons, "Do not

offering, and peace offerings. uncover your heads nor tear your

clothes, lest you die, and wrath come

23And Moses and Aaron went into the upon all the people. But let your

tabernacle of meeting, and came out brethren, the whole house of Israel,

and blessed the people. Then the glory bewail the burning which the LORD has

of the LORD appeared to all the people, kindled.

2 You shall not go out from the door of and fire came out from before the

4 7

LORD and consumed the burnt offering the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die,

and the fat on the altar. When all the for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon

people saw it, they shouted and fell on you." And they did according to the word

their faces. of Moses.

8Then the LORD spoke to Aaron,

1 saying: OThen Nadab and Abihu, the sons

of Aaron, each took his censer and put 9

Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink,  
fire in it, put incense on it, and offered

you, nor your sons with you, when you  
profane fire before the LORD, which He

go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest  
had not commanded them.

you die. It shall be a statute forever  
2 throughout your generations,

So fire went out from the LORD and  
devoured them, and they died before 10

that you may distinguish between holy  
the LORD.

and unholy, and between unclean and

3And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what clean, the LORD spoke,  
saying: "By those who 1

and that you may teach the children of

come near Me I must be regarded as

Israel all the statutes which the LORD

has spoken to them by the hand of <sup>18</sup>See! Its blood was not brought  
inside Moses." the holy place; indeed you should have

eaten it in a holy place, as I

<sup>12</sup> commanded."

And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to

Eleazar and Ithamar, his sons who were

left: "Take the grain offering that <sup>1</sup> ' And Aaron said to Moses, "Look,  
this remains of the offerings made by fire to day they have offered  
their sin offering

the LORD, and eat it without leaven and their burnt offering before  
the LORD,

beside the altar; for it is most holy. and such things have befallen me!  
If I

had eaten the sin offering today, would it

<sup>1 3</sup> ou shall eat it in a holy place, have been accepted in the sight of  
the

because it is your due and your sons' LORD?" due, of the sacrifices  
made by fire to the

<sup>2 0</sup>

LORD; for so I have been commanded. So when Moses heard that, he  
was

content.

<sup>14</sup>

The breast of the wave offering and

the thigh of the heave offering you shall

eat in a clean place, you, your sons, and <sup>1 1</sup> Now the LORD spoke

to Moses

your daughters with you; for they are and Aaron, saying to them, your due and your sons' due, which are

given from the sacrifices of peace <sup>2</sup>

Speak to the children of Israel, saying,  
offerings of the children of Israel.

"These are the animals which you may

<sup>1</sup> eat among all the animals that are on <sup>5</sup>The thigh of the heave  
offering and the

the earth:

breast of the wave offering they shall

bring with the offerings of fat made by <sup>3</sup>Among the animals, whatever  
divides

fire, to offer as a wave offering before

the hoof, having cloven hooves and

the LORD. And it shall be yours and

chewing the cud--that you may eat.

your sons' with you, by a statute forever,

as the LORD has commanded." <sup>4</sup> Nevertheless these you shall not eat

<sup>16</sup>Then Moses made careful inquiry among those that chew the cud or  
those

that have cloven hooves: the camel,

about the goat of the sin offering, and

because it chews the cud but does not  
there it was--burned up. And he was  
have cloven hooves, is unclean to you;  
angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the

sons of Aaron who were left, saying, s the rock hyrax, because it chews  
the

1 cud but does not have cloven hooves, is 7a Why have you not eaten  
the sin

unclean to you;  
offering in a holy place, since it is most

holy, and God has given it to you to bear bthe hare, because it chews  
the cud but

the guilt of the congregation, to make  
atonement for them before the LORD? does not have cloven hooves, is

unclean to you;  
7 1 and the swine, though it divides the 8the white owl, the jackdaw,  
and the hoof, having cloven hooves, yet does carrion vulture; not  
chew the cud, is unclean to you.

1' the stork, the heron after its kind, the  
8Their flesh you shall not eat, and their hoopoe, and the bat. carcasses  
you shall not touch. They are

unclean to you. 204'All flying insects that creep on all

fours shall be an abomination to you.  
"These you may eat of all that are in

the water: whatever in the water has fins 2 1 et these you may eat of  
every flying and scales, whether in the seas or in the insect that creeps

on all fours: those

1 rivers--that you may eat. which have jointed legs above their feet

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0But all in the seas or in the rivers that with which to leap on the earth.

do not have fins and scales, all that 2 2These you may eat: the locust after its move in the water or any living thing kind, the destroying locust after its kind,

which is in the water, they are an the cricket after its kind, and the abomination to you. grasshopper after its kind.

1 2 1 They shall be an abomination to you; 3But all other flying insects which have you shall not eat their flesh, but you four feet shall be an abomination to you.

shall regard their carcasses as an

abomination. 24 'By these you shall become unclean;

1 whoever touches the carcass of any of 2Whatever in the water does not have

them shall be unclean until evening;

fins or scales--that shall be an

abomination to you. 25whoever carries part of the carcass of

1 any of them shall wash his clothes and 3 And these you shall regard as an

be unclean until evening:

abomination among the birds; they shall

not be eaten, they are an abomination: 2 6The carcass of any animal

which the eagle, the vulture, the buzzard,

divides the foot, but is not cloven-hoofed

1 or does not chew the cud, is unclean to 4T he kite, and the falcon  
after its kind; you. Everyone who touches it shall be

unclean.

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every raven after its kind,

2 7

1 among all kinds of animals that go on all

6The ostrich, the short-eared owl, the And whatever goes on its paws,  
sea gull, and the hawk after its kind; fours, those are unclean to you.

Whoever touches any such carcass

17the little owl, the fisher owl, and the shall be unclean until evening.  
screech owl;

2' Whoever carries any such carcass clean, but whatever touches any  
such

shall wash his clothes and be unclean carcass becomes unclean. until  
evening. It is unclean to you.

37And if a part of any such carcass falls

2 '" These also shall be unclean to you on any planting seed which is to  
be

among the creeping things that creep on sown, it remains clean. the  
earth: the mole, the mouse, and the

large lizard after its kind; 38 But if water is put on the seed, and if a

part of any such carcass falls on it, it

30 he gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand

becomes unclean to you.

reptile, the sand lizard, and the

chameleon. 3''' And if any animal which you may eat

3 be unclean until evening.

1These are unclean to you among all dies, he who touches its carcass shall

that creep. Whoever touches them when

they are dead shall be unclean until 40He who eats of its carcass shall wash evening. his clothes and be unclean until evening.

He also who carries its carcass shall

32Anything on which any of them falls, wash his clothes and be unclean until

when they are dead shall be unclean, evening. whether it is any item of wood or

clothing or skin or sack, whatever item it 41 'And every creeping thing that creeps is, in which any work is done, it must be on the earth shall be an abomination. It

put in water. And it shall be unclean until shall not be eaten. evening; then it shall be clean.

33Any earthen vessel into which any of goes on all fours, or whatever has many 42Whatever crawls on its belly, whatever

them falls you shall break; and whatever feet among all creeping things that

is in it shall be unclean: creep on the earth--these you shall not

34in such a vessel, any edible food upon eat, for they are an abomination. which water falls becomes unclean, and 4 3 ou shall not



make yourselves any drink that may be drunk from it abominable  
with any creeping thing that

becomes unclean. creeps; nor shall you make yourselves

unclean with them, lest you be defiled

35And everything on which a part of any by them. such carcass falls  
shall be unclean;

whether it is an oven or cooking stove, it 4 For I am the LORD your  
God. You shall be broken down; for they are shall therefore consecrate  
yourselves,

unclean, and shall be unclean to you. and you shall be holy; for I am  
holy.

Neither shall you defile yourselves with

36Nevertheless a spring or a cistern, in any creeping thing that creeps  
on the

which there is plenty of water, shall be earth.

45For I am the LORD who brings you up young pigeon or a turtledove  
as a sin

out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. offering, to the door of the  
tabernacle of

You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. meeting.

47 6§ "This

is the law of the animals and the Then he shall offer it before the  
LORD,

birds and every living creature that and make atonement for her. And  
she

moves in the waters, and of every shall be clean from the flow of her  
blood.

creature that creeps on the earth, This is the law for her who has  
borne a

male or a female.

47 o distinguish between the unclean and the clean, and between the animal 8 And if she is not able to bring a lamb, that may be eaten and the animal that then she may bring two turtledoves or

may not be eaten." two young pigeons--one as a burnt

offering and the other as a sin offering.

So the priest shall make atonement for

1 her, and she will be clean." 2Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying,

2 1 3And the LORD spoke to Moses

Speak to the children of Israel, saying:

"If a woman has conceived, and borne a and Aaron, saying: male child, then she shall be unclean

seven days; as in the days of her 2 When a man has on the skin of his customary impurity she shall be unclean. body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot,

and it becomes on the skin of his body

3And on the eighth day the flesh of his like a leprous sore, then he shall be

foreskin shall be circumcised. brought to Aaron the priest or to one of

his sons the priests.

4She shall then continue in the blood of 3The priest shall examine the sore on

her purification thirty-three days. She

shall not touch any hallowed thing, nor the skin of the body; and if the hair on

come into the sanctuary until the days of the sore has turned white,  
and the sore

her purification are fulfilled. appears to be deeper than the skin of

his body, it is a leprous sore. Then the

5 priest shall examine him, and pronounce

But if she bears a female child, then

him unclean.

she shall be unclean two weeks, as in

her customary impurity, and she shall 4 continue in the blood of her  
purification But if the bright spot is white on the skin

sixty-six days. of his body, and does not appear to be

deeper than the skin, and its hair has

6 not turned white, then the priest shall

When the days of her purification are

isolate the one who has the sore seven

fulfilled, whether for a son or a daughter,

days.

she shall bring to the priest a lamb of

the first year as a burnt offering, and a 5And the priest shall examine  
him on the head to his foot, wherever the priest

seventh day; and indeed if the sore looks, appears to be as it was, and  
the sore

has not spread on the skin, then the 13then the priest shall consider;  
and priest shall isolate him another seven indeed if the leprosy has  
covered all his

days. body, he shall pronounce him clean who

has the sore. It has all turned white. He

6Then the priest shall examine him is clean. again on the seventh day;  
and indeed if

the sore has faded, and the sore has not 1 4But when raw flesh appears  
on him, spread on the skin, then the priest shall he shall be unclean.  
pronounce him clean; it is only a scab,

and he shall wash his clothes and be 15

And the priest shall examine the raw  
clean.

flesh and pronounce him to be unclean;  
7 for the raw flesh is unclean. It is leprosy.

But if the scab should at all spread over  
the skin, after he has been seen by the 1 6

Or if the raw flesh changes and turns  
priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen  
white again, he shall come to the priest.  
by the priest again.

1 7And the priest shall examine him; and  
'And if the priest sees that the scab has

indeed if the sore has turned white, then  
indeed spread on the skin, then the

the priest shall pronounce him clean  
priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is

who has the sore. He is clean.  
leprosy.

<sup>1</sup> ' If the body develops a boil in the skin,

"When the leprous sore is on a person,

and it is healed,

then he shall be brought to the priest.

<sup>1</sup>

0And the priest shall examine him; and <sup>1</sup> and in the place of the boil there

comes a white swelling or a bright spot,

indeed if the swelling on the skin is

reddish-white, then it shall be shown to

white, and it has turned the hair white,

the priest;

and there is a spot of raw flesh in the

swelling, <sup>2</sup> 0and if, when the priest sees it, it

<sup>1</sup> indeed appears deeper than the skin, <sup>1</sup> is an old leprosy on the skin of his

and its hair has turned white, the priest

body. The priest shall pronounce him

shall pronounce him unclean. It is a

unclean, and shall not isolate him, for he

leprous sore which has broken out of

is unclean.

the boil.

12 And if leprosy breaks out all over the 1But if the priest examines it,  
and

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skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin

indeed there are no white hairs in it, and

of the one who has the sore, from his

it is not deeper than the skin, but has faded, then the priest shall  
isolate him 2' If a man or woman has a sore on the seven days; head or  
the beard,

22 30then the priest shall examine the sore;

and if it should at all spread over the

skin, then the priest shall pronounce him and indeed if it appears  
deeper than the

unclean. It is a leprous sore. skin, and there is in it thin yellow hair,

then the priest shall pronounce him

23 unclean. It is a scaly leprosy of the head

But if the bright spot stays in one place,

and has not spread, it is the scar of the or beard.

boil; and the priest shall pronounce him 31But if the priest examines  
the scaly

clean.

sore, and indeed it does not appear

24 Or if the body receives a burn on its deeper than the skin, and there  
is no

skin by fire, and the raw flesh of the black hair in it, then the priest shall

burn becomes a bright spot, reddish- isolate the one who has the scale seven

white or white, days.

232 5Then the priest shall examine it; and And on the seventh day the priest shall

indeed if the hair of the bright spot has examine the sore; and indeed if the

turned white, and it appears deeper than scale has not spread, and there is no

the skin, it is leprosy broken out in the yellow hair in it, and the scale does not

burn. appear deeper than the skin, Therefore the priest shall

pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous Sthe shall shave himself, but the scale

sore.

he shall not shave. And the priest shall

26 isolate the one who has the scale

But if the priest examines it, and

indeed there are no white hairs in the another seven days.

bright spot, and it is not deeper than the 34On skin, but has faded, then the priest shall the seventh day the priest shall

isolate him seven days. examine the scale; and indeed if the

scale has not spread over the skin, and

27 does not appear deeper than the skin,

And the priest shall examine him on

the seventh day. If it has at all spread then the priest shall pronounce him

over the skin, then the priest shall clean. He shall wash his clothes and be

pronounce him unclean. It is a leprous clean. sore.

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But if the scale should at all spread

2 over the skin after his cleansing, ' But if the bright spot stays in one place, and has not spread on the skin, but has

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faded, it is a swelling from the burn. The then the priest shall examine him; and

priest shall pronounce him clean, for it is indeed if the scale has spread over the

the scar from the burn. skin, the priest need not seek for yellow

hair. He is unclean.

37But if the scale appears to be at a 46He shall be unclean. All the days he standstill, and there is black hair grown has the sore he shall be unclean. He is

up in it, the scale has healed. He is unclean, and he shall dwell alone; his

clean, and the priest shall pronounce dwelling shall be outside the camp. him clean.

474'Also, if a garment has a leprous

3''' If a man or a woman has bright spots plague in it, whether it is a woolen

on the skin of the body, specifically garment or a linen garment, white



bright spots,

4 8whether it is in the warp or wool of

3' then the priest shall look; and indeed if linen or wool, whether in leather or in

the bright spots on the skin of the body anything made of leather, are dull white, it is a white spot that

grows on the skin. He is clean. 4 ' and if the plague is greenish or reddish

4 in the warp or in the woof, or in anything

0 As for the man whose hair has fallen in the garment or in the leather, whether

from his head, he is bald, but he is clean. made of leather, it is a leprous plague

and shall be shown to the priest.

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He whose hair has fallen from his

forehead, he is bald on the forehead, 50The priest shall examine the plague but he is clean. and isolate that which has the plague

seven days.

42

And if there is on the bald head or bald

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forehead a reddish-white sore, it is And he shall examine the plague on

leprosy breaking out on his bald head or the seventh day. If the plague has

his bald forehead. spread in the garment, either in the warp

or in the woof, in the leather or in

43 anything made of leather, the plague is

Then the priest shall examine it; and

indeed if the swelling of the sore is an active leprosy. It is unclean.  
reddish-white on his bald head or on his

bald forehead, as the appearance of 52He shall therefore burn that  
garment in leprosy on the skin of the body, which is the plague,  
whether warp or

woof, in wool or in linen, or anything of

44 leather, for it is an active leprosy; the

he is a leprous man. He is unclean.

The priest shall surely pronounce him garment shall be burned in  
the fire.

unclean; his sore is on his head. 3 But if the priest examines it, and

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4 5 Now the leper on whom the sore is, indeed the plague has not  
spread in the

his clothes shall be torn and his head garment, either in the warp or in  
the

bare; and he shall cover his mustache, woof, or in anything made of  
leather,

and cry, "Unclean! Unclean!"

54

then the priest shall command that

they wash the thing in which is the plague; and he shall isolate it  
another 3And the priest shall go out of the camp,

seven days. and the priest shall examine him; and

indeed, if the leprosy is healed in the

55Then the priest shall examine the leper,

plague after it has been washed; and

indeed if the plague has not changed its <sup>4</sup> then the priest shall command to take color, though the plague has not spread, for him who is to be cleansed two living

it is unclean, and you shall burn it in the and clean birds, cedar wood, scarlet,

fire; it continues eating away, whether and hyssop. the damage is outside or inside.

5And the priest shall command that one

56) the priest examines it, and indeed of the birds be killed in an earthen

the plague has faded after washing it, vessel over running water. then he shall tear it out of the garment,

whether out of the warp or out of the <sup>6</sup> As for the living bird, he shall take it, woof, or out of the leather. the cedar wood and the scarlet and the

hyssop, and dip them and the living bird

57 But if it appears again in the garment, in the blood of the bird that was killed

either in the warp or in the woof, or in over the running water. anything made of leather, it is a

spreading plague; you shall burn with <sup>7</sup>And he shall sprinkle it seven times on fire that in which is the plague. him who is to be cleansed from the

5 and shall let the living bird loose in the

8And if you wash the garment, either leprosy, and shall pronounce

him clean,

warp or woof, or whatever is made of open field. leather, if the plague has disappeared

from it, then it shall be washed a second <sup>8</sup> He who is to be cleansed shall wash time, and shall be clean. his clothes, shave off all his hair, and

wash himself in water, that he may be

<sup>59</sup>§ This is the law of the leprous plague clean. After that he shall come into the

in a garment of wool or linen, either in camp, and shall stay outside his tent

the warp or woof, or in anything made of seven days. leather, to pronounce it clean or to

pronounce it unclean." <sup>9</sup> But on the seventh day he shall shave

all the hair off his head and his beard

and his eyebrows--all his hair he shall

<sup>1</sup> shave off. He shall wash his clothes and <sup>4</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

wash his body in water, and he shall be

saying,

clean.

<sup>2</sup> This shall be the law of the leper for <sup>0</sup> 'And on the eighth day he shall take <sup>1</sup>

the day of his cleansing: He shall be

two male lambs without blemish, one

brought to the priest.

ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, three-tenths of an ephah

of fine 18The rest of the oil that is in the priest's flour mixed with oil as  
a grain offering, and he shall put on the head of him

and one log of oil. who is to be cleansed. So the priest

shall make atonement for him before the

11 LORD.

Then the priest who makes him clean

shall present the man who is to be made

clean, and those things, before the 1 " Then the priest shall offer the  
sin LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of offering, and make  
atonement for him

meeting. who is to be cleansed from his

uncleanness. Afterward he shall kill the

12And the priest shall take one male burnt offering.

lamb and offer it as a trespass offering,

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and the log of oil, and wave them as a And the priest shall offer the  
burnt

wave offering before the LORD. offering and the grain offering on the

altar. So the priest shall make

13Then he shall kill the lamb in the place atonement for him, and he  
shall be

where he kills the sin offering and the clean.

sin offering is the priest's, so is the 2 1 burnt offering, in a holy place;  
for as the 'But if he is poor and cannot afford it,

trespass offering. It is most holy. then he shall take one male lamb as a

trespass offering to be waved, to make

14The priest shall take some of the blood atonement for him, one-tenth of an

of the trespass offering, and the priest ephah of fine flour mixed with oil as a

shall put it on the tip of the right ear of grain offering, a log of oil, him who is to be cleansed, on the thumb

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of his right hand, and on the big toe of and two turtledoves or two young

his right foot. pigeons, such as he is able to afford:

one shall be a sin offering and the other

15And the priest shall take some of the a burnt offering.

log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his 3He shall bring them to the priest on the

own left hand. 2

eighth day for his cleansing, to the door

16Then the priest shall dip his right finger of the tabernacle of meeting, before the

in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall LORD. sprinkle some of the oil with his finger

2 4

seven times before the LORD. And the priest shall take the lamb of

the trespass offering and the log of oil,

17 and the priest shall wave them as a

And of the rest of the oil in his hand,

the priest shall put some on the tip of wave offering before the LORD.

the right ear of him who is to be 5Then he shall kill the lamb of the

cleansed, on the thumb of his right hand, 2 and on the big toe of his  
right foot, on trespass offering, and the priest shall

the blood of the trespass offering. take some of the blood of the  
trespass

offering and put it on the tip of the right possession, and I put the  
leprous plague

ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the in a house in the land of your  
thumb of his right hand, and on the big possession, toe of his right  
foot.

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and he who owns the house comes

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And the priest shall pour some of the and tells the priest, saying, "It  
seems to

oil into the palm of his own left hand. me that there is some plague in  
the

house,'

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Then the priest shall sprinkle with his

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right finger some of the oil that is in his then the priest shall command  
that

left hand seven times before the LORD. they empty the house, before  
the priest

goes into it to examine the plague, that

28 all that is in the house may not be made

And the priest shall put some of the oil

that is in his hand on the tip of the right unclean; and afterward the priest shall

ear of him who is to be cleansed, on the go in to examine the house. thumb of the right hand, and on the big

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toe of his right foot, on the place of the And he shall examine the plague; and

blood of the trespass offering. indeed if the plague is on the walls of the house with ingrained streaks,

29The rest of the oil that is in the priest's greenish or reddish, which appear to be

hand he shall put on the head of him deep in the wall, who is to be cleansed, to make

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atonement for him before the LORD. then the priest shall go out of the house, to the door of the house, and

30 shut up the house seven days. And he shall offer one of the

turtledoves or young pigeons, such as 3' And he can afford-- the priest shall come again on the

seventh day and look; and indeed if the

31 plague has spread on the walls of the such as he is able to afford, the one as

a sin offering and the other as a burnt house,

offering, with the grain offering. So the 0then the priest shall command that

priest shall make atonement for him who 4 is to be cleansed before the



LORD. they take away the stones in which is

the plague, and they shall cast them into

32 an unclean place outside the city.

This is the law for one who had a  
leprous sore, who cannot afford the

4 1

usual cleansing." And he shall cause the house to be

scraped inside, all around, and the dust

33 And the LORD spoke to Moses and that they scrape off they shall  
pour out

Aaron, saying: in an unclean place outside the city.

3 4 4a When you have come into the land of 2 Then they shall take  
other stones and

Canaan, which I give you as a put them in the place of those stones,  
and he shall take other mortar and and dip them in the blood of the  
slain

plaster the house. bird and in the running water, and

sprinkle the house seven times.

43 Now if the plague comes back and

52

breaks out in the house, after he has And he shall cleanse the house  
with

taken away the stones, after he has the blood of the bird and the  
running

scraped the house, and after it is water and the living bird, with the  
cedar

plastered, wood, the hyssop, and the scarlet.

4 5 4 hen the priest shall come and look; 3Then he shall let the living bird loose and indeed if the plague has spread in outside the city in the open field, and

the house, it is an active leprosy in the make atonement for the house, and it

house. It is unclean. shall be clean.

4 5 4§ 5And he shall break down the house, its 'This is the law for any leprous sore

stones, its timber, and all the plaster of and scale, the house, and he shall carry them

outside the city to an unclean place. 55 or the leprosy of a garment and of a

house,

46Moreover he who goes into the house at all while it is shut up shall be unclean 56 or a swelling and a scab and a bright

until evening. spot,

4 5 7 7to teach when it is unclean and when it And he who lies down in the house shall wash his clothes, and he who eats is clean. This is the law of leprosy." in the house shall wash his clothes.

4 1 5And the LORD spoke to Moses " But if the priest comes in and examines it, and indeed the plague has and Aaron, saying, not spread in the house after the house

was plastered, then the priest shall 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and pronounce the house clean, because say to them: "When any man has a

the plague is healed. discharge from his body, his discharge

4 is unclean.

' And he shall take, to cleanse the

house, two birds, cedar wood, scarlet, 3And this shall be his  
uncleanness in

and hyssop. regard to his discharge--whether his

5 body runs with his discharge, or his 0Then he shall kill one of the  
birds in an

body is stopped up by his discharge, it is  
earthen vessel over running water; his uncleanness.

51

and he shall take the cedar wood, the

hyssop, the scarlet, and the living bird, 4 13 Every bed is unclean on  
which he who 'And when he who has a discharge is

has the discharge lies, and everything cleansed of his discharge, then  
he shall

on which he sits shall be unclean. count for himself seven days for his

cleansing, wash his clothes, and bathe

5 his body in running water; then he shall And whoever touches his  
bed shall

wash his clothes and bathe in water, be clean. and be unclean until  
evening.

1 4

On the eighth day he shall take for

6 himself two turtledoves or two young He who sits on anything on  
which he

who has the discharge sat shall wash pigeons, and come before the LORD, to

his clothes and bathe in water, and be the door of the tabernacle of meeting,

unclean until evening. and give them to the priest.

7 15Then the priest shall offer them, the

And he who touches the body of him

who has the discharge shall wash his one as a sin offering and the other as a

clothes and bathe in water, and be burnt offering. So the priest shall make

unclean until evening. atonement for him before the LORD

because of his discharge.

8If he who has the discharge spits on 64 f any man has an emission of semen,

him who is clean, then he shall wash his 1 clothes and bathe in water, and be then he shall wash all his body in water,

unclean until evening. and be unclean until evening.

1 7And any garment and any leather on

'Any saddle on which he who has the

discharge rides shall be unclean. which there is semen, it shall be washed

with water, and be unclean until evening.

10Whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until evening. 1 ' Also, when a woman lies with a man,

He who carries any of those things shall and there is an emission of semen, they

wash his clothes and bathe in water, shall bathe in water, and be unclean

and be unclean until evening. until evening.

11 1And whomever the one who has the ' If a woman has a discharge, and the

discharge touches, and has not rinsed discharge from her body is blood, she

his hands in water, he shall wash his shall be set apart seven days; and

clothes and bathe in water, and be whoever touches her shall be unclean

unclean until evening. until evening.

12 2 0Everything that she lies on during her

The vessel of earth that he who has

the discharge touches shall be broken, impurity shall be unclean; also

and every vessel of wood shall be everything that she sits on shall be

rinsed in water. unclean.

22 1Whoever touches her bed shall wash ' And on the eighth day she shall take

his clothes and bathe in water, and be for herself two turtledoves or two young

unclean until evening. pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to

the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

22

And whoever touches anything that

she sat on shall wash his clothes and Then the priest shall offer the one as a

bathe in water, and be unclean until sin offering and the other as a burnt

evening. offering, and the priest shall make

atonement for her before the LORD for

2 3 anything is on her bed or on the discharge of her uncleanness. anything on which she sits, when he

touches it, he shall be unclean until 3 14"Thus you shall separate the children evening. of Israel from their uncleanness, lest

they die in their uncleanness when they

24 defile My tabernacle that is among them.

And if any man lies with her at all, so that her impurity is on him, he shall be

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unclean seven days; and every bed on This is the law for one who has a

which he lies shall be unclean. discharge, and for him who emits semen

and is unclean thereby,

25a f a woman has a discharge of blood for many days, other than at the time of Stand for her who is indisposed because

her customary impurity, or if it runs of her customary impurity, and for one

beyond her usual time of impurity, all the who has a discharge, either man or

days of her unclean discharge shall be woman, and for him who lies with her

as the days of her customary impurity. who is unclean." She shall be unclean.

26 Every bed on which she lies all the

1 6 Now the LORD spoke to Moses

days of her discharge shall be to her as

after the death of the two sons of Aaron,

the bed of her impurity; and whatever

when they offered profane fire before

she sits on shall be unclean, as the

the LORD, and died;

uncleanness of her impurity.

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7 Whoever touches those things shall be 2 and the LORD said to Moses:  
"Tell

Aaron your brother not to come at just

unclean; he shall wash his clothes and any time into the Holy Place  
inside the

bathe in water, and be unclean until

veil, before the mercy seat which is on

evening.

the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in

2 the cloud above the mercy seat. 8 But if she is cleansed of her  
discharge,

then she shall count for herself seven 3"Thus Aaron shall come into the Holy

days, and after that she shall be clean.

Place: with the blood of a young bull as  
a sin offering, and of a ram as a burnt  
offering.

4He shall put the holy linen tunic and the sweet incense beaten fine,  
and bring it

linen trousers on his body; he shall be inside the veil. girded with a  
linen sash, and with the

linen turban he shall be attired. These 13And he shall put the incense  
on the are holy garments. Therefore he shall fire before the LORD,  
that the cloud of

wash his body in water, and put them on. incense may cover the  
mercy seat that

is on the Testimony, lest he die.

5And he shall take from the

congregation of the children of Israel 1 4He shall take some of the  
blood of the two kids of the goats as a sin offering, bull and sprinkle it  
with his finger on the

and one ram as a burnt offering. mercy seat on the east side; and  
before

the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of

6 Aaron shall offer the bull as a sin the blood with his finger seven  
times.

offering, which is for himself, and make

atonement for himself and for his house. 154'Then he shall kill the  
goat of the sin

offering, which is for the people, bring its



7He shall take the two goats and present blood inside the veil, do with that blood

them before the LORD at the door of the as he did with the blood of the bull, and

tabernacle of meeting. sprinkle it on the mercy seat and before

the mercy seat.

8Then Aaron shall cast lots for the two

1 6

goats: one lot for the LORD and the So he shall make atonement for the

other lot for the scapegoat. Holy Place, because of the uncleanness

of the children of Israel, and because of

'And Aaron shall bring the goat on their transgressions, for all their sins;

which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it as and so he shall do for the tabernacle of

a sin offering. meeting which remains among them in

the midst of their uncleanness.

10But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive There shall be no man in the 17

before the LORD, to make atonement tabernacle of meeting when he goes in

upon it, and to let it go as the scapegoat to make atonement in the Holy Place,

into the wilderness. until he comes out, that he may make

atonement for himself, for his household,

11 and for all the assembly of Israel. 'And Aaron shall bring the bull of the

sin offering, which is for himself, and <sup>1</sup> 8 And he shall go out to the altar that is make atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull as the sin before the LORD, and make atonement

offering which is for himself. for it, and shall take some of the blood  
of the bull and some of the blood of the

<sup>12</sup> Then he shall take a censer full of goat, and put it on the horns of  
the altar

burning coals of fire from the altar all around. before the LORD, with his hands full of <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 9 Then he shall sprinkle some of the 7

The bull for the sin offering and the  
blood on it with his finger seven times, goat for the sin offering,  
whose blood

cleanse it, and consecrate it from the was brought in to make  
atonement in

uncleanness of the children of Israel. the Holy Place, shall be carried  
outside

the camp. And they shall burn in the fire

<sup>20</sup> And when he has made an end of their skins, their flesh, and their  
offal.

atoning for the Holy Place, the

tabernacle of meeting, and the altar, he <sup>2</sup> ' Then he who burns them  
shall wash shall bring the live goat. his clothes and bathe his body in  
water,

and afterward he may come into the

<sup>21</sup> Aaron shall lay both his hands on the camp.

head of the live goat, confess over it all

the iniquities of the children of Israel, <sup>2</sup> " This shall be a statute  
forever for you: and all their transgressions, concerning In the seventh  
month, on the tenth day

all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, you shall afflict your souls,

of the goat, and shall send it away into the wilderness and do no work at all, whether a native

the wilderness by the hand of a suitable of your own country or a stranger who

man. dwells among you.

22The goat shall bear on itself all their 30For on that day the priest shall make

iniquities to an uninhabited land; and he atonement for you, to cleanse you, that

shall release the goat in the wilderness. you may be clean from all your sins

before the LORD.

23§Then Aaron shall come into the

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tabernacle of meeting, shall take off the It is a sabbath of solemn rest for you,

linen garments which he put on when he and you shall afflict your souls. It is a

went into the Holy Place, and shall leave statute forever. them there.

2 And he shall wash his body with water consecrated to minister as priest in his

4 32And the priest, who is anointed and

in a holy place, put on his garments, father's place, shall make atonement,

come out and offer his burnt offering and put on the linen clothes, the holy

and the burnt offering of the people, and garments; make atonement for himself and for the

people. 33 then he shall make atonement for the

Holy Sanctuary, and he shall make

25 The fat of the sin offering he shall burn atonement for the tabernacle of meeting

on the altar. and for the altar, and he shall make

atonement for the priests and for all the

26 And he who released the goat as the people of the assembly. scapegoat shall wash his clothes and

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bathe his body in water, and afterward This shall be an everlasting statute for

he may come into the camp. you, to make atonement for the children

of Israel, for all their sins, once a year." 8 Also you shall say to them: "Whatever And he did as the LORD commanded man of the house of Israel, or of the

Moses. strangers who dwell among you, who

offers a burnt offering or sacrifice,

1 and does not bring it to the door of the 7 And the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying, tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the

LORD, that man shall be cut off from

2 among his people.

Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all

the children of Israel, and say to them, <sup>10</sup> 'And whatever man of the house of "This is the thing which the LORD has Israel, or of the strangers who dwell commanded, saying: among you, who eats any blood, I will

<sup>3</sup> set My face against that person who " Whatever man of the house of Israel eats blood, and will cut him off from who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the among his people. camp, or who kills it outside the camp,

<sup>11</sup>

<sup>4</sup> For the life of the flesh is in the blood,

and does not bring it to the door of the and I have given it to you upon the altar

tabernacle of meeting to offer an to make atonement for your souls; for it

offering to the LORD before the is the blood that makes atonement for

tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of the soul.' bloodshed shall be imputed to that man.

He has shed blood; and that man shall <sup>12</sup> Therefore I said to the children of be cut off from among his people, Israel, "No one among you shall eat s blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells

to the end that the children of Israel among you eat blood.'

may bring their sacrifices which they

offer in the open field, that they may <sup>134</sup> Whatever man of the children of Israel, bring them to the LORD at the door of

or of the strangers who dwell among

the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest,

you, who hunts and catches any animal  
and offer them as peace offerings to the  
or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour  
LORD.

out its blood and cover it with dust;

6And the priest shall sprinkle the blood 4 or it is the life of all flesh. Its  
blood

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on the altar of the LORD at the door of

sustains its life. Therefore I said to the  
the tabernacle of meeting, and burn the  
children of Israel, "You shall not eat the  
fat for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh  
7 is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut  
They shall no more offer their sacrifices off.'  
to demons, after whom they have

played the harlot. This shall be a statute 1 5 'And every person who  
eats what died forever for them throughout their naturally or what  
was torn by beasts, generations."

whether he is a native of your own 9The nakedness of your sister, the  
country or a stranger, he shall both daughter of your father, or the  
daughter

wash his clothes and bathe in water, of your mother, whether born at  
home or

and be unclean until evening. Then he elsewhere, their nakedness you shall

shall be clean. not uncover.

11 60 But if he does not wash them or bathe The nakedness of your son's daughter

his body, then he shall bear his guilt." or your daughter's daughter, their

nakedness you shall not uncover; for

theirs is your own nakedness.

1 8Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 11The nakedness of your father's wife's saying, daughter, begotten by your father--she

2 is your sister--you shall not uncover her Speak to the children of Israel, and nakedness.

say to them: "I am the LORD your God.

12 ou shall not uncover the nakedness

3 According to the doings of the land of of your father's sister; she is near of kin

Egypt, where you dwelt, you shall not to your father. do; and according to the doings of the

land of Canaan, where I am bringing 13You shall not uncover the nakedness you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk of your mother's sister, for she is near of in their ordinances.

kin to your mother.

4You shall observe My judgments and 4 ou shall not uncover the nakedness

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keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I

of your father's brother. You shall not

am the LORD your God.

approach his wife; she is your aunt.

5You shall therefore keep My statutes 5 ou shall not uncover the nakedness

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and My judgments, which if a man does,

of your daughter-in-law--she is your

he shall live by them: I am the LORD. son's wife--you shall not uncover her 6 nakedness.

None of you shall approach anyone

who is near of kin to him, to uncover his 1 6 ou shall not uncover the nakedness nakedness: I am the LORD. of your brother's wife; it is your brother's

7 nakedness.

The nakedness of your father or the

nakedness of your mother you shall not 1 7 ou shall not uncover the nakedness uncover. She is your mother; you shall of a woman and her daughter, nor shall not uncover her nakedness. you take her son's daughter or her



"The nakedness of your father's wife nakedness. They are near of kin to her. daughter's daughter, to uncover her

you shall not uncover; it is your father's It is wickedness. nakedness.

12 ' Nor shall you take a woman as a rival 8 est the land vomit you out also when to her sister, to uncover her nakedness you defile it, as it vomited out the

while the other is alive. nations that were before you.

12 '" Also you shall not approach a woman ' For whoever commits any of these to uncover her nakedness as long as abominations, the persons who commit

she is in her customary impurity. them shall be cut off from among their

people.

20 Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself 304 Therefore you shall keep My

with her. ordinance, so that you do not commit

any of these abominable customs which

21 were committed before you, and that And you shall not let any of your

descendants pass through the fire to you do not defile yourselves by them: I

Molech, nor shall you profane the name am the LORD your God." of your God: I am the LORD.

22 ou shall not lie with a male as with a 1 9 And the LORD spoke to Moses, woman. It is an abomination. saying,

22 3Nor shall you mate with any animal, to

Speak to all the congregation of the

defile yourself with it. Nor shall any children of Israel, and say to them: "You

woman stand before an animal to mate shall be holy, for I the LORD your God

with it. It is perversion. am holy.

24 Do not defile yourselves with any of 3

"Every one of you shall revere his

these things; for by all these the nations mother and his father, and keep My

are defiled, which I am casting out Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

before you.

2 yourselves molded gods: I am the

5For the land is defiled; therefore I visit 4 Do not turn to idols, nor make for

the punishment of its iniquity upon it, LORD your God. and the land vomits out its inhabitants.

5 And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace

26

You shall therefore keep My statutes offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of

and My judgments, and shall not commit your own free will. any of these abominations, either any of

your own nation or any stranger who 6It shall be eaten the same day

you offer dwells among you

it, and on the next day. And if any

2 remains until the third day, it shall be 7( for all these abominations  
the men of burned in the fire.

the land have done, who were before

you, and thus the land is defiled), 7 1 And if it is eaten at all on the  
third day, 6You shall not go about as a talebearer it is an abomination.  
It shall not be among your people; nor shall you take a

accepted. stand against the life of your neighbor: I

am the LORD.

8Therefore everyone who eats it shall 7 You shall not hate your  
brother in

bear his iniquity, because he has 1 profaned the hallowed offering of  
the your heart. You shall surely rebuke your

LORD; and that person shall be cut off neighbor, and not bear sin  
because of

from his people. him.

""When you reap the harvest of your 18 ou shall not take vengeance,  
nor land, you shall not wholly reap the bear any grudge against the  
children of

corners of your field, nor shall you your people, but you shall love  
your

gather the gleanings of your harvest. neighbor as yourself: I am the  
LORD.

1 1 0And you shall not glean your vineyard,

" You shall keep My statutes. You shall

nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; nor shall you let your livestock breed with another

vineyard; you shall leave them for the kind. You shall not sow your field with

poor and the stranger: I am the LORD mixed seed. Nor shall a garment of

your God. mixed linen and wool come upon you.

12 1 You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, 04 Whoever lies carnally with a woman nor lie to one another. who is betrothed to a man as a

concubine, and who has not at all been

12 redeemed nor given her freedom, for

And you shall not swear by My name

falsely, nor shall you profane the name this there shall be scourging; but they

of your God: I am the LORD. shall not be put to death, because she

was not free.

1 3 You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired And he shall bring his trespass offering 2 1

shall not remain with you all night until to the LORD, to the door of the

morning. tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a

trespass offering.

14 ou shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but 2 The priest shall make atonement for

shall fear your God: I am the LORD. him with the ram of the trespass offering

before the LORD for his sin which he

<sup>1</sup> has committed. And the sin which he <sup>5</sup> You shall do no injustice in judgment.

has committed shall be forgiven him.

You shall not be partial to the poor, nor

honor the person of the mighty. In <sup>234</sup> When you come into the land, and righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. have planted all kinds of trees for food,

then you shall count their fruit as

uncircumcised. Three years it shall be The stranger who dwells among you

as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be shall be to you as one born among you,

eaten. and you shall love him as yourself; for

you were strangers in the land of Egypt:

24 I am the LORD your God.

But in the fourth year all its fruit shall

be holy, a praise to the LORD. 5 You shall do no injustice in judgment,

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25 in measurement of length, weight, or

And in the fifth year you may eat its

fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: volume.

I am the LORD your God. 36 ou shall have honest scales, honest

26 You shall not eat anything with the weights, an honest ephah, and an

blood, nor shall you practice divination honest hin: I am the LORD your God,

or soothsaying. who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

23 7§ 7 ou shall not shave around the sides "Therefore you shall observe all My of your head, nor shall you disfigure the statutes and all My judgments, and

edges of your beard. perform them: I am the LORD."

28 You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any 2 O Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

marks on you: I am the LORD. saying,

22 "' Do not prostitute your daughter, to Again, you shall say to the children of cause her to be a harlot, lest the land Israel: "Whoever of the children of Israel,

fall into harlotry, and the land become or of the strangers who dwell in Israel,

full of wickedness. who gives any of his descendants to

Molech, he shall surely be put to death.

30 You shall keep My Sabbaths and

The people of the land shall stone him

reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD. with stones.

31a Give no regard to mediums and Al will set My face against that man, and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, will cut him off from his people, because

to be defiled by them: I am the LORD he has given some of his descendants

your God. to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and

profane My holy name.

32 You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, 4 And if the people of the land should in and fear your God: I am the LORD. any way hide their eyes from the man,

when he gives some of his descendants

33 And if a stranger dwells with you in to Molech, and they do not kill him, your land, you shall not mistreat him.

then I will set My face against that man surely be put to death. Their blood shall

and against his family; and I will cut him be upon them. off from his people, and all who

prostitute themselves with him to 14 a man marries a woman and her commit harlotry with Molech. mother, it is wickedness. They shall be

burned with fire, both he and they, that

6 And the person who turns to mediums there may be no wickedness among you.

and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself

with them, I will set My face against that 1 5 a man mates with an animal, he person and cut him off from his people. shall surely be put to death, and you

shall kill the animal.

7Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. 1 6 a woman approaches any animal

and mates with it, you shall kill the

'And you shall keep My statutes, and woman and the animal. They shall

perform them: I am the LORD who surely be put to death. Their blood is

sanctifies you. upon them.

"For everyone who curses his father or 174 f a man takes his sister, his father's his mother shall surely be put to death. daughter or his mother's daughter, and

He has cursed his father or his mother. sees her nakedness and she sees his



His blood shall be upon him. nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And

they shall be cut off in the sight of their

10§ people. He has uncovered his sister's 'Th e man who commits adultery with

another man's wife, he who commits nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. adultery with his neighbor's wife, the

adulterer and the adulteress, shall 1 ' If a man lies with a woman during her surely be put to death. sickness and uncovers her nakedness,

he has exposed her flow, and she has

11The man who lies with his father's uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of

wife

has uncovered his father's nakedness; them shall be cut off from their people.

both of them shall surely be put to death.

Their blood shall be upon them. 1" You shall not uncover the nakedness

of your mother's sister nor of your

12 a man lies with his daughter-in-law, father's sister, for that would uncover his both of them shall surely be put to death. near of kin. They shall bear their guilt.

They have committed perversion. Their

blood shall be upon them. 2 0 a man lies with his uncle's wife, he

has uncovered his uncle's nakedness.

1 3 a man lies with a male as he lies They shall bear their sin; they shall die with a woman, both of them have childless. committed an abomination. They shall 2 1 a man takes his brother's wife, it is

brother's nakedness. They shall be "Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, childless. an unclean thing. He has uncovered his 2 1 And the LORD said to Moses,

and say to them: "None shall defile

2 himself for the dead among his people, 2 You shall therefore keep all My

statutes and all My judgments, and 2

except for his relatives who are nearest perform them, that the land where I am

to him: his mother, his father, his son, bringing you to dwell may not vomit you

his daughter, and his brother; out.

2 3Also his virgin sister who is near to him, 3And you shall not walk in the statutes

who has had no husband, for her he of the nation which I am casting out may defile himself. before you; for they commit all these

things, and therefore I abhor them. 4

Otherwise he shall not defile himself, 2 being a chief man among his people, to 4

But I have said to you, "You shall profane himself. inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and 5

They shall not make any bald place on  
honey." I am the LORD your God, who  
their heads, nor shall they shave the  
has separated you from the peoples.

edges of their beards nor make any  
2 cuttings in their flesh. 5 You shall therefore distinguish

between clean animals and unclean, 6 They shall be holy to their God  
and not between unclean birds and clean, and profane the name of  
their God, for they you shall not make yourselves offer the offerings of  
the LORD made by abominable by beast or by bird, or by fire, and the  
bread of their God; any kind of living thing that creeps on therefore  
they shall be holy. the ground, which I have separated from

you as unclean. 7 They shall not take a wife who is a

2 harlot or a defiled woman, nor shall they 6 And you shall be holy to  
Me, for I the

take a woman divorced from her  
LORD am holy, and have separated you

husband; for the priest is holy to his God.  
from the peoples, that you should be

Mine. 8 Therefore you shall consecrate him, for

2 he offers the bread of your God. He 7s A man or a woman who is a  
medium,

shall be holy to you, for I the LORD, who

or who has familiar spirits, shall surely

sanctify you, am holy.

be put to death; they shall stone them

with stones. Their blood shall be upon 9The daughter of any priest, if she them." profanes herself by playing the harlot,

she profanes her father. She shall be

burned with fire.

1 2 1 0 He who is the high priest among his No man of the descendants of Aaron brethren, on whose head the anointing the priest, who has a defect, shall come

oil was poured and who is consecrated near to offer the offerings made by fire

to wear the garments, shall not uncover to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall

his head nor tear his clothes; not come near to offer the bread of his

God.

11

nor shall he go near any dead body, 2He may eat the bread of his God, both

nor defile himself for his father or his 2 mother; the most holy and the holy;

1 2 2nor shall he go out of the sanctuary, 3 nly he shall not go near the veil or nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for approach the altar, because he has a

the consecration of the anointing oil of defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries;

his God is upon him: I am the LORD. for I the LORD sanctify them."

1 24 3And he shall take a wife in her virginity.And Moses told it to  
Aaron and his  
sons, and to all the children of Israel.

14

A widow or a divorced woman or a  
defiled woman or a harlot--these he  
shall not marry; but he shall take a virgin 22Then the LORD spoke  
to Moses,  
of his own people as wife. saying,

15 Nor shall he profane his posterity 2 Speak to Aaron and his sons,  
that they among his people, for I the LORD separate themselves from  
the holy

sanctify him." things of the children of Israel, and that

1 they do not profane My holy name by

6

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, what they dedicate to Me: I  
am the

LORD.

17 Speak to Aaron, saying: "No man of

your descendants in succeeding 3Say to them: "Whoever of all your  
generations, who has any defect, may descendants throughout your  
approach to offer the bread of his God. generations, who goes near the  
holy

things which the children of Israel

18For any man who has a defect shall dedicate to the LORD, while he  
has

not approach: a man blind or lame, who uncleanness upon him, that person shall

has a marred face or any limb too long, be cut off from My presence: I am the

LORD.

1' a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, 4 Whatever man of the descendants of

Aaron, who is a leper or has a discharge,

20 shall not eat the holy offerings until he is

or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man

who has a defect in his eye, or eczema clean. And whoever touches anything

or scab, or is a eunuch.

made unclean by a corpse, or a man youth, she may eat her father's food; but

who has had an emission of semen, no outsider shall eat it.

s 1 or whoever touches any creeping thing 4 'And if a man eats the holy offering by which he would be made unclean, or unintentionally, then he shall restore a

any person by whom he would become holy offering to the priest, and add one-

unclean, whatever his uncleanness may fifth to it. be--

1 5

They shall not profane the holy

6the person who has touched any such offerings of the children of Israel, which

thing shall be unclean until evening, and they offer to the LORD, shall not eat the holy offerings unless he

washes his body with water. 1 6 r allow them to bear the guilt of

trespass when they eat their holy

7And when the sun goes down he shall offerings; for I the LORD  
sanctify them.'

be clean; and afterward he may eat the

holy offerings, because it is his food. 1 7

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

8 1 Whatever dies naturally or is torn by 8 Speak to Aaron and his  
sons, and to beasts he shall not eat, to defile himself all the children of  
Israel, and say to

with it: I am the LORD. them: "Whatever man of the house of

Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, who

"They shall therefore keep My offers his sacrifice for any of his vows  
or ordinance, lest they bear sin for it and for any of his freewill  
offerings, which

die thereby, if they profane it: I the they offer to the LORD as a burnt  
LORD sanctify them. offering--

1 1 0 No outsider shall eat the holy offering;

' you shall offer of your own free will a

one who dwells with the priest, or a male without blemish from the  
cattle,

hired servant, shall not eat the holy thing. from the sheep, or from the  
goats.

1 2 1But if the priest buys a person with his 0Whatever has a defect,  
you shall not money, he may eat it; and one who is offer, for it shall

not be acceptable on

born in his house may eat his food. your behalf.

12 2)1 f the priest's daughter is married to an And whoever offers a sacrifice of a outsider, she may not eat of the holy peace offering to the LORD, to fulfill his

offerings. vow, or a freewill offering from the cattle

or the sheep, it must be perfect to be

13 accepted; there shall be no defect in it. But if the priest's daughter is a widow

or divorced, and has no child, and has

returned to her father's house as in her 2 Those that are blind or broken or

maimed, or have an ulcer or eczema or scabs, you shall not offer to the LORD, 'Therefor 3 14e you shall keep My

nor make an offering by fire of them on commandments, and perform them: I

the altar to the LORD. am the LORD.

23 32 ou shall not profane My holy name,

Either a bull or a lamb that has any

limb too long or too short you may offer but I will be hallowed among the

as a freewill offering, but for a vow it children of Israel. I am the LORD who

shall not be accepted. sanctifies you,

24 You shall not offer to the LORD what 33who brought you out of the



land of

is bruised or crushed, or torn or cut; nor Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD."

shall you make any offering of them in  
your land.

2 2 3And the LORD spoke to Moses,

5Nor from a foreigner's hand shall you

saying,

offer any of these as the bread of your

God, because their corruption is in them, 2

Speak to the children of Israel, and

and defects are in them. They shall not

be accepted on your behalf." say to them: "The feasts of the LORD,

which you shall proclaim to be holy

2 convocations, these are My feasts. 6And the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying: 3"Six days shall work be done, but the

2 seventh day is a Sabbath of solemn rest, 7s When a bull or a sheep or  
a goat is

a holy convocation. You shall do no

born, it shall be seven days with its

work on it; it is the Sabbath of the LORD

mother; and from the eighth day and in all your dwellings. thereafter  
it shall be accepted as an

offering made by fire to the LORD. 4

These are the feasts of the LORD,

<sup>2</sup> holy convocations which you shall <sup>8</sup>Whether it is a cow or ewe, do not kill

proclaim at their appointed times.

both her and her young on the same

day. <sup>5</sup>

On the fourteenth day of the first month

<sup>2</sup> at twilight is the LORD's Passover.

' And when you offer a sacrifice of

thanksgiving to the LORD, offer it of <sup>6</sup> your own free will. And on the fifteenth day of the same

month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread

<sup>30</sup> to the LORD; seven days you must eat On the same day it shall be eaten; you unleavened bread. shall leave none of it until morning: I am

the LORD. <sup>7</sup>

On the first day you shall have a holy

convocation; you shall do no customary

work on it.

<sup>8 1</sup> But you shall offer an offering made by <sup>6</sup>Count fifty days to the day after the fire to the LORD for seven days. The seventh Sabbath; then you shall offer a

seventh day shall be a holy convocation; new grain offering to the LORD. you shall do no customary work on it."

<sup>1 7</sup> ou shall bring from your dwellings

'And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, two wave loaves of two-tenths of an

ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they

1 0 Speak to the children of Israel, and shall be baked with leaven. They are the

say to them: "When you come into the firstfruits to the LORD. land which I give to you, and reap its

harvest, then you shall bring a sheaf of 1 8 And you shall offer with the bread the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest. seven lambs of the first year, without

blemish, one young bull, and two rams.

11 He shall wave the sheaf before the LORD. They shall be as a burnt offering to the

LORD, to be accepted on your behalf; LORD, with their grain offering and their

on the day after the Sabbath the priest drink offerings, an offering made by fire

shall wave it. for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

1 2' Then you shall sacrifice one kid of the And you shall offer on that day, when you wave the sheaf, a male lamb of the goats as a sin offering, and two male

first year, without blemish, as a burnt lambs of the first year as a sacrifice of a

offering to the LORD. peace offering.

1 2 0 The priest shall wave them with the 3 ts grain offering shall be two-tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, an bread of the firstfruits as a wave offering

offering made by fire to the LORD, for a before the LORD, with the two lambs.

sweet aroma; and its drink offering shall They shall be holy to the LORD for the

be of wine, one-fourth of a hin. priest.

<sup>1</sup> And you shall proclaim on the same

4 ou shall eat neither bread nor <sup>2</sup> 1

parched grain nor fresh grain until the day that it is a holy convocation to you.

same day that you have brought an You shall do no customary work on it. It

offering to your God; it shall be a statute shall be a statute forever in all your

forever throughout your generations in dwellings throughout your generations.

all your dwellings. 24 When you reap the harvest of your

2

<sup>1</sup> 5 And you shall count for yourselves land, you shall not wholly reap the

from the day after the Sabbath, from the corners of your field when you reap, nor

day that you brought the sheaf of the shall you gather any gleaning from your

wave offering: seven Sabbaths shall be harvest. You shall leave them for the

completed. poor and for the stranger: I am the

LORD your God."

<sup>23</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses, from evening to evening, you shall

saying, celebrate your sabbath."

24 Speak to the children of Israel, 33Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying: "In the seventh month, on the saying, first day of the month, you shall have a

sabbath-rest, a memorial of blowing of 34 'Speak to the children of Israel, trumpets, a holy convocation. saying: "The fifteenth day of this seventh

month shall be the Feast of Tabernacles

25 ou shall do no customary work on it;

for seven days to the LORD.

and you shall offer an offering made by

fire to the LORD." 35 On the first day there shall be a holy

2 work on it. 6And the LORD spoke to Moses, convocation. You shall do no customary

saying:

36For seven days you shall offer an

27s Also the tenth day of this seventh

offering made by fire to the LORD. On

month shall be the Day of Atonement. It the eighth day you shall have a holy

shall be a holy convocation for you; you convocation, and you shall offer an

shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a

offering made by fire to the LORD. sacred assembly, and you shall do no

customary work on it.

2 ' And you shall do no work on that same day, for it is the Day of  
Atonement, to 'Thes 374e are the feasts of the LORD

make atonement for you before the which you shall proclaim to be  
holy

LORD your God. convocations, to offer an offering made

by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering and

2 a grain offering, a sacrifice and drink ' For any person who is not  
afflicted in

soul on that same day shall be cut off offerings, everything on its day--  
from his people.

38

besides the Sabbaths of the LORD,

30And any person who does any work on besides your gifts, besides all  
your vows,

that same day, that person I will destroy and besides all your freewill  
offerings

from among his people. which you give to the LORD.

31 ou shall do no manner of work; it 3''' Also on the fifteenth day of  
the

shall be a statute forever throughout seventh month, when you have  
your generations in all your dwellings. gathered in the fruit of the  
land, you

shall keep the feast of the LORD for

32 shall be to you a sabbath of solemn seven days; on the first day  
there shall

be a sabbath-rest, and on the eighth day

rest, and you shall afflict your souls; on

a sabbath-rest.

the ninth day of the month at evening, <sup>4 4</sup> 0 And you shall take for yourselves on He shall be in charge of the lamps on

the first day the fruit of beautiful trees, the pure gold lampstand before the

branches of palm trees, the boughs of LORD continually. leafy trees, and willows of the brook;

and you shall rejoice before the LORD <sup>5</sup> And you shall take fine flour and bake your God for seven days. twelve cakes with it. Two-tenths of an

ephah shall be in each cake.

<sup>4 1</sup> ou shall keep it as a feast to the

LORD for seven days in the year. It shall <sup>6</sup> You shall set them in two rows, six in a be a statute forever in your generations. row, on the pure gold table before the

You shall celebrate it in the seventh LORD. month.

<sup>4 2</sup> 7 And you shall put pure frankincense on

You shall dwell in booths for seven each row, that it may be on the bread for

days. All who are native Israelites shall a memorial, an offering made by fire to

dwell in booths, the LORD.

<sup>4 3</sup> hat your generations may know that I

'Every Sabbath he shall set it in order

made the children of Israel dwell in before the LORD continually, being

booths when I brought them out of the taken from the children of Israel by an

land of Egypt: I am the LORD your everlasting covenant. God."

4 So Moses declared to the children of and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it

4 9And it shall be for Aaron and his sons,

Israel the feasts of the LORD. is most holy to him from the offerings of  
the LORD made by fire, by a perpetual  
statute."

24Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

1 0Now the son of an Israelite woman,

saying:

whose father was an Egyptian, went out

2 among the children of Israel; and this Command the children of Israel that

they bring to you pure oil of pressed Israelite woman's son and a man of

olives for the light, to make the lamps Israel fought each other in the camp.

burn continually. 1 And the Israelite woman's son 3 blasphemed the name of the LORD and

Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the

cursed; and so they brought him to

tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in



Moses. (His mother's name was

charge of it from evening until morning

Shelomith the daughter of Dibri, of the

before the LORD continually; it shall be

tribe of Dan.)

a statute forever in your generations.

1 2 2

Then they put him in custody, that the You shall have the same law  
for the

mind of the LORD might be shown to stranger and for one from your  
own

them. country; for I am the LORD your God."

1 2 3

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Then Moses spoke to the  
children of

Israel; and they took outside the camp

14 him who had cursed, and stoned him "Take outside the camp him  
who has

cursed; then let all who heard him lay with stones. So the children of  
Israel did

their hands on his head, and let all the as the LORD commanded  
Moses. congregation stone him.

15§"Then you shall speak to the children 25And the LORD spoke to  
Moses on

of Israel, saying: "Whoever curses his Mount Sinai, saying, God shall  
bear his sin.

1 say to them: "When you come into the

6And whoever blasphemes the name of 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and

the LORD shall surely be put to death. land which I give you, then the land shall

All the congregation shall certainly stone keep a sabbath to the LORD. him, the stranger as well as him who is

born in the land. When he blasphemes 3

Six years you shall sow your field, and

the name of the LORD, he shall be put

six years you shall prune your vineyard,

to death.

and gather its fruit;

17a Whoever kills any man shall surely be

4 but in the seventh year there shall be a

put to death.

sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a

1 sabbath to the LORD. You shall neither

' Whoever kills an animal shall make it sow your field nor prune your vineyard.

good, animal for animal.

1

9s f a man causes disfigurement of his 5What grows of its own accord of your

harvest you shall not reap, nor gather

neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be the grapes of your untended vine, for it

done to him-- is a year of rest for the land.

26 0fracture for fracture, eye for eye, tooth

And the sabbath produce of the land

for tooth; as he has caused shall be food for you: for you, your male disfigurement of a man, so shall it be and female servants, your hired man,

done to him. and the stranger who dwells with you,

27 1And whoever kills an animal shall

for your livestock and the beasts that

restore it; but whoever kills a man shall are in your land--all its produce shall be

be put to death. for food.

8 And you shall count seven sabbaths of you shall diminish its price; for he sells

years for yourself, seven times seven to you according to the number of the

years; and the time of the seven years of the crops. sabbaths of years shall be to you forty-

nine years. 17Therefore you shall not oppress one

another, but you shall fear your God; for

"Then you shall cause the trumpet of the I am the LORD your God. Jubilee to sound on the tenth day of the

seventh month; on the Day of 18 So you shall observe My statutes and

Atonement you shall make the trumpet keep My judgments, and perform them;

to sound throughout all your land. and you will dwell in the land in safety.

10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth 1 ' Then the land will yield its fruit, and year, and proclaim liberty throughout all you will eat your fill, and dwell there in

the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be safety. a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall

return to his possession, and each of 20 And if you say, "What shall we eat in you shall return to his family. the seventh year, since we shall not sow

1 nor gather in our produce?" 1That fiftieth year shall be a Jubilee to

you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap 2 1Then I will command My blessing on what grows of its own accord, nor gather you in the sixth year, and it will bring

the grapes of your untended vine. forth produce enough for three years.

12 For it is the Jubilee; it shall be holy to 22

And you shall sow in the eighth year,

you; you shall eat its produce from the and eat old produce until the ninth year;

field. until its produce comes in, you shall eat

1 of the old harvest. 3 In this Year of Jubilee, each of you

shall return to his possession. 234The land shall not be sold

1 permanently, for the land is Mine; for 4 And if you sell anything to your you are strangers and sojourners with

neighbor or buy from your neighbor's Me. hand, you shall not oppress one another.

2 4And in all the land of your possession

15According to the number of years after

you shall grant redemption of the land.

the Jubilee you shall buy from your

neighbor, and according to the number 254 f one of your brethren becomes poor, of years of crops he shall sell to you. and has sold some of his possession,

1 and if his redeeming relative comes to 6According to the multitude of years

redeem it, then he may redeem what his

you shall increase its price, and brother sold. according to the fewer number of years 26Or if the man has no one to redeem it, houses in the cities of the Levites are

but he himself becomes able to redeem their possession among the children of

it, Israel.

27T 34

hen let him count the years since its But the field of the common-land of

sale, and restore the remainder to the their cities may not be sold, for it is their

man to whom he sold it, that he may perpetual possession. return to

his possession.

354 f one of your brethren becomes poor,

28But if he is not able to have it restored and falls into poverty among  
you, then

to himself, then what was sold shall you shall help him, like a stranger  
or a

remain in the hand of him who bought it sojourner, that he may live  
with you. until the Year of Jubilee; and in the

Jubilee it shall be released, and he shall 36Take no usury or interest  
from him; but

return to his possession. fear your God, that your brother may live

with you.

2' If a man sells a house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within  
a whole 37 ou shall not lend him your money for

year after it is sold; within a full year he usury, nor lend him your  
food at a profit.

may redeem it.

38 am the LORD your God, who brought

30But if it is not redeemed within the you out of the land of Egypt, to  
give you

space of a full year, then the house in the land of Canaan and to be  
your God.

the walled city shall belong permanently

to him who bought it, throughout his 3" And if one of your brethren  
who

generations. It shall not be released in

dwells by you becomes poor, and sells

the Jubilee. himself to you, you shall not compel him

31However the houses of villages which to serve as a slave.

have no wall around them shall be 40As a hired servant and a sojourner he counted as the fields of the country.

shall be with you, and shall serve you

They may be redeemed, and they shall

until the Year of Jubilee.

be released in the Jubilee.

4 1And then he shall depart from you--he

32Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, and his children with him-- and shall

and the houses in the cities of their return to his own family. He shall return

possession, the Levites may redeem at

to the possession of his fathers.

any time.

33And if a man purchases a house from 42For they are My servants, whom I

brought out of the land of Egypt; they

the Levites, then the house that was

shall not be sold as slaves.

sold in the city of his possession shall

be released in the Jubilee; for the 43You shall not rule over him with rigor, according to the time of a hired servant

but you shall fear your God. for him.

44 51 there are still many years remaining, And as for your male and female slaves whom you may have--from the according to them he shall repay the

nations that are around you, from them price of his redemption from the money

you may buy male and female slaves. with which he was bought.

4 52 5Moreover you may buy the children of And if there remain but a few years

the strangers who dwell among you, and until the Year of Jubilee, then he shall

their families who are with you, which reckon with him, and according to his

they beget in your land; and they shall years he shall repay him the price of his

become your property. redemption.

4 5 6And you may take them as an 3He shall be with him as a yearly hired inheritance for your children after you, to servant, and he shall not rule with rigor

inherit them as a possession; they shall over him in your sight. be your permanent slaves. But

regarding your brethren, the children of 54And if he is not redeemed in these Israel, you shall not rule over one years, then he shall be released in the

another with rigor. Year of Jubilee--he and his children with

4

7 Now if a sojourner or stranger close to him.

you becomes rich, and one of your 55



For the children of Israel are servants

brethren who dwells by him becomes to Me; they are My servants  
whom I

poor, and sells himself to the stranger or brought out of the land of  
Egypt: I am

sojourner close to you, or to a member the LORD your God. of the  
stranger's family,

4' after he is sold he may be redeemed 26 You shall not make idols  
for

again. One of his brothers may redeem

yourselves; neither a carved image nor

him;

a sacred pillar shall you rear up for

4 yourselves; nor shall you set up an 9 r his uncle or his uncle's son  
may

engraved stone in your land, to bow

redeem him; or anyone who is near of

down to it; for I am the LORD your God.

kin to him in his family may redeem him;

or if he is able he may redeem himself. 2 You shall keep My Sabbaths  
and

5 reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD. 0Thus he shall reckon with  
him who

bought him: The price of his release 3 " If you walk in My statutes and keep My shall be according to the number of years, from the year that he was sold to commandments, and perform them, him until the Year of Jubilee; it shall be 4 14 'But then I will give you rain in its season, if you do not obey Me, and do not the land shall yield its produce, and the observe all these commandments, trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

15

and if you despise My statutes, or if

5Your threshing shall last till the time of your soul abhors My judgments, so that

vintage, and the vintage shall last till the you do not perform all My time of sowing; you shall eat your bread commandments, but break My covenant,

to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

1 6s also will do this to you: I will even

61 will give peace in the land, and you appoint terror over you, wasting disease

shall lie down, and none will make you and fever which shall consume the eyes

afraid; I will rid the land of evil beasts, and cause sorrow of heart. And you

and the sword will not go through your shall sow your seed in vain, for your

land. enemies shall eat it.

7 1 You will chase your enemies, and they 7a will set My face against you, and you shall fall by the sword before you. shall be defeated by your enemies. 1

Those who hate you shall reign over you,

8 and you shall flee when no one pursues Five of you shall chase a hundred, and

a hundred of you shall put ten thousand you. to flight; your enemies shall fall by the

sword before you. 1 8 'And after all this, if you do not obey

Me, then I will punish you seven times

"For I will look on you favorably and more for your sins. make you fruitful, multiply you and

confirm My covenant with you. 1 ' I will break the pride of your power; I

will make your heavens like iron and

10 your earth like bronze.

You shall eat the old harvest, and

clear out the old because of the new.

2 0And your strength shall be spent in

11s will set My tabernacle among you, vain; for your land shall not yield its

and My soul shall not abhor you. produce, nor shall the trees of the land

yield their fruit.

12a will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. 2 1§"Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and

are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on

1 3 am the LORD your God, who brought you seven times more plagues, you out of the land of Egypt, that you according to your sins.

should not be their slaves; I have broken 2 will also send wild beasts among you,

the bands of your yoke and made you 2 walk upright. which shall rob you of your children,

destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall 32 will bring the land to desolation, and

be desolate. your enemies who dwell in it shall be

astonished at it.

2 3 And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me, 33 will scatter you among the nations

and draw out a sword after you; your

24T land shall be desolate and your cities

hen I also will walk contrary to you,

and I will punish you yet seven times for waste.

your sins. 4Then the land shall enjoy its sabbaths

3

25And I will bring a sword against you as long as it lies desolate and you are in

that will execute the vengeance of the your enemies' land; then the land shall

covenant; when you are gathered rest and enjoy its sabbaths.

together within your cities I will send 35As long as it lies desolate it shall rest--

pestilence among you; and you shall be

delivered into the hand of the enemy. for the time it did not rest on your

sabbaths when you dwelt in it.

26 When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake  
your bread 3 6 'And as for those of you who are left, I in one oven, and  
they shall bring back will send faintness into their hearts in

your bread by weight, and you shall eat the lands of their enemies; the  
sound of

and not be satisfied. a shaken leaf shall cause them to flee;

they shall flee as though fleeing from a

27 And after all this, if you do not obey sword, and they shall fall  
when no one

Me, but walk contrary to Me, pursues.

3 7 They shall stumble over one another,

2' then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will  
chastise you as it were before a sword, when no one

seven times for your sins. pursues; and you shall have no power to

stand before your enemies.

2' You shall eat the flesh of your sons, 38 You shall perish among the  
nations,

and you shall eat the flesh of your

daughters. and the land of your enemies shall eat

you up.

30 will destroy your high places, cut

down your incense altars, and cast your 3' And those of you who are  
left shall

carcasses on the lifeless forms of your waste away in their iniquity in  
your

idols; and My soul shall abhor you. enemies' lands; also in their

fathers'

iniquities, which are with them, they

31 will lay your cities waste and bring shall waste away.

your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will 4 0 But if they confess their iniquity and not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas. the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were

unfaithful to Me, and that they also have 2 7Now the LORD spoke to Moses,

walked contrary to Me, saying,

41 and that I also have walked contrary to 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and them and have brought them into the say to them: "When a man consecrates

land of their enemies; if their by a vow certain persons to the LORD, uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and

according to your valuation,

they accept their guilt--

4 Gif your valuation is of a male from 2T hen I will remember My covenant with twenty years old up to sixty years old,

Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and then your valuation shall be fifty shekels

My covenant with Abraham I will of silver, according to the shekel of the

remember; I will remember the land. sanctuary.

43The land also shall be left empty by

4If it is a female, then your valuation

them, and will enjoy its sabbaths while it

shall be thirty shekels;

lies desolate without them; they will

accept their guilt, because they s and if from five years old up to twenty despised My judgments and because years old, then your valuation for a male their soul abhorred My statutes. shall be twenty shekels, and for a

4 female ten shekels; 4Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast 6 them away, nor shall I abhor them, to and if from a month old up to five years

utterly destroy them and break My old, then your valuation for a male shall

covenant with them; for I am the LORD be five shekels of silver, and for a

their God. female your valuation shall be three

shekels of silver;

45But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I 7and if from sixty years old and above, if

brought out of the land of Egypt in the it is a male, then your valuation shall be

sight of the nations, that I might be their fifteen shekels, and for a female ten

God: I am the LORD." shekels.

4 But if he is too poor to pay your

These are the statutes and judgments

valuation, then he shall present himself

and laws which the LORD made

between Himself and the children of before the priest, and the priest shall set

Israel on Mount Sinai by the hand of a value for him; according to the ability

of him who vowed, the priest shall value

Moses.

him.

"If it is an animal that men may bring as <sup>18</sup>But if he dedicates his field after the an offering to the LORD, all that anyone Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to

gives to the LORD shall be holy. him the money due according to the

years that remain till the Year of Jubilee,

<sup>10</sup> and it shall be deducted from your

He shall not substitute it or exchange it,

good for bad or bad for good; and if he valuation. at all exchanges animal for animal, then

both it and the one exchanged for it <sup>11</sup> And if he who dedicates the field ever shall be holy. wishes to redeem it, then he must add

one-fifth of the money of your valuation

<sup>11</sup> I it is an unclean animal which they do to it, and it shall belong to him.

not offer as a sacrifice to the LORD, <sup>0</sup>But if he does not want to redeem the



then he shall present the animal before <sup>2</sup> the priest; field, or if he has sold the field to

another man, it shall not be redeemed

<sup>12</sup> anymore;

and the priest shall set a value for it,  
whether it is good or bad; as you, the

<sup>2</sup> 1

priest, value it, so it shall be. but the field, when it is released in the

Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a

<sup>13</sup> But if he wants at all to redeem it, then devoted field; it shall be the possession

he must add one-fifth to your valuation. of the priest.

<sup>1</sup> 'And if a man dedicates to the LORD a

<sup>4</sup> And when a man dedicates his house <sup>2</sup> 2

to be holy to the LORD, then the priest field which he has bought,  
which is not

shall set a value for it, whether it is good the field of his possession, or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall

<sup>2</sup> 3

stand. then the priest shall reckon to him the

worth of your valuation, up to the Year

<sup>15</sup> he who dedicated it wants to redeem of Jubilee, and he shall give your

his house, then he must add one-fifth of valuation on that day as a holy offering

the money of your valuation to it, and it to the LORD.

shall be his. 4 n the Year of Jubilee the field shall

2

16s f a man dedicates to the LORD part return to him from whom it was bought,

of a field of his possession, then your to the one who owned the land as a

valuation shall be according to the seed possession. for it. A homer of barley seed shall be

2 5

valued at fifty shekels of silver. And all your valuations shall be

according to the shekel of the sanctuary:

1 7 he dedicates his field from the Year twenty gerahs to the shekel. of Jubilee, according to your valuation it

shall stand. 'But 2 6 the firstborn of the animals, which

should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall dedicate; whether it is an ox or tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the

sheep, it is the LORD's. LORD.

2 3 71 a man wants at all to redeem any of

And if it is an unclean animal, then he

shall redeem it according to your his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it. valuation, and shall add one-fifth to it; or

if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold 32 And concerning the tithe of the herd or according to your valuation. the flock, of whatever passes under the

2 LORD. 8 Nevertheless no devoted offering that rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the

a man may devote to the LORD of all

that he has, both man and beast, or the 33He shall not inquire whether it is good

field of his possession, shall be sold or or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if

redeemed; every devoted offering is he exchanges it at all, then both it and

most holy to the LORD. the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it

shall not be redeemed."

2 ' No person under the ban, who may

become doomed to destruction among 34These are the commandments which men, shall be redeemed, but shall surely the LORD commanded Moses for the

be put to death. children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

30And all the tithe of the land, whether of

the seed of the land or of the fruit of the

# The Census of Israel from Exit of Egypt

10 from the sons of Joseph: from Ephraim, Elishama the son of  
Ammihud; from

1 Manasseh, Gamaliel the son of Now the LORD spoke to Moses in

Pedahzur;

the Wilderness of Sinai, in the

tabernacle of meeting, on the first day of 1 1 from Benjamin, Abidan  
the son of the second month, in the second year

Gideoni;

after they had come out of the land of

Egypt, saying: 1 2 from Dan, Ahiezer the son of

2 Ammishaddai; Take a census of all the congregation

of the children of Israel, by their families, 13 from Asher, Pagiel the son  
of Ocran; by their fathers' houses, according to the

number of names, every male 4 from Gad, Eliasaph the son of Deuel;  
individually, 1

3 from twenty years old and above--all 15 from Naphtali, Ahira the son

of Enan." who are able to go to war in Israel. You

and Aaron shall number them by their 1 6 These were chosen from the  
armies. congregation, leaders of their fathers'

tribes, heads of the divisions in Israel.

4And with you there shall be a man from

every tribe, each one the head of his 1 7Then Moses and Aaron took  
these father's house. men who had been mentioned by name,

5 These are the names of the men who 1 8

and they assembled all the

shall stand with you: from Reuben, congregation together on the first  
day of

Elizur the son of Shedeur; the second month; and they recited their

ancestry by families, by their fathers'

6from Simeon, Shelumiel the son of houses, according to the number  
of

Zurishaddai; names, from twenty years old and

above, each one individually.

7from Judah, Nahshon the son of Amminadab; 1 ' As the LORD  
commanded Moses, so

he numbered them in the Wilderness of

8 Sinai. from Issachar, Nethanel the son of Zuar;

2 0Now the children of Reuben, Israel's

'from Zebulun, Eliab the son of Helon; oldest son, their genealogies by  
their

families, by their fathers' house, according to the number of names,  
fathers' house, according to the number

every male individually, from twenty of names, from twenty years old and

years old and above, all who were able above, all who were able to go to war:

to go to war:

2 ' those who were numbered of the tribe

2 1 hose who were numbered of the tribe

of Issachar were fifty-four thousand four

of Reuben were forty-six thousand five hundred. hundred.

30

2 genealogies by their families, by their

2From the children of Simeon, their From the children of Zebulun, their

genealogies by their families, by their fathers' house, according to the number

fathers' house, of those who were of names, from twenty years old and numbered, according to the number of above, all who were able to go to war:

names, every male individually, from

twenty years old and above, all who 31those who were numbered of the tribe

were able to go to war: of Zebulun were fifty-seven thousand

2

3 hose who were numbered of the tribe four hundred.

of Simeon were fifty-nine thousand three 32From the sons of Joseph, the children

hundred. of Ephraim, their genealogies by their

2 according to the number of names, from

4From the children of Gad, their families, by their fathers' house,

genealogies by their families, by their twenty years old and above, all who

fathers' house, according to the number were able to go to war: of names, from twenty years old and

above, all who were able to go to war: 33 those who were numbered of the tribe

of Ephraim were forty thousand five

2 5 hose who were numbered of the tribe

hundred.

of Gad were forty-five thousand six

hundred and fifty. 34From the children of Manasseh, their

2 fathers' house, according to the number

6From the children of Judah, their genealogies by their families, by their

genealogies by their families, by their of names, from twenty years old and

fathers' house, according to the number above, all who were able to go to war:

of names, from twenty years old and

above, all who were able to go to war: 35those who were numbered of the tribe

of Manasseh were thirty-two thousand

2 7 hose who were numbered of the tribe

two hundred.

of Judah were seventy-four thousand six

hundred. 36From the children of Benjamin, their

2 fathers' house, according to the number

8From the children of Issachar, their genealogies by their families, by their

genealogies by their families, by their of names, from twenty years old and 4 5So all who were numbered of the above, all who were able to go to war: children of Israel, by their fathers'

houses, from twenty years old and

37 hose who were numbered of the tribe above, all who were able to go to war in

of Benjamin were thirty-five thousand Israel--four hundred.

46

all who were numbered were six

3' From the children of Dan, their hundred and three thousand five genealogies by their families, by their hundred and fifty.

fathers' house, according to the number 7But the Levites were not numbered

of names, from twenty years old and 4 above, all who were able to go to war: among them by their fathers' tribe;

3 4 '

those who were numbered of the tribe ' for the LORD had spoken to Moses,

of Dan were sixty-two thousand seven saying: hundred.

4 "' Only the tribe of Levi you shall not

4 0From the children of Asher, their number, nor take a census of



genealogies by their families, by their among the children of Israel;  
fathers' house, according to the number

of names, from twenty years old and 50but you shall appoint the  
Levites over above, all who were able to go to war: the tabernacle of  
the Testimony, over all

its furnishings, and over all things that

4 1 hose who were numbered of the tribe

belong to it; they shall carry the

of Asher were forty-one thousand five tabernacle and all its  
furnishings; they

hundred. shall attend to it and camp around the

tabernacle.

42

From the children of Naphtali, their 1And when the tabernacle is to  
go

genealogies by their families, by their 5 fathers' house, according to the  
number forward, the Levites shall take it down;

of names, from twenty years old and and when the tabernacle is to be  
set up,

above, all who were able to go to war: the Levites shall set it up. The  
outsider

who comes near shall be put to death.

43 hose who were numbered of the tribe

52

of Naphtali were fifty-three thousand The children of Israel shall pitch  
their

four hundred. tents, everyone by his own camp,

everyone by his own standard,

4 4 These are the according to their armies;

ones who were

numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, with the leaders of Israel, <sup>53</sup>but the Levites shall camp around the twelve men, each one representing his tabernacle of the Testimony, that there

father's house. may be no wrath on the congregation of

the children of Israel; and the Levites shall keep charge of the tabernacle of <sup>9</sup> All who were numbered according to the Testimony." their armies of the forces with Judah,

one hundred and eighty-six thousand

<sup>54</sup> four hundred--these shall break camp

Thus the children of Israel did;

according to all that the LORD first.

commanded Moses, so they did. 0 On the south side shall be the

1

standard of the forces with Reuben

2 And the LORD spoke to Moses and according to their armies, and the leader

of the children of Reuben shall be Elizur

Aaron, saying:

the son of Shedeur."

2 Everyone of the children of Israel shall 1

<sup>1</sup> And his army was numbered at forty-

camp by his own standard, beside the

emblems of his father's house; they six thousand five hundred.

shall camp some distance from the <sup>1</sup> 28 "Those who camp next to him shall be tabernacle of meeting. the tribe of Simeon, and the leader of

3 the children of Simeon shall be On the east side, toward the rising of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai." the sun, those of the standard of the

forces with Judah shall camp according <sup>13</sup> And his army was numbered at fifty- to their armies; and Nahshon the son of

Amminadab shall be the leader of the nine thousand three hundred.

children of Judah." <sup>1</sup> 44 "Then comes the tribe of Gad, and the <sup>4</sup> leader of the children of Gad shall be

And his army was numbered at

seventy-four thousand six hundred. Eliasaph the son of Reuel."

<sup>1</sup> 5

<sup>5</sup> And his army was numbered at forty- Those who camp next to him shall be

the tribe of Issachar, and Nethanel the five thousand six hundred and fifty.

son of Zuar shall be the leader of the <sup>1</sup> 64' All who were numbered according to children of Issachar."

their armies of the forces with Reuben,

<sup>6</sup> one hundred and fifty-one thousand four

And his army was numbered at fifty-

four thousand four hundred. hundred and fifty--they shall be the

second to break camp.

7 Then comes the tribe of Zebulun, and 7 And the tabernacle of meeting shall

1

Eliab the son of Helon shall be the

move out with the camp of the Levites in

leader of the children of Zebulun."

the middle of the camps; as they camp,

so they shall move out, everyone in his

'And his army was numbered at fifty- place, by their standards. seven thousand four hundred.

1 "" On the west side shall be the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son

standard of the forces with Ephraim of Ocran." according to their armies, and the leader

of the children of Ephraim shall be 2 8And his army was numbered at forty- Elishama the son of Ammihud." one thousand five hundred.

1 2 ' And his army was numbered at forty "" Then comes the tribe of Naphtali, and thousand five hundred. the leader of the children of Naphtali

2

0 Next to him comes the tribe of shall be Ahira the son of Enan."

Manasseh, and the leader of the 30And his army was numbered at fifty- children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel three thousand four hundred. the son of Pedahzur."

3 14'All who were numbered of the forces

21And his army was numbered at thirty- with Dan, one hundred and fifty-seven

two thousand two hundred. thousand six hundred--they shall break

camp last, with their standards."

22§Then comes the tribe of Benjamin,

and the leader of the children of 32These are the ones who were Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of numbered of the children of Israel by

Gideoni." their fathers' houses. All who were

numbered according to their armies of

23

And his army was numbered at thirty- the forces were six hundred and three

five thousand four hundred. thousand five hundred and fifty.

24§4 33 All who were numbered according to But the Levites were not numbered

their armies of the forces with Ephraim, among the children of Israel, just as the

one hundred and eight thousand one LORD commanded Moses. hundred--they shall be the third to break

camp. 34Thus the children of Israel did

according to all that the LORD

25§The standard of the forces with Dan commanded Moses; so they camped by

shall be on the north side according to their standards and so they broke camp,

their armies, and the leader of the each one by his family, according to

children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son their fathers' houses. of  
Ammishaddai."

26And his army was numbered at sixty-

3Now these are the records of Aaron  
two thousand seven hundred.

and Moses when the LORD spoke with

2 Moses on Mount Sinai. 7§ 'Those who camp next to him shall be the  
tribe of Asher, and the leader of the 21 And these are the names of the  
sons of 2 Now behold, I Myself have taken the Aaron: Nadab, the  
firstborn, and Abihu, Levites from among the children of

Eleazar, and Ithamar. Israel instead of every firstborn who  
opens the womb among the children of

3These are the names of the sons of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall  
be

Aaron, the anointed priests, whom he Mine, consecrated to minister as  
priests.

1 3because all the firstborn are Mine. On

4 the day that I struck all the firstborn in Nadab and Abihu had died  
before the

LORD when they offered profane fire the land of Egypt, I sanctified to  
Myself

before the LORD in the Wilderness of all the firstborn in Israel, both  
man and

Sinai; and they had no children. So beast. They shall be Mine: I am the

Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as LORD." priests in the presence of  
Aaron their

father. 1 4

Then the LORD spoke to Moses in the

Wilderness of Sinai, saying:

5And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

15 Number the children of Levi by their

6 fathers' houses, by their families; you Bring the tribe of Levi near,  
and

present them before Aaron the priest, shall number every male from a  
month

that they may serve him. old and above."

7 1 6So Moses numbered them according And they shall attend to his  
needs and the needs of the whole congregation to the word of the  
LORD, as he was

before the tabernacle of meeting, to do commanded.

the work of the tabernacle. 7These were the sons of Levi by their

1

8 names: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. Also they shall attend to all the  
furnishings of the tabernacle of meeting,

and to the needs of the children of Israel, 1 ' And these are the names  
of the sons to do the work of the tabernacle. of Gershon by their  
families: Libni and

Shimei.

'And you shall give the Levites to Aaron

and his sons; they are given entirely to 1 ' And the sons of Kohath by  
their him from among the children of Israel. families: Amram, Izeah,  
Hebron, and

10

So you shall appoint Aaron and his  
sons, and they shall attend to their 20 And the sons of Merari by their  
priesthood; but the outsider who comes families: Mahli and Mushi.  
These are the  
near shall be put to death." families of the Levites by their fathers'  
houses.

11

Then the LORD spoke to Moses,  
saying:

22 1

From Gershon came the family of the ' The families of the children  
of Kohath  
Libnites and the family of the Shimites; were to camp on the south  
side of the  
these were the families of the tabernacle. Gershonites.

30

And the leader of the fathers' house of

22 Those who were numbered, according the families of the  
Kohathites was

to the number of all the males from a Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.  
month old and above--of those who  
were numbered there were seven 31

Their duty included the ark, the table,  
thousand five hundred. the lampstand, the altars, the utensils of



2 the screen, and all the work relating to

3The families of the Gershonites were the sanctuary with which they ministered,

to camp behind the tabernacle westward. them.

24 32And Eleazar the son of Aaron the

And the leader of the father's house of

the Gershonites was Eliasaph the son of priest was to be chief over the leaders of

Lael. the Levites, with oversight of those who

kept charge of the sanctuary.

25The duties of the children of Gershon in the tabernacle of meeting included 33From Merari came the family of the

the tabernacle, the tent with its covering, Mahlites and the family of the Mushites;

the screen for the door of the tabernacle these were the families of Merari. of meeting,

34

And those who were numbered,

26 he screen for the door of the court, according to the number of all the males

the hangings of the court which are from a month old and above, were six

around the tabernacle and the altar, and thousand two hundred. their cords, according to all the work

relating to them. 3 5The leader of the fathers' house of the

families of Merari was Zuriel the son of

27From Kohath came the family of the Abihail. These were to camp on

Amramites, the family of the Izharites, north side of the tabernacle.  
the family of the Hebronites, and the

family of the Uzzielites; these were the 36 And the appointed duty of  
the children

families of the Kohathites. of Merari included the boards of the

tabernacle, its bars, its pillars, its

2' According to the number of all the sockets, its utensils, all the work  
relating

males, from a month old and above, to them, there were eight  
thousand six hundred

keeping charge of the sanctuary. 37 and the pillars of the court all  
around,

with their sockets, their pegs, and their

corals.

3' Moreover those who were to camp 4 5 'Take the Levites instead of  
all the before the tabernacle on the east, firstborn among the children  
of Israel,

before the tabernacle of meeting, were and the livestock of the Levites  
instead

Moses, Aaron, and his sons, keeping of their livestock. The Levites  
shall be

charge of the sanctuary, to meet the Mine: I am the LORD. needs of  
the children of Israel; but the

outsider who came near was to be put 4 6

And for the redemption of the two

to death. hundred and seventy-three of the

firstborn of the children of Israel, who

All who were numbered of the Levites, are more than the number of the Levites,  
whom Moses and Aaron numbered at  
the commandment of the LORD, by their 4 7y  
ou shall take five shekels for each  
families, all the males from a month old one individually; you shall take them in  
and above, were twenty-two thousand. the currency of the shekel of the  
sanctuary, the shekel of twenty gerahs.

4 0

Then the LORD said to Moses:  
"Number all the firstborn males of the 48  
And you shall give the money, with  
children of Israel from a month old and which the excess number of them is  
above, and take the number of their redeemed, to Aaron and his sons."  
names.

4  
1And you shall take the Levites for Me-- 4 ' So Moses took the redemption money

from those who were over and above  
I am the LORD--instead of all the those who were redeemed by the  
firstborn among the children of Israel, Levites. and the livestock of the Levites instead  
of all the firstborn among the livestock of 50

From the firstborn of the children of

the children of Israel."

Israel he took the money, one thousand

4 three hundred and sixty-five shekels, 2 So Moses numbered all the firstborn according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

among the children of Israel, as the

LORD commanded him. 51And Moses gave their redemption

4 money to Aaron and his sons, according 3 And all the firstborn males, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD

to the number of names from a month commanded Moses. old and above, of those who were

numbered of them, were twenty-two

thousand two hundred and seventy-

three. 4Then the LORD spoke to Moses and

Aaron, saying:

44Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 2 saying: Take a census of the sons of Kohath

from among the children of Levi, by their

families, by their fathers' house, 3from thirty years old and above, even to covering of badger skins; and they shall

fifty years old, all who enter the service insert its poles. to do the work in the tabernacle of

meeting. 12Then they shall take all the utensils of

service with which they minister in the

4 This is the service of the sons of sanctuary, put them in a blue cloth,

Kohath in the tabernacle of meeting, cover them with a covering of badger

relating to the most holy things: skins, and put them on a carrying beam.

5 1 When the camp prepares to journey, 3Also they shall take away the ashes Aaron and his sons shall come, and from the altar, and spread a purple cloth

they shall take down the covering veil over it. and cover the ark of the Testimony with

it. 1 4They shall put on it all its implements

with which they minister there--the

6Then they shall put on it a covering of firepans, the forks, the shovels, the

badger skins, and spread over that a basins, and all the utensils of the altar--

cloth entirely of blue; and they shall and they shall spread on it a covering of

insert its poles. badger skins, and insert its poles.

7 1 On the table of showbread they shall 5And when Aaron and his sons have spread a blue cloth, and put on it the finished covering the sanctuary and all

dishes, the pans, the bowls, and the the furnishings of the sanctuary, when

pitchers for pouring; and the showbread the camp is set to go, then the sons of

shall be on it. Kohath shall come to carry them; but

they shall not touch any holy thing, lest

8 they die. "These are the things in the They shall spread over them a

scarlet

cloth, and cover the same with a tabernacle of meeting which the sons of

covering of badger skins; and they shall Kohath are to carry. insert its poles.

164The appointed duty of Eleazar the son

'And they shall take a blue cloth and of Aaron the priest is the oil for the light,

cover the lampstand of the light, with its the sweet incense, the daily grain

lamps, its wick-trimmers, its trays, and offering, the anointing oil, the oversight

all its oil vessels, with which they service of all the tabernacle, of all that is in it,

it. with the sanctuary and its furnishings."

1 1 0 7Then the LORD spoke to Moses and

Then they shall put it with all its

utensils in a covering of badger skins, Aaron, saying: and put it on a carrying beam.

1 "" Do not cut off the tribe of the families

1 1 Over the golden altar they shall of the Kohathites from among the spread a blue cloth, and cover it with a Levites;

1 2 9but do this in regard to them, that they 8This is the service of the families of the may live and not die when they sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of

approach the most holy things: Aaron meeting. And their duties shall be under

and his sons shall go in and appoint the authority of Ithamar the son

of Aaron

each of them to his service and his task. the priest.

220

But they shall not go in to watch while " As for the sons of Merari,  
you shall

the holy things are being covered, lest number them by their families  
and by

they die." their fathers' house.

21Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 30From thirty years old and above,  
even

saying: to fifty years old, you shall number them,

everyone who enters the service to do

2a Also take a census of the sons of the work of the tabernacle of  
meeting.

Gershon, by their fathers' house, by 31And this is what they must  
carry as all

their families.

their service for the tabernacle of

23From thirty years old and above, even meeting: the boards of the  
tabernacle,

to fifty years old, you shall number them, its bars, its pillars, its  
sockets,

do the work in the tabernacle of meeting. the pillars around the court  
with 32and all who enter to perform the service, to

their sockets, pegs, and cords, with all

24 their furnishings and all their service;

This is the service of the families of the

Gershonites, in serving and carrying: and you shall assign to each man by

name the items he must carry.

25

They shall carry the curtains of the 33This is the service of the families of the

tabernacle and the tabernacle of

meeting with its covering, the covering sons of Merari, as all their service for

of badger skins that is on it, the screen the tabernacle of meeting, under the

for the door of the tabernacle of meeting, authority of Ithamar the son of Aaron the

priest."

26 he screen for the door of the gate of the court, the hangings of the court 34And Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of

which are around the tabernacle and the congregation numbered the sons of

altar, and their cords, all the furnishings the Kohathites by their families and by

for their service and all that is made for their fathers' house,

these things: so shall they serve. 5 from thirty years old and above, even



27 Aaron and his sons shall assign all to fifty years old, everyone who entered

the service of the sons of the the service for work in the tabernacle of Gershonites, all their tasks and all their meeting; service. And you shall appoint to them

all their tasks as their duty.

36 and those who were numbered by 4 those who were numbered by their their families were two thousand seven families were three thousand two

hundred and fifty. hundred.

3 4 75

These were the ones who were These are the ones who were numbered of the families of the numbered of the families of the sons of Kohathites, all who might serve in the Merari, whom Moses and Aaron tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses numbered according to the word of the

and Aaron numbered according to the LORD by the hand of Moses. commandment of the LORD by the hand

of Moses. 4 6 All who were numbered of the Levites,

3' And whom Moses, Aaron, and the leaders of

those who were numbered of the Israel numbered, by their families and

sons of Gershon, by their families and by their fathers' houses, by their fathers' house,

47 from thirty years old and above, even

3 ' from thirty years old and above, even to fifty years old, everyone who came to

to fifty years old, everyone who entered do the work of service and the work of

the service for work in the tabernacle of bearing burdens in the tabernacle of

meeting-- meeting--

4 48 0 hose who were numbered by their those who were numbered were eight families, by their fathers' house, were thousand five hundred and eighty. two thousand six hundred and thirty.

4 ' According to the commandment of the

4 1

These are the ones who were LORD they were numbered by the hand

numbered of the families of the sons of of Moses, each according to his service

Gershon, of all who might serve in the and according to his task; thus were

tabernacle of meeting, whom Moses they numbered by him, as the LORD

and Aaron numbered according to the commanded Moses. commandment of the LORD.

42Those of the families of the sons of 5And the LORD spoke to Moses,

Merari who were numbered, by their saying: families, by their fathers' house,

4 from thirty years old and above, even they put out of the camp every leper,

### 3 2 Command the children of Israel that

to fifty years old, everyone who entered everyone who has a discharge, and

the service for work in the tabernacle of

whoever becomes defiled by a corpse.

meeting--

3 You shall put out both male and female;

you shall put them outside the camp, that they may not defile their camps in <sup>h</sup> and a man lies with her carnally, and it the midst of which I dwell." is hidden from the eyes of her husband,

and it is concealed that she has defiled

<sup>4</sup> herself, and there was no witness And the children of Israel did so, and

put them outside the camp; as the against her, nor was she caught--

LORD spoke to Moses, so the children <sup>4</sup> the spirit of jealousy comes upon him

of Israel did. <sup>1</sup>

and he becomes jealous of his wife, who

<sup>5</sup> has defiled herself; or if the spirit of Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, jealousy comes upon him and he

becomes jealous of his wife, although

<sup>6</sup> she has not defiled herself--Speak to the children of Israel: "When

a man or woman commits any sin that <sup>15</sup> then the man shall bring his

wife to the men commit in unfaithfulness against the LORD, and that person is guilty, priest. He shall bring the offering

required for her, one-tenth of an ephah

7 of barley meal; he shall pour no oil on it

then he shall confess the sin which he

and put no frankincense on it, because it

has committed. He shall make

is a grain offering of jealousy, an

restitution for his trespass in full, plus

offering for remembering, for bringing

one-fifth of it, and give it to the one he

has wronged. iniquity to remembrance.

1 6 'And the priest shall bring her near,

8But if the man has no relative to whom restitution may be made for the wrong, and set her before the LORD.

the restitution for the wrong must go to 1 7The priest shall take holy water in an the LORD for the priest, in addition to the ram of the atonement with which earthen vessel, and take some of the

atonement is made for him. dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle

and put it into the water.

the children of Israel, which they bring to Every offering of all the holy things of 18Then the priest shall stand the woman the priest, shall be his. before the LORD, uncover the woman's

head, and put the offering for

10 remembering in her hands, which is the And every man's holy things shall be

grain offering of jealousy. And the priest his; whatever any man gives the priest shall be his." shall have in his hand the bitter water that brings a curse.

11 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 1

' And the priest shall put her under oath,

1 and say to the woman, "If no man has 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and

lain with you, and if you have not gone say to them: "If any man's wife goes astray to uncleanness while under your

astray and behaves unfaithfully toward husband's authority, be free from this

him, bitter water that brings a curse. 20But if you have gone astray while and her belly will swell, her thigh will rot,

under your husband's authority, and if and the woman will become a curse

you have defiled yourself and some man among her people. other than your husband has lain with

you"-- 2 8

But if the woman has not defiled

herself, and is clean, then she shall be

21T

hen the priest shall put the woman free and may conceive children.

under the oath of the curse, and he shall

say to the woman--"the LORD make you 2 " This is the law of jealousy, when a a curse and an oath among your people, wife, while under her husband's

when the LORD makes your thigh rot authority, goes astray and defiles herself,

and your belly swell;

2 30 r when the spirit of jealousy comes 2 and may this water that causes the upon a man, and he becomes jealous of

curse go into your stomach, and make his wife; then he shall stand the woman

your belly swell and your thigh rot." before the LORD, and the priest shall

"Then the woman shall say, "Amen, so execute all this law upon her. be it."

2 Then the man shall be free from 3§ 31

"Then the priest shall write these iniquity, but that woman shall bear her

curses in a book, and he shall scrape guilt." them off into the bitter water.

24And he shall make the woman drink

6Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

the bitter water that brings a curse, and

the water that brings the curse shall saying,

enter her to become bitter. <sup>2</sup> Speak to the children of Israel, and

<sup>25</sup> Then the priest shall take the grain and say to them: "When either a man or

offering of jealousy from the woman's woman consecrates an offering to take

hand, shall wave the offering before the the vow of a Nazirite, to separate

LORD, and bring it to the altar; himself to the LORD,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>t</sup> <sup>6</sup> he shall separate himself from wine and and the priest shall take a handful of similar drink; he shall drink neither the offering, as its memorial portion, vinegar made from wine nor vinegar burn it on the altar, and afterward make made from similar drink; neither shall he the woman drink the water. drink any grape juice, nor eat fresh

<sup>2</sup> grapes or raisins. <sup>7</sup> When he has made her drink the water, then it shall be, if she has defiled herself <sup>4</sup> and behaved unfaithfully toward her All the days of his separation he shall

husband, that the water that brings a eat nothing that is produced by the

curse will enter her and become bitter, grapevine, from seed to skin.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> All the days of the vow of his <sup>3</sup> Now this is the law of the Nazirite: separation no razor shall come upon his When the days of his separation are

head; until the days are fulfilled for fulfilled, he shall be brought to the door

which he separated himself to the LORD, of the tabernacle of meeting. he shall be holy. Then he shall let the

locks of the hair of his head grow. <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> And he shall present his offering to the

LORD: one male lamb in its first year

6All the days that he separates himself without blemish as a burnt offering, one

to the LORD he shall not go near a dead ewe lamb in its first year without blemish

body. as a sin offering, one ram without

blemish as a peace offering,

7He shall not make himself unclean

15

even for his father or his mother, for his a basket of unleavened bread, cakes

brother or his sister, when they die, of fine flour mixed with oil, unleavened

because his separation to God is on his wafers anointed with oil, and their grain

head. offering with their drink offerings.

8 164 All the days of his separation he shall 7Then the priest shall bring them

be holy to the LORD. before the LORD and offer his sin

offering and his burnt offering;

9And if anyone dies very suddenly

beside him, and he defiles his 1 7

and he shall offer the ram as a

consecrated head, then he shall shave sacrifice of a peace offering to the

his head on the day of his cleansing; on LORD, with the basket of unleavened

the seventh day he shall shave it. bread; the priest shall also offer its



grain

offering and its drink offering.

10 Then on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons to <sup>1</sup> ' Then the Nazirite shall shave his head at the door of the

of meeting; tabernacle of meeting, and shall take

the hair from his consecrated head and

11 put it on the fire which is under the

and the priest shall offer one as a sin

offering and the other as a burnt offering, sacrifice of the peace offering. and make atonement for him, because

he sinned in regard to the corpse; and <sup>1</sup> " And the priest shall take the boiled he shall sanctify his head that same day. shoulder of the ram, one unleavened

cake from the basket, and one

12 unleavened wafer, and put them upon

He shall consecrate to the LORD the

days of his separation, and bring a male the hands of the Nazirite after he has

lamb in its first year as a trespass shaved his consecrated hair,

offering; but the former days shall be

lost, because his separation was defiled. and the priest shall wave them as a <sup>20</sup>

wave offering before the LORD; they are holy for the priest, together with the <sup>3</sup> And they brought their offering before

breast of the wave offering and the thigh the LORD, six covered carts and twelve

of the heave offering. After that the oxen, a cart for every two of the leaders,

Nazirite may drink wine.' and for each one an ox; and they

presented them before the tabernacle.

21§ This is the law of the Nazirite who vows to the LORD the offering for his 4 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, separation, and besides that, whatever saying, else his hand is able to provide;

according to the vow which he takes, so 5 Accept these from them, that they may he must do according to the law of his be used in doing the work of the

separation." tabernacle of meeting; and you shall

give them to the Levites, to every man

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And the LORD spoke to Moses, according to his service."

saying:

6 So Moses took the carts and the oxen,

2 3 Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, and gave them to the Levites. "This is the way you shall bless the

children of Israel. Say to them: 7 Two carts and four oxen he gave to the

sons of Gershon, according to their

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"The LORD bless you and keep you; service;

2 8 5 and four carts and eight oxen he gave The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; to the sons of Merari, according to their

service, under the authority of Ithamar

26 the son of Aaron the priest.

The LORD lift up His countenance

upon you, And give you peace.'

'But to the sons of Kohath he gave none,

27 So they shall put My name on the because theirs was the service of the

children of Israel, and I will bless them." holy things, which they carried on their

shoulders.

1 0 Now the leaders offered the dedication

7 Now it came to pass, when Moses

offering for the altar when it was

had finished setting up the tabernacle, anointed; so the leaders offered their

that he anointed it and consecrated it offering before the altar. and all its furnishings, and the altar and

all its utensils; so he anointed them and 1

For the LORD said to Moses, "They

consecrated them.

shall offer their offering, one leader each

2 day, for the dedication of the altar."

Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of

their fathers' houses, who were the

leaders of the tribes and over those who

were numbered, made an offering.

1 2 21

And the one who offered his offering one young bull, one ram, and one

on the first day was Nahshon the son of male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

Amminadab, from the tribe of Judah. offering;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>2</sup> ne kid of the goats as a sin offering; His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was one hundred and

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

and as the sacrifice of peace offerings:

seventy shekels, according to the shekel two oxen, five rams, five male goats,

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine and five male lambs in their first year.

flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; This was the offering of Nethanel the

son of Zuar.

<sup>14</sup>

one gold pan of ten shekels, full of

incense; <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

On the third day Eliab the son of Helon,

<sup>1</sup> presented an offering. <sup>5</sup> ne young bull, one ram, and one leader of the children of Zebulun,

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

offering; <sup>25</sup> His offering was one silver platter, the

<sup>1</sup> thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of

<sup>6</sup> one kid of the goats as a sin offering; weight of which was one hundred and

seventy shekels, according to the shekel

17 of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

and for the sacrifice of peace offerings:

two oxen, five rams, five male goats, flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

and five male lambs in their first year. 6 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of

This was the offering of Nahshon the 2 son of Amminadab. incense;

1 2 ' On the second day Nethanel the son 7 ne young bull, one ram, and one of Zuar, leader of Issachar, presented male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

an offering. offering;

1 2 ' For his offering he offered one silver ' one kid of the goats as a sin offering; platter, the weight of which was one

hundred and thirty shekels, and one 2 ' and for the sacrifice of peace offerings: silver bowl of seventy shekels, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, and five male lambs in their first year.

both of them full of fine flour mixed with This was the offering of Eliab the son of

oil as a grain offering; Helon.

20one gold pan of ten shekels, full of 30

On the fourth day Elizur the son of incense; Shedeur, leader of the children of

Reuben, presented an offering.

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His offering was one silver platter, the and as the sacrifice of peace offerings:

weight of which was one hundred and two oxen, five rams, five male goats,

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of and five male lambs in their first year.

seventy shekels, according to the shekel This was the offering of Shelumiel the

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine son of Zurishaddai. flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

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On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of

32 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of Deuel, leader of the children of Gad,

incense; presented an offering.

Ph 4 3His offering was one silver platter, the one young bull, one ram, and one

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt weight of which was one hundred and

offering; thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of

seventy shekels, according to the shekel

34 ne kid of the goats as a sin offering; of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

35 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: 44 ne gold pan of ten shekels,  
full of two oxen, five rams, five male goats,

and five male lambs in their first year. incense;

This was the offering of Elizur the son of 5 one young bull, one ram,  
and one

Shedeur. 4

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

36 offering; On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of

Zurishaddai, leader of the children of 6 ne kid of the goats as a sin  
offering;

Simeon, presented an offering. 4

3 4 7

His offering was one silver platter, the and as the sacrifice of peace  
offerings:

weight of which was one hundred and two oxen, five rams, five male  
goats,

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of and five male lambs in their first  
year.

seventy shekels, according to the shekel This was the offering of  
Eliasaph the

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine son of Deuel. flour mixed  
with oil as a grain offering;

4 ' On the seventh day Elishama the son

38 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of of Ammihud, leader of the  
children of

incense; Ephraim, presented an offering.

3 4 ' one young bull, one ram, and one ' His offering was one silver platter, the male lamb in its first year, as a burnt weight of which was one hundred and

offering; thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of

seventy shekels, according to the shekel

40 ne kid of the goats as a sin offering; of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

50 one gold pan of ten shekels, full of 60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of

incense; Gideoni, leader of the children of

Benjamin, presented an offering.

5 1 ne young bull, one ram, and one

6 1

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt His offering was one silver platter, the

offering; weight of which was one hundred and

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of

52 ne kid of the goats as a sin offering; seventy shekels, according to the shekel

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

53 and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

two oxen, five rams, five male goats, 6 2 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of



Elishama the incense; son of Ammihud.

6 3 ne young bull, one ram, and one

54 male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of  
Pedahzur, leader of the children of offering;

Manasseh, presented an offering. 64one kid of the goats as a sin  
offering;

55His offering was one silver platter, the

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weight of which was one hundred and and as the sacrifice of peace  
offerings:

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of two oxen, five rams, five male  
goats,

seventy shekels, according to the shekel and five male lambs in their  
first year.

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine This was the offering of  
Abidan the son

flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; of Gideoni.

5 6 6 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of 6

On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of  
incense; Ammishaddai, leader of the children of

Dan, presented an offering.

57 ne young bull, one ram, and one male lamb in its first year, as a  
burnt 6 7His offering was one silver platter, the offering; weight of  
which was one hundred and

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of

58 ne kid of the goats as a sin offering; seventy shekels, according to the shekel

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

5 flour mixed with oil as a grain offering; '

and as the sacrifice of peace offerings:

two oxen, five rams, five male goats, 6' one gold pan of ten shekels, full of and five male lambs in their first year. This was the offering of Gamaliel the incense;

son of Pedahzur. 6' one young bull, one ram, and one

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt offering;

70 one kid of the goats as a sin offering; of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine

flour mixed with oil as a grain offering;

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and as the sacrifice of peace offerings: 0 ne gold pan of ten shekels, full of

two oxen, five rams, five male goats, 8 and five male lambs in their first year. incense; This was the offering of Ahiezer the son

of Ammishaddai. 8 1 ne young bull, one ram, and one

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

72

On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of offering;

Ocran, leader of the children of Asher,

presented an offering. 8 2 ne kid of the goats as a sin offering;

73 3and as the sacrifice of peace offerings:

His offering was one silver platter, the 8  
weight of which was one hundred and two oxen, five rams, five male  
goats,  
thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of and five male lambs in their first  
year.

seventy shekels, according to the shekel This was the offering of Ahira  
the son of

of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine Enan. flour mixed with oil  
as a grain offering;

8 4This was the dedication offering for the

74one gold pan of ten shekels, full of altar from the leaders of Israel,  
when it

incense; was anointed: twelve silver platters,

75 twelve silver bowls, and twelve gold

ne young bull, one ram, and one pans.

male lamb in its first year, as a burnt

offering; 5 ' Each silver platter weighed one

76 hundred and thirty shekels and each ne kid of the goats as a sin  
offering;

bowl seventy shekels. All the silver of

7 the vessels weighed two thousand four 7 and as the sacrifice of peace  
offerings: hundred shekels, according to the two oxen, five rams, five  
male goats, shekel of the sanctuary.

and five male lambs in their first year.

This was the offering of Pagiel the son 86The twelve gold pans full of

incense of Ocran.

weighed ten shekels apiece, according

7 to the shekel of the sanctuary; all the 8 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of gold of the pans weighed one hundred

Enan, leader of the children of Naphtali, and twenty shekels. presented an offering.

' 7All the oxen for the burnt offering were

7 ' His offering was one silver platter, the twelve young bulls, the rams twelve, the

weight of which was one hundred and male lambs in their first year twelve, with

thirty shekels, and one silver bowl of their grain offering, and the kids of the

seventy shekels, according to the shekel goats as a sin offering twelve.

8 7 ' And all the oxen for the sacrifice of Thus you shall do to them to cleanse peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, them: Sprinkle water of purification on

the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, and them, and let them shave all their body,

the lambs in their first year sixty. This and let them wash their clothes, and so

was the dedication offering for the altar make themselves clean. after it was anointed.

8 Then let them take a young bull with its

8 ' Now when Moses went into the grain offering of fine flour mixed with oil,

tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, and you shall take another young bull as

he heard the voice of One speaking to a sin offering. him from above

the mercy seat that was

on the ark of the Testimony, from 'And you shall bring the Levites  
before

between the two cherubim; thus He the tabernacle of meeting, and  
you shall

spoke to him. gather together the whole congregation

of the children of Israel.

8And the LORD spoke to Moses, <sup>10</sup>

So you shall bring the Levites before

saying: the LORD, and the children of Israel

shall lay their hands on the Levites;

<sup>2</sup> Speak to Aaron, and say to him, "When you arrange the lamps, the  
and Aaron shall offer the Levites <sup>11</sup>

seven lamps shall give light in front of before the LORD like a wave  
offering

the lampstand." from the children of Israel, that they may

perform the work of the LORD.

3 And Aaron did so; he arranged the <sup>1</sup> lamps to face toward the front  
of the Then the Levites shall lay their hands <sup>2</sup>

lampstand, as the LORD commanded on the heads of the young bulls,  
and

Moses. you shall offer one as a sin offering and

the other as a burnt offering to the

<sup>4</sup> LORD, to make atonement for the Now this workmanship of the

Levites.

lampstand was hammered gold; from its

shaft to its flowers it was hammered 13 'And you shall stand the Levites work. According to the pattern which the LORD had shown Moses, so he made before Aaron and his sons, and then

the lampstand. offer them like a wave offering to the

LORD.

5Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 4 saying: 1 Thus you shall separate the Levites

from among the children of Israel, and

6 the Levites shall be Mine. Take the Levites from among the

children of Israel and cleanse them 1 5After that the Levites shall go in to ceremonially.

service the tabernacle of meeting. So you shall cleanse them and offer them before Aaron and his sons; as the

like a wave offering. LORD commanded Moses concerning

the Levites, so they did to them.

16For they are wholly given to Me from

2 3

among the children of Israel; I have Then the LORD spoke to Moses, taken them for Myself instead of all who saying, open the womb, the firstborn of all the

children of Israel. 244'This is what pertains to the Levites:

1 one may enter to perform service in the

7For all the firstborn among the children From twenty-five years old and above

of Israel are Mine, both man and beast; work of the tabernacle of meeting; on the day that I struck all the firstborn

in the land of Egypt I sanctified them to 2 5and at the age of fifty years they must Myself. cease performing this work, and shall

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8s have taken the Levites instead of all work no more.

the firstborn of the children of Israel. 26They may minister with their brethren

1 needs, but they themselves shall do no

9And I have given the Levites as a gift in the tabernacle of meeting, to attend to

to Aaron and his sons from among the work. Thus you shall do to the Levites

children of Israel, to do the work for the regarding their duties." children of Israel in the tabernacle of

meeting, and to make atonement for the

children of Israel, that there be no 9Now the LORD spoke to Moses in plague among the children of Israel

when the children of Israel come near the Wilderness of Sinai, in the first

the sanctuary." month of the second year after they had

come out of the land of Egypt, saying:

20Thus Moses and Aaron and all the

2 Let the children of Israel keep the

congregation of the children of Israel did

to the Levites; according to all that the Passover at its appointed time.  
LORD commanded Moses concerning

the Levites, so the children of Israel did On the fourteenth day of this  
month, at 3

to them. twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed

time. According to all its rites and

21 ceremonies you shall keep it."

And the Levites purified themselves

and washed their clothes; then Aaron 4 So Moses told the children of  
Israel that presented them like a wave offering before the LORD, and  
Aaron made they should keep the Passover. atonement for them to  
cleanse them.

5And they kept the Passover on the

22 fourteenth day of the first month, at

After that the Levites went in to do

their work in the tabernacle of meeting twilight, in the Wilderness of  
Sinai;

according to all that the LORD

commanded Moses, so the children of its appointed time; that man  
shall bear

Israel did. his sin.

6 1 Now there were certain men who were 4 'And if a stranger dwells  
among you, defiled by a human corpse, so that they and would keep  
the LORD's Passover,

could not keep the Passover on that he must do so according to the  
rite of

day; and they came before Moses and the Passover and according to



its

Aaron that day. ceremony; you shall have one ordinance,

both for the stranger and the native of

7 the land." And those men said to him, "We

became defiled by a human corpse. 5Now on the day that the  
tabernacle

Why are we kept from presenting the 1 offering of the LORD at its  
appointed was raised up, the cloud covered the

time among the children of Israel?" tabernacle, the tent of the  
Testimony;

from evening until morning it was above

'And Moses said to them, "Stand still, the tabernacle like the  
appearance of

that I may hear what the LORD will fire. command concerning you."

16

So it was always: the cloud covered it

"Then the LORD spoke to Moses, by day, and the appearance of fire by  
saying, night.

11 7Whenever the cloud was taken up 0 Speak to the children of  
Israel, saying: "If anyone of you or your from above the tabernacle,  
after that the

posterity is unclean because of a corpse, children of Israel would  
journey; and in

or is far away on a journey, he may still the place where the cloud  
settled, there

keep the LORD's the children of Israel would pitch their

Passover.

tents.

<sup>1</sup> On the fourteenth day of the second <sup>1</sup> month, at twilight, they may keep it. <sup>8</sup> At the command of the LORD the

They shall eat it with unleavened bread children of Israel would journey, and at

and bitter herbs. the command of the LORD they would

camp; as long as the cloud stayed

<sup>12</sup> above the tabernacle they remained

They shall leave none of it until

encamped.

morning, nor break one of its bones.

According to all the ordinances of the <sup>1</sup> ' Even when the cloud continued long, Passover they shall keep it.

many days above the tabernacle, the

<sup>1</sup> children of Israel kept the charge of the <sup>3</sup> But the man who is clean and is not on

LORD and did not journey.

a journey, and ceases to keep the

Passover, that same person shall be cut <sup>20</sup> So it was, when the cloud was above off from among his people, because he did not bring the offering of the LORD at the tabernacle a few days: according to

the command of the LORD they would <sup>5</sup> When you sound the advance, the remain encamped, and according to the camps that lie on the east side shall

command of the LORD they would then begin their journey. journey.

6 When you sound the advance the

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so it was, when the cloud remained second time, then the camps  
that lie on

only from evening until morning: when the south side shall begin  
their journey;

the cloud was taken up in the morning, they shall sound the call for  
them to

then they would journey; whether by day begin their journeys. or by  
night, whenever the cloud was

taken up, they would journey. 7And when the assembly is to be

gathered together, you shall blow, but

22 Whether it was two days, a month, or not sound the advance. a  
year that the cloud remained above

the tabernacle, the children of Israel 'The sons of Aaron, the priests,  
shall

would remain encamped and not blow the trumpets; and these shall  
be to

journey; but when it was taken up, they you as an ordinance forever  
throughout

would journey. your generations.

2 9 3At the command of the LORD they

When you go to war in your land

remained encamped, and at the against the enemy who oppresses you,  
command of the LORD they journeyed; then you shall sound an alarm  
with the

they kept the charge of the LORD, at the trumpets, and you will be remembered

command of the LORD by the hand of before the LORD your God, and you will

Moses. be saved from your enemies.

1 OAlso in the day of your gladness, in

1 OAnd the LORD spoke to Moses, your appointed feasts, and at the

saying: beginning of your months, you shall

blow the trumpets over your burnt

2 offerings and over the sacrifices of your

Make two silver trumpets for yourself;

peace offerings; and they shall be a

you shall make them of hammered

memorial for you before your God: I am

work; you shall use them for calling the

the LORD your God."

congregation and for directing the

movement of the camps. 1

Now it came to pass on the twentieth

3When they blow both of them, all the day of the second month, in the second

year, that the cloud was taken up from

congregation shall gather before you at

above the tabernacle of the Testimony.

the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

1 2 And the children of Israel set out from

4 But if they blow only one, then the

the Wilderness of Sinai on their

leaders, the heads of the divisions of

Israel, shall gather to you.

journeys; then the cloud settled down in their armies; over their army  
was

the Wilderness of Paran. Elishama the son of Ammihud.

1 2 3

So they started out for the first time Over the army of the tribe of  
the

according to the command of the LORD children of Manasseh was  
Gamaliel the

by the hand of Moses. son of Pedahzur.

1 2 4

The standard of the camp of the And over the army of the tribe of  
the

children of Judah set out first according children of Benjamin was  
Abidan the

to their armies; over their army was son of Gideon. Nahshon the son  
of Amminadab.

2 5 Then the standard of the camp of the

o ver the army of the tribe of the children of Dan (the rear guard of all the

children of Issachar was Nethanel the camps) set out according to their

son of Zuar. armies; over their army was Ahiezer the

son of Ammishaddai.

16And over the army of the tribe of the

26

children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of o ver the army of the tribe of the

Helon. children of Asher was Pagiel the son of

Ocran.

17

Then the tabernacle was taken down;

2 7

and the sons of Gershon and the sons And over the army of the tribe of the

of Merari set out, carrying the tabernacle. children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of

Enan.

18And the standard of the camp of

2 8

Reuben set out according to their Thus was the order of march of the armies; over their army was Elizur the children of Israel, according to their

son of Shedeur. armies, when they began their journey.

1 2 Over the army of the tribe of the

' Now Moses said to Hobab the son of

children of Simeon was Shelumiel the Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-

son of Zurishaddai. law, "We are setting out for the place of

which the LORD said, "I will give it to

20 And over the army of the tribe of the you.' Come with us, and we will treat

children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of you well; for the LORD has promised

Deuel. good things to Israel."

2 30 And he said to him, "I will not go, but I 1 Then the Kohathites set out, carrying

the holy things. (The tabernacle would will depart to my own land and to my

be prepared for their arrival.) relatives."

2 31 2 So Moses said, "Please do not leave, And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set out according to inasmuch as you know how we are to

camp in the wilderness, and you can be 4 Now the mixed multitude who were our eyes. among them yielded to intense craving;

so the children of Israel also wept again

32 And it shall be, if you go with us-- and said: "Who will give us meat to eat?

indeed it shall be--that whatever good

the LORD will do to us, the same we will 5 We remember the fish which we ate do to you." freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, the

melons, the leeks, the onions, and the

33 garlic; So they departed from the mountain of the LORD on a journey of three days;

and the ark of the covenant of the LORD 6but now our whole being is dried up; went before them for the three days' there is nothing at all except this manna

journey, to search out a resting place for before our eyes!" them.

34And the cloud of the LORD was above 7Now the manna was like coriander

seed, and its color like the color of them by day when they went out from bdellium. the camp.

35So it was, whenever the ark set out, 8The people went about and gathered it,

ground it on millstones or beat it in the that Moses said: "Rise up, O LORD! Let mortar, cooked it in pans, and made

Your enemies be scattered, And let cakes of it; and its taste was like the

those who hate You flee before You." taste of pastry prepared with oil.

36And when it rested, he said: "Return, 'And when the dew fell on the camp in

0 LORD, To the many thousands of the night, the manna fell on it. Israel."



weeping throughout their families,

1 1 everyone at the door of his tent; and the Now when the people complained,

it displeased the LORD; for the LORD anger of the LORD was greatly aroused;

heard it, and His anger was aroused. So Moses also was displeased.

the fire of the LORD burned among 1 So Moses said to the LORD, "Why them, and consumed some in the outskirts of the camp. have You afflicted Your servant? And

why have I not found favor in Your sight,

2 that You have laid the burden of all

Then the people cried out to Moses,

and when Moses prayed to the LORD, these people on me?

the fire was quenched. 12Did I conceive all these people? Did I

3 beget them, that You should say to me, So he called the name of the place "Carry them in your bosom, as a Taberah, because the fire of the LORD

had burned among them.

guardian carries a nursing child,' to the 2 0but for a whole month, until it comes land which You swore to their fathers? out of your nostrils and becomes

loathsome to you, because you have

13Where am I to get meat to give to all despised the LORD who is among you,

these people? For they weep all over and have wept before Him, saying,

me, saying, "Give us meat, that we may "Why did we ever come up out of

eat.' Egypt? '

1 2 1And Moses said, "The people whom I 4 am not able to bear all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy am among are six hundred thousand

for me. men on foot; yet You have said, "I will

give them meat, that they may eat for a

1 whole month.' 5 You treat me like this, please kill me

here and now--if I have found favor in 2 Shall flocks and herds be slaughtered Your sight--and do not let me see my wretchedness!" for them, to provide enough for them?

Or shall all the fish of the sea be

16 gathered together for them, to provide

So the LORD said to Moses: "Gather

enough for them?"

to Me seventy men of the elders of

Israel, whom you know to be the elders 2 3And the LORD said to Moses, "Has of the people and officers over them; the LORD's arm been shortened? Now bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. you shall see whether what I say will

happen to you or not."

17 Then I will come down and talk with 2 you there. I will take of the Spirit that is So Moses went out and told the 4

upon you and will put the same upon people the words of the LORD,  
and he

them; and they shall bear the burden of gathered the seventy men of  
the elders

the people with you, that you may not of the people and placed them  
around

bear it yourself alone. the tabernacle.

2 5Then the LORD came down in the

1 ' Then you shall say to the people, "Consecrate yourselves for  
tomorrow, cloud, and spoke to him, and took of the

and you shall eat meat; for you have Spirit that was upon him, and  
placed the

wept in the hearing of the LORD, saying, same upon the seventy  
elders; and it

"Who will give us meat to eat? For it was happened, when the Spirit  
rested upon

well with us in Egypt." Therefore the them, that they prophesied,  
although

LORD will give you meat, and you shall they never did so again.

eat. 6But two men had remained in the

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1 camp: the name of one was Eldad, and ' Y ou shall eat, not one day,  
nor two

days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor the name of the other Medad.  
And the

twenty days, Spirit rested upon them. Now they were

among those listed, but who had not gone out to the tabernacle; yet  
they 34So he called the name of that place  
prophesied in the camp. Kibroth Hattaavah, because there they  
buried the people who had yielded to  
27 craving.

And a young man ran and told Moses,  
  
prophesying in the camp." 35 Kibroth Hattaavah the people From and  
said, "Eldad and Medad are

moved to Hazeroth, and camped at  
2 Hazeroth. ' So Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, one of his  
choice men,

answered and said, "Moses my lord,  
forbid them!" 1 2Then Miriam and Aaron spoke

2 against Moses because of the Ethiopian

' Then Moses said to him, "Are you woman whom he had married; for  
he

zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the had married an Ethiopian  
woman. LORD's people were prophets and that

the LORD would put His Spirit upon 2 So they said, "Has the LORD  
indeed them!" spoken only through Moses? Has He

30And Moses returned to the camp, he not spoken through us also?"  
And the

LORD heard it.  
  
and the elders of Israel.

3(Now the man Moses was very humble,

31Now a wind went out from the LORD, more than all men who were on the face

and it brought quail from the sea and left of the earth.) them fluttering near the camp, about a

day's journey on this side and about a 4 Suddenly the LORD said to Moses, day's journey on the other side, all Aaron, and Miriam, "Come out, you around the camp, and about two cubits three, to the tabernacle of meeting!" So above the surface of the ground. the three came out.

32And the people stayed up all that day, 5Then the LORD came down in the pillar all night, and all the next day, and of cloud and stood in the door of the gathered the quail (he who gathered tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. least gathered ten homers); and they And they both went forward. spread them out for themselves all

around the camp. 6 Then He said, If there is a prophet

33 among you, I, the LORD, make Myself But while the meat was still between known to him in a vision; I speak to him their teeth, before it was chewed, the in a dream. wrath of the LORD was aroused against

the people, and the LORD struck the 7

Not so with My servant Moses; He is

people with a very great plague.

faithful in all My house.

81 speak with him face to face, Even plainly, and not in dark sayings; And he 1 OAnd the LORD spoke to Moses,

sees the form of the LORD. Why then saying, were you not afraid To speak against

My servant Moses?" <sup>2</sup> Send men to spy out the land of

Canaan, which I am giving to the

'So the anger of the LORD was aroused children of Israel; from each tribe of their

against them, and He departed. fathers you shall send a man, every one

<sup>1</sup> a leader among them." <sup>0</sup>And when the cloud departed from

above the tabernacle, suddenly Miriam <sup>3</sup>So Moses sent them from the

became leprous, as white as snow. Wilderness of Paran according to the

Then Aaron turned toward Miriam, and command of the LORD, all of them men

there she was, a leper. who were heads of the children of Israel.

<sup>11</sup> So Aaron said to Moses, "Oh, my lord! <sup>4</sup>Now these were their names: from the Please do not lay this sin on us, in which tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of

we have done foolishly and in which we Zaccur; have sinned.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> lease do not let her be as one dead, <sup>s</sup> from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the

son of Hori;

whose flesh is half consumed when he

comes out of his mother's womb!" <sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the

son

1 of Jephunneh; 3 So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "Please heal her, O God, I pray!" 7

from the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son

1 of Joseph; 4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "If her

she not be shamed seven days? Let her from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun; father had but spit in her face, would s

be shut out of the camp seven days,

and afterward she may be received

again." 'from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son

of Raphu;

15 So Miriam was shut out of the camp 1 seven days, and the people did not 0 rom the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the

journey till Miriam was brought in again. son of Sodi;

1 from the tribe of Joseph, that is, from

6And afterward the people moved from 1

Hazeroth and camped in the Wilderness the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of

of Paran. Susi;

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from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son were there. (Now Hebron was built

of Gemalli; seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)

123from the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son 3Then they came to the Valley of of Michael; Eshcol, and there cut down a branch

with one cluster of grapes; they carried it

14 between two of them on a pole. They

from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the

son of Vophsi; also brought some of the pomegranates

and figs.

15from the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of

2 4The place was called the Valley of

Machi.

Eshcol, because of the cluster which the

1 men of Israel cut down there. 6These are the names of the men

whom Moses sent to spy out the land. 25And they returned from spying out the And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun, Joshua. land after forty days.

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7Then Moses sent them to spy out the 26Now they departed and came back to

land of Canaan, and said to them, "Go Moses and Aaron and all the

up this way into the South, and go up to congregation of the children of Israel in

the mountains, the Wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh;

they brought back word to them and to



18 all the congregation, and showed them

and see what the land is like: whether

the fruit of the land.

the people who dwell in it are strong or

weak, few or many; 2 7Then they told him, and said: "We

1 went to the land where you sent us. It ' whether

the land they dwell in is good

truly flows with milk and honey, and this

or bad; whether the cities they inhabit

are like camps or strongholds; is its fruit.

2

Whether the land is rich or poor; and 2 8Nevertheless the people who dwell in

the land are strong; the cities are

whether there are forests there or not.

fortified and very large; moreover we

Be of good courage. And bring some of

saw the descendants of Anak there.

the fruit of the land." Now the time was

the season of the first ripe grapes. 2' The Amalekites dwell in the land of the 21 South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and

So they went up and spied out the

the Amorites dwell in the mountains;

land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as

Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. and the Canaanites dwell by the sea

and along the banks of the Jordan."

22And they went up through the South 0Then Caleb quieted the people before

3

and came to Hebron; Ahiman, Sheshai,

Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once

and Talmai, the descendants of Anak, and take possession, for we are well 5Then Moses and Aaron fell on their able to overcome it." faces before all the assembly of the

congregation of the children of Israel.

31But the men who had gone up with

him said, "We are not able to go up 6But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb against the people, for they are stronger the son of Jephunneh, who were among

than we." those who had spied out the land, tore

their clothes;

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And they gave the children of Israel a

bad report of the land which they had 7and they spoke to all the congregation spied out, saying, "The land through of the children of Israel, saying: "The

which we have gone as spies is a land land we passed through to spy out is an

that devours its inhabitants, and all the exceedingly good land. people

whom we saw in it are men of

great stature. 'If the LORD delights in us, then He will

33 "a land which flows with milk and honey.' There we saw the giants  
(the bring us into this land and give it to us,

descendants of Anak came from the

giants); and we were like grasshoppers 9OnIy do not rebel against the  
LORD, in our own sight, and so we were in their nor fear the people of  
the land, for they

sight." are our bread; their protection has

departed from them, and the LORD is

with us. Do not fear them."

1 4So all the congregation lifted up

their voices and cried, and the people And all the congregation said to  
stone 1 0

wept that night. them with stones. Now the glory of the

LORD appeared in the tabernacle of

2 meeting before all the children of Israel.

And all the children of Israel

complained against Moses and Aaron, 1 1Then the LORD said to  
Moses: "How and the whole congregation said to them, "If only we had  
died in the land of long will these people reject Me? And

Egypt! Or if only we had died in this how long will they not believe  
Me, with

wilderness! all the signs which I have performed

among them?

3Why has the LORD brought us to this <sup>1</sup> 2a will strike them with the pestilence land to fall by the sword, that our wives and children should become victims? and disinherit them, and I will make of

Would it not be better for us to return to you a nation greater and mightier than

Egypt?" they."

<sup>1</sup> 3And Moses said to the LORD: "Then

<sup>4</sup>So they said to one another, "Let us select a leader and return to Egypt." the Egyptians will hear it, for by Your

might You brought these people up from <sup>2</sup> 2because all these men who have seen among them, My glory and the signs which I did in

Egypt and in the wilderness, and have

<sup>14</sup> put Me to the test now these ten times,

and they will tell it to the inhabitants of

this land. They have heard that You, and have not heeded My voice, LORD, are among these people; that

<sup>2</sup> 3

You, LORD, are seen face to face and they certainly shall not see the land of

Your cloud stands above them, and You which I swore to their fathers, nor shall

go before them in a pillar of cloud by any of those who rejected Me see it. day and in a pillar of fire by night.

<sup>2</sup> 4But My servant Caleb, because he has

<sup>15</sup>Now if You kill these people as one a different spirit in him and has followed

man, then the nations which have heard Me fully, I will bring into the

land where

of Your fame will speak, saying, he went, and his descendants shall  
inherit it.

16 Because the LORD was not able to bring this people to the land  
which He Now the 2 5 Amalekites and the  
swore to give them, therefore He killed Canaanites dwell in the valley;  
tomorrow  
them in the wilderness.' turn and move out into the wilderness by  
the Way of the Red Sea."

17

And now, I pray, let the power of my 6 And the LORD spoke to  
Moses and

Lord be great, just as You have spoken, 2 saying, Aaron, saying,

1 2 " The LORD is long suffering and 7 How long shall I bear with this  
evil abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and congregation who  
complain against Me?

transgression; but He by no means I have heard the complaints which  
the

clears the guilty, visiting the iniquity of children of Israel make  
against Me. the fathers on the children to the third

and fourth generation.' 2 ' Say to them, "As I live,' says the LORD,

"just as you have spoken in My hearing,

1 ' Pardon the iniquity of this people, I so I will do to you: pray,  
according to the greatness of Your

mercy, just as You have forgiven this 2' The carcasses of you who have  
people, from Egypt even until now." complained against Me shall fall  
in this

wilderness, all of you who were

Then the LORD said: "I have pardoned, numbered, according to your entire

according to your word; number, from twenty years old and  
above.

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but truly, as I live, all the earth shall be 30 Except for Caleb the son of

filled with the glory of the LORD--

Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land 3' Then Moses told these words to all the

which I swore I would make you dwell in. children of Israel, and the people

mourned greatly.

31 But your little ones, whom you said 0 4 would be victims, I will bring in, and they And they rose early in the morning and shall know the land which you have went up to the top of the mountain,

despised. saying, "Here we are, and we will go up

to the place which the LORD has

32 promised, for we have sinned!" But as for you, your carcasses shall

fall in this wilderness. 1 And Moses said, "Now why do you

33 And your sons shall be shepherds in transgress the command of the LORD?

the wilderness forty years, and bear the For this will not succeed.

brunt of your infidelity, until your

42

carcasses are consumed in the wilderness. Do not go up, lest you be defeated by your enemies, for the LORD is not

among you.

34According to the number of the days in

which you spied out the land, forty days, 43For the Amalekites and the Canaanites are there before you, and for each day you shall bear your guilt

one year, namely forty years, and you shall fall by the sword; because you

shall know My rejection. have turned away from the LORD, the

LORD will not be with you."

35 the LORD have spoken this. I will surely do so to all this evil congregation 44

But they presumed to go up to the

mountaintop. Nevertheless, who are gathered together against Me. neither the

In this wilderness they shall be ark of the covenant of the LORD nor consumed, and there they shall die." Moses departed from the camp.

36Now the men whom Moses sent to spy 45Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who dwelt in the out the land, who returned and made all Canaanites who dwelt in that mountain

the congregation complain against him came down and attacked them, and

by bringing a bad report of the land, drove them back as far as Hormah.

37 hose very men who brought the evil

report about the land, died by the plague 1 5And the LORD spoke to Moses, before the LORD.

saying,

3' But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb 2 Speak to the children of Israel, and the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of say to them: "When you have come into the men who went to spy out the land. the land you are to inhabit, which I am

giving to you, hand you make an offering by fire to the 1 14'Thus it shall be done for each young LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to bull, for each ram, or for each lamb or

fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering or in young goat. your appointed feasts, to make a sweet

aroma to the LORD, from the herd or 1 2According to the number that you the flock, prepare, so you shall do with everyone

according to their number.

4then he who presents his offering to the LORD shall bring a grain offering of one- 1 3

All who are native-born shall do these

tenth of an ephah of fine flour mixed things in this manner, in presenting an

with one-fourth of a hin of oil; offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.

sand one-fourth of a hin of wine as a drink offering you shall prepare with the 1 4And if a stranger dwells with you, or burnt offering or the sacrifice, for each whoever is among you throughout your

lamb. generations, and would present an



offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to

6Or for a ram you shall prepare as a the LORD, just as you do, so shall he do.

grain offering two-tenths of an ephah of

fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of 15One ordinance shall be for you of the oil; assembly and for the stranger who

dwells with you, an ordinance forever

7and as a drink offering you shall offer throughout your generations; as you are,

one-third of a hin of wine as a sweet so shall the stranger be before the

aroma to the LORD. LORD.

8 1 6

And when you prepare a young bull as One law and one custom shall be for

a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill you and for the stranger who dwells with

a vow, or as a peace offering to the you.' LORD,

1 7Again the LORD spoke to Moses,

'then shall be offered with the young bull saying, a grain offering of three-tenths of an

ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin 1 " Speak to the children of Israel, and of oil; say to them: "When you come into the

land to which I bring you,

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and you shall bring as the drink

offering half a hin of wine as an offering 1 ' then it will be, when you

eat of the made by fire, a sweet aroma to the bread of the land, that  
you shall offer up

LORD. a heave offering to the LORD.

2 0You shall offer up a cake of the first of your ground meal as a heave  
offering;

as a heave offering of the threshing floor, 2 8So the priest shall make  
atonement for so shall you offer it up. the person who sins  
unintentionally,

when he sins unintentionally before the

21 LORD, to make atonement for him; and

Of the first of your ground meal you

shall give to the LORD a heave offering it shall be forgiven him.  
throughout your generations.

2 ' You shall have one law for him who

22 you sin unintentionally, and do not sins unintentionally, for him  
who is

observe all these commandments which native-born among the  
children of Israel

the LORD has spoken to Moses-- and for the stranger who dwells  
among

them.

23 all that the LORD has commanded you 3 by the hand of Moses,  
from the day the 0 But the person who does anything

LORD gave commandment and onward presumptuously, whether he is  
native-

throughout your generations-- born or a stranger, that one brings

reproach on the LORD, and he shall be

2 cut off from among his people. 4 then it will be, if it is unintentionally

committed, without the knowledge of the 31 Because he has despised the word of congregation, that the whole congregation shall offer one young bull the LORD, and has broken His

as a burnt offering, as a sweet aroma to commandment, that person shall be

the LORD, with its grain offering and its completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon

drink him." offering, according to the

ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a 32 Now while the children of Israel were

sin offering.

in the wilderness, they found a man

25 gathering sticks on the Sabbath day.

So the priest shall make atonement for

the whole congregation of the children 33 And those who found him gathering

of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them,

for it was unintentional; they shall bring sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron,

their offering, an offering made by fire to and to all the congregation. the LORD, and their sin offering before

the LORD, for their unintended sin. 34 They put him under guard, because it

had not been explained what should be

26 shall be forgiven the whole done to him. congregation of the children of Israel

and the stranger who dwells among 35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The them, because all the people did it man must surely be put to death; all the

unintentionally. congregation shall stone him with

stones outside the camp."

27 And if a person sins unintentionally,

then he shall bring a female goat in its 36 So, as the LORD commanded Moses, first year as a sin offering. all the congregation brought him outside

the camp and stoned him with stones, congregation is holy, every one of them,

and he died. and the LORD is among them. Why

then do you exalt yourselves above the

37 Again the LORD spoke to Moses, assembly of the LORD?" saying,

4 So when Moses heard it, he fell on his

38' face;

Speak to the children of Israel: Tell

them to make tassels on the corners of

their s garments throughout their and he spoke to Korah and all his generations, and to put a blue thread in company, saying, "Tomorrow morning

the tassels of the corners. the LORD will show who is His and who

is holy, and will cause him to come near

3 to Him. That one whom He chooses He ' And you shall have the tassel, that you

may look upon it and remember all the will cause to come near to Him. commandments of the LORD and do

them, and that you may not follow the 6Do this: Take censers, Korah and all harlotry to which your own heart and your company; your own eyes are inclined,

4 before the LORD tomorrow, and it shall

0and that you may remember and do all 7put fire in them and put incense in them

My commandments, and be holy for be that the man whom the LORD your God. chooses is the holy one. You take too

much upon yourselves, you sons of

41 am the LORD your God, who brought Levi!" you out of the land of Egypt, to be your

God: I am the LORD your God." 8Then Moses said to Korah, "Hear now,

you sons of Levi:

1 'Is it a small thing to you that the God of 6Now Korah the son of Izhar, the

son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Israel has separated you from the

Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, congregation of Israel, to bring you near

to Himself, to do the work of the

and On the son of Peleth, sons of

Reuben, took men; tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand

before the congregation to serve them;

2and they rose up before Moses with 0 some of the children of Israel, two 1 and that He has brought you near to

hundred and fifty leaders of the Himself, you and all your brethren,  
the

congregation, representatives of the sons of Levi, with you? And are  
you

congregation, men of renown. seeking the priesthood also?

3They gathered together against Moses 1 Therefore you and all your  
company

are gathered together against the LORD.

and Aaron, and said to them, "You take

too much upon yourselves, for all the And what is Aaron that you  
complain glory of the LORD appeared to all the

against him?" congregation.

1 2 0And the LORD spoke to Moses and And Moses sent to call  
Dathan and

Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, Aaron, saying, "We will not  
come up!

2 1 'Separate yourselves from among this

13 s it a small thing that you have congregation, that I may consume  
them

brought us up out of a land flowing with in a moment." milk and  
honey, to kill us in the

wilderness, that you should keep acting 2 Then they fell on their faces,  
and said, like a prince over us? "O God, the God of the spirits of all  
flesh,

shall one man sin, and You be angry

14Moreover you have not brought us into with all the congregation?" a  
land flowing with milk and honey, nor

given us inheritance of fields and <sup>23</sup>

So the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,  
vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of  
these men? We will not come up!" <sup>24</sup> 'Speak to the congregation,  
saying,

<sup>1</sup> "Get away from the tents of Korah, <sup>5</sup>Then Moses was very angry, and  
said

Dathan, and Abiram."

to the LORD, "Do not respect their  
offering. I have not taken one donkey <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Then Moses rose and went to  
Dathan from them, nor have I hurt one of them."

and Abiram, and the elders of Israel

<sup>1</sup> followed him. <sup>6</sup> And Moses said to Korah, "Tomorrow,

you and all your company be present <sup>26</sup>And he spoke to the  
congregation, before the LORD--you and they, as well

saying, "Depart now from the tents of  
as Aaron.

these wicked men! Touch nothing of

<sup>1</sup> theirs, lest you be consumed in all their <sup>7</sup>Let each take his censer  
and put

sins."

incense in it, and each of you bring his

censer before the LORD, two hundred <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>

So they got away from around the

and fifty censers; both you and Aaron,

tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and

each with his censer."

Dathan and Abiram came out and stood

1 at the door of their tents, with their wives, 8 So every man took his  
censer, put fire their sons, and their little children.

in it, laid incense on it, and stood at the

door of the tabernacle of meeting with 2 8And Moses said: "By this you  
shall Moses and Aaron.

know that the LORD has sent me to do

1 all these works, for I have not done

' And Korah gathered all the them of my own will.

congregation against them at the door of

the tabernacle of meeting. Then the 2 3 9 f these men die naturally like  
all men, 8The censers of these men who sinned or if they are visited  
by the common fate against their own souls, let them be

of all men, then the LORD has not sent made into hammered plates as  
a

me. covering for the altar. Because they

presented them before the LORD,

30 therefore they are holy; and they shall But if the LORD creates a  
new thing,

and the earth opens its mouth and be a sign to the children of Israel."

to them, and they go down alive into the Eleazar the priest took the  
bronze 39So swallows them up with all that belongs



pit, then you will understand that these censers, which those who were burned

men have rejected the LORD." up had presented, and they were

hammered out as a covering on the altar,

31 Now it came to pass, as he finished

speaking all these words, that the <sup>4</sup> 0 to be a memorial to the children of ground split apart under them, Israel that no outsider, who is not a

descendant of Aaron, should come near

32 to offer incense before the LORD, that and the earth opened its mouth and

swallowed he might not become like Korah and his them up, with their

households and all the men with Korah, companions, just as the LORD had said

with all their goods. to him through Moses.

33 <sup>4</sup> 1 On the next day all the congregation of So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed the children of Israel complained against

over them, and they perished from Moses and Aaron, saying, "You have

among the assembly. killed the people of the LORD."

<sup>3</sup> Now it happened, when the

4 Then all Israel who were around them <sup>4</sup> 2

fled at their cry, for they said, "Lest the congregation had gathered against

earth swallow us up also!" Moses and Aaron, that they turned

toward the tabernacle of meeting; and

35 And a fire came out from the LORD suddenly the cloud covered it,  
and the

glory of the LORD appeared.

and consumed the two hundred and fifty

men who were offering incense. 4 3 Then Moses and Aaron came before

36 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, the tabernacle of meeting.

saying: 4 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

37 'Tell Eleazar, the son of Aaron the

4 5 Get away from among this

priest, to pick up the censers out of the

blaze, for they are holy, and scatter the congregation, that I may  
consume them

fire some distance away. in a moment." And they fell on their

faces.

4 5 6 So Moses said to Aaron, "Take a And it shall be that the rod of the  
man

censer and put fire in it from the altar, whom I choose will blossom;  
thus I will

put incense on it, and take it quickly to rid Myself of the complaints of  
the

the congregation and make atonement children of Israel, which they  
make

for them; for wrath has gone out from against you." the LORD. The  
plague has begun."

6 So Moses spoke to the children of

47Then Aaron took it as Moses Israel, and each of their leaders gave  
commanded, and ran into the midst of him a rod apiece, for each  
leader  
the assembly; and already the plague according to their fathers'  
houses,  
had begun among the people. So he put twelve rods; and the rod of  
Aaron was  
in the incense and made atonement for among their rods. the people.

7And Moses placed the rods before the

4' And he stood between the dead and LORD in the tabernacle of  
witness. the living; so the plague was stopped.

8Now it came to pass on the next day

4 ' Now those who died in the plague that Moses went into the  
tabernacle of

were fourteen thousand seven hundred, witness, and behold, the rod  
of Aaron, of

besides those who died in the Korah the house of Levi, had sprouted  
and put

incident. forth buds, had produced blossoms and

yielded ripe almonds.

50

So Aaron returned to Moses at the  
door of the tabernacle of meeting, for 'Then Moses brought out all the  
rods

the plague had stopped. from before the LORD to all the children

of Israel; and they looked, and each  
man took his rod.

17 And the LORD spoke to Moses, 10 And the LORD said to Moses,  
"Bring saying: Aaron's rod back before the Testimony,

2 to be kept as a sign against the rebels,

Speak to the children of Israel, and get  
from them a rod from each father's that you may put their complaints  
away  
from Me, lest they die."

house, all their leaders according to

their fathers' houses--twelve rods. Write 1 each man's name on his rod.  
Thus did Moses; just as the LORD had

commanded him, so he did.

O And you shall write Aaron's name on 12 So the children of Israel  
spoke to the rod of Levi. For there shall be one Moses, saying, "Surely  
we die, we rod for the head of each father's house. perish, we all  
perish!

4 Then you shall place them in the tabernacle of meeting before the  
Testimony, where I meet with you.

13 Whoever even comes near the everything at the altar and behind the  
tabernacle of the LORD must die. Shall veil; and you shall serve. I give  
your

we all utterly die?" priesthood to you as a gift for service,

but the outsider who comes near shall  
be put to death."

18 Then the LORD said to Aaron: 8 And the LORD spoke to Aaron:  
"Here, I "You and your sons and your father's

house with you shall bear the iniquity. Myself have also given you  
charge of related to the sanctuary, and you and My heave offerings, all  
the holy gifts of

your sons with you shall bear the iniquity the children of Israel; I have  
given them

associated with your priesthood. as a portion to you and your sons, as  
an

ordinance forever.

2 Also bring with you your brethren of the ' This shall be yours of the  
most holy

tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, that

they may be joined with you and serve things reserved from the fire:  
every

you while you and your sons are with offering of theirs, every grain  
offering

you before the tabernacle of witness. and every sin offering and every

trespass offering which they render to

3 They shall attend to your needs and all Me, shall be most holy for  
you and your

sons.

the needs of the tabernacle; but they

shall not come near the articles of the <sup>10</sup> in a most holy place you shall eat it; sanctuary and the altar, lest they die-- every male shall eat it. It shall be holy to them and you also. you.

<sup>4</sup>They shall be joined with you and <sup>18</sup>Thi attend to the needs of the tabernacle of <sup>19</sup> s also is yours: the heave offering

meeting, for all the work of the of their gift, with all the wave offerings of

tabernacle; but an outsider shall not the children of Israel; I have given them

come near you. to you, and your sons and daughters

with you, as an ordinance forever.

<sup>5</sup> everyone who is clean in your house

And you shall attend to the duties of the

may eat it.

sanctuary and the duties of the altar,

that there may be no more wrath on the <sup>124</sup>'All the best of the oil, all the best of children of Israel.

the new wine and the grain, their

<sup>6</sup> firstfruits which they offer to the LORD, I

Behold, I Myself have taken your

have given them to you.

brethren the Levites from among the

children of Israel; they are a gift to you, <sup>13</sup>Whatever first ripe

fruit is in their land, given by the LORD, to do the work of the tabernacle of meeting. which they bring to the LORD, shall be

yours. Everyone who is clean in your

7 house may eat it.

Therefore you and your sons with you

shall attend to your priesthood for 1 2 4 Every devoted thing in Israel shall be 1 'Behold, I have given the children of yours. Levi all the tithes in Israel as an

inheritance in return for the work which

15 Everything that first opens the womb they perform, the work of the tabernacle

of all flesh, which they bring to the of meeting. LORD, whether man or beast, shall be

yours; nevertheless the firstborn of man 2 2Hereafter the children of Israel shall you shall surely redeem, and the not come near the tabernacle of meeting,

firstborn of unclean animals you shall lest they bear sin and die. redeem.

2 3But the Levites shall perform the work

16And those redeemed of the devoted of the tabernacle of meeting, and they

things you shall redeem when one shall bear their iniquity; it shall be a

month old, according to your valuation, statute forever, throughout your for five shekels of silver, according to generations, that among the children of

the shekel of the sanctuary, which is Israel they shall have no inheritance.

twenty gerahs.

17

But the firstborn of a cow, the firstborn which they offer up as a  
heave offering

of a sheep, or the firstborn of a goat you to the LORD, I have given to  
the Levites

shall not redeem; they are holy. You as an inheritance; therefore I  
have said

shall sprinkle their blood on the altar, to them, "Among the children of  
Israel

and burn their fat as an offering made they shall have no  
inheritance." by fire for a sweet aroma to the LORD.

25Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

18And their flesh shall be yours, just as saying,

the wave breast and the right thigh are

yours. 2 6 'Speak thus to the Levites, and say to

them: "When you take from the children

19§§All the heave offerings of the holy of Israel the tithes which I have  
given

things, which the children of Israel offer you from them as your  
inheritance, then

to the LORD, I have given to you and you shall offer up a heave  
offering of it

your sons and daughters with you as an to the LORD, a tenth of the  
tithes. ordinance forever; it is a covenant of salt

forever before the LORD with you and 2 7And your heave offering  
shall be your descendants with you." reckoned to you as though it  
were the



2 fullness of the winepress.

0Then the LORD said to Aaron: "You grain of the threshing floor and as the

shall have no inheritance in their land,

nor shall you have any portion among 2 ' Thus you shall also offer a heave them; I am your portion and your offering to the LORD from all your tithes

inheritance among the children of Israel. which you receive from the children of

Israel, and you shall give the LORD's 5Then the heifer shall be burned in his heave offering from it to Aaron the priest. sight: its hide, its flesh, its blood, and its

offal shall be burned.

29

Of all your gifts you shall offer up

every heave offering due to the LORD, 6And the priest shall take cedar wood from all the best of them, the and hyssop and scarlet, and cast them

consecrated part of them.' into the midst of the fire burning the

heifer.

30Therefore you shall say to them: "When you have lifted up the best of it, 7Then the priest shall wash his clothes, then the rest shall be accounted to the he shall bathe in water, and afterward

Levites as the produce of the threshing he shall come into the camp; the priest

floor and as the produce of the shall be unclean until evening. winepress.

31 ou may eat it in any place, you and 'And the one who burns it shall wash his

clothes in water, bathe in water, and

your households, for it is your reward for shall be unclean until evening. your work in the tabernacle of meeting.

32And you shall bear no sin because of it, 9Then a man who is clean shall gather

up the ashes of the heifer, and store

when you have lifted up the best of it. them outside the camp in a clean place;

But you shall not profane the holy gifts and they shall be kept for the of the children of Israel, lest you die." congregation of the children of Israel for

the water of purification; it is for purifying  
from sin.

1 9Now the LORD spoke to Moses 1 0And the one who gathers the ashes of and Aaron, saying, the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be 2 unclean until evening. It shall be a

This is the ordinance of the law which statute forever to the children of Israel

the LORD has commanded, saying: and to the stranger who dwells among

"Speak to the children of Israel, that they them. bring you a red heifer without blemish, in

which there is no defect and on which a 11 'He who touches the dead body of yoke has never come. anyone shall be unclean seven days.

3You shall give it to Eleazar the priest, <sup>12</sup>He shall purify himself with the water that he may take it outside the camp,

on the third day and on the seventh day;

and it shall be slaughtered before him;

then he will be clean. But if he does not

<sup>4</sup> purify himself on the third day and on

and Eleazar the priest shall take some the seventh day, he will not be clean.

of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle

some of its blood seven times directly in

front of the tabernacle of meeting.

<sup>13</sup>Whoever touches the body of anyone because he has defiled the sanctuary of

who has died, and does not purify the LORD. The water of purification has

himself, defiles the tabernacle of the not been sprinkled on him; he is unclean.

LORD. That person shall be cut off from

Israel. He shall be unclean, because the <sup>21</sup>It shall be a perpetual statute for them. water of purification was not sprinkled He who sprinkles the water of

on him; his uncleanness is still on him. purification shall wash his clothes; and

he who touches the water of purification

<sup>14</sup>§'This is the law when a man dies in a shall be unclean until evening. tent: All who come into the tent and all

who are in the tent shall be unclean <sup>2</sup> 2Whatever the unclean person touches seven days; shall be unclean; and the person who

touches it shall be unclean until

and every open vessel, which has no evening."  
cover fastened on it, is unclean.

16Whoever in the open field touches one

2 OThen the children of Israel, the  
who is slain by a sword or who has died,

whole congregation, came into the  
or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be

Wilderness of Zin in the first month, and  
unclean seven days.

the people stayed in Kadesh; and

1 Miriam died there and was buried there. 7 And for an unclean  
person they shall

take some of the ashes of the heifer 2

Now there was no water for the  
burnt for purification from sin, and

congregation; so they gathered together  
running water shall be put on them in a

against Moses and Aaron.  
vessel.

1 And the people contended with Moses

8A clean person shall take hyssop and O

and spoke, saying: "If only we had died

dip it in the water, sprinkle it on the tent,

when our brethren died before the

on all the vessels, on the persons who

LORD!

were there, or on the one who touched a

bone, the slain, the dead, or a grave. <sup>4</sup>

Why have you brought up the assembly

<sup>1</sup> of the LORD into this wilderness, that '

The clean person shall sprinkle the we and our animals should die here?

unclean on the third day and on the

seventh day; and on the seventh day he <sup>5</sup>And why have you made us come up shall purify himself, wash his clothes, out of Egypt, to bring us to this evil and bathe in water; and at evening he place? It is not a place of grain or figs or shall be clean. vines or pomegranates; nor is there any

<sup>2</sup> water to drink." <sup>0</sup> But the man who is unclean and does

not purify himself, that person shall be <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron went from the cut off from among the assembly,

presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and they fell your brother Israel: "You know all the

on their faces. And the glory of the hardship that has befallen us, LORD appeared to them.

<sup>15</sup>how our fathers went down to Egypt,

7Then the LORD spoke to Moses, and we dwelt in Egypt a long time,  
and

saying, the Egyptians afflicted us and our

fathers.

8 Take the rod; you and your brother Aaron gather the congregation  
together. 1 6

When we cried out to the LORD, He

Speak to the rock before their eyes, and heard our voice and sent the  
Angel and

it will yield its water; thus you shall bring brought us up out of Egypt;  
now here we

water for them out of the rock, and give are in Kadesh, a city on the  
edge of your

drink to the congregation and their border. animals."

1 7

Please let us pass through your

'So Moses took the rod from before the country. We will not pass  
through fields

LORD as He commanded him. or vineyards, nor will we drink water

from wells; we will go along the King's

10And Moses and Aaron gathered the Highway; we will not turn aside  
to the

assembly together before the rock; and right hand or to the left until  
we have

he said to them, "Hear now, you rebels! passed through your  
territory." Must we bring water for you out of this

rock?" 1 8Then Edom said to him, "You shall not

pass through my land, lest I come out

11 against you with the sword."

Then Moses lifted his hand and struck  
the rock twice with his rod; and water

came <sup>1</sup> out abundantly, and the ' So the children of Israel said to him,  
congregation and their animals drank. "We will go by the Highway,  
and if I or

my livestock drink any of your water,

<sup>12</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Moses and then I will pay for it; let me  
only pass

Aaron, "Because you did not believe Me, through on foot, nothing  
more." to hallow Me in the eyes of the children

of Israel, therefore you shall not bring <sup>2</sup> OThen he said, "You shall not  
pass this assembly into the land which I have through." So Edom came  
out against

given them." them with many men and with a strong

hand.

<sup>13</sup>

This was the water of Meribah,  
because <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> the children of Israel

Thus Edom refused to give Israel

contended with the LORD, and He was passage through his territory;  
so Israel

hallowed among them. turned away from him.

<sup>14</sup>Now Moses sent messengers from Kadesh to the king of Edom. "Thus  
says <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>

Now the children of Israel, the whole So Israel made a vow to the  
LORD,

congregation, journeyed from Kadesh and said, "If You will indeed deliver this

and came to Mount Hor. people into my hand, then I will utterly

destroy their cities."

23

And the LORD spoke to Moses and

O

Aaron in Mount Hor by the border of the And the LORD listened to the voice of

land of Edom, saying: Israel and delivered up the Canaanites,

and they utterly destroyed them and

24 Aaron shall be gathered to his people, their cities. So the name of that place

for he shall not enter the land which I was called Hormah. have given to the children of Israel,

because you rebelled against My word 4Then they journeyed from Mount Hor at the water of Meribah. by the Way of the Red Sea, to go

around the land of Edom; and the soul

25Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and of the people became very discouraged

bring them up to Mount Hor; on the way.

2 And the people spoke against God and and strip Aaron of his garments and

6 5

put them on Eleazar his son; for Aaron against Moses: "Why have you brought

shall be gathered to his people and die us up out of Egypt to die in the



there." wilderness? For there is no food and no

water, and our soul loathes this

27 worthless bread."

So Moses did just as the LORD

commanded, and they went up to Mount 6 Hor in the sight of all the congregation. So the LORD sent fiery serpents

among the people, and they bit the

2 people; and many of the people of Israel

' Moses stripped Aaron of his garments

died.

and put them on Eleazar his son; and

Aaron died there on the top of the 7Therefore the people came to Moses, mountain. Then Moses and Eleazar came down from the mountain. and said, "We have sinned, for we have

spoken against the LORD and against

2 you; pray to the LORD that He take ' Now

when all the congregation saw

away the serpents from us." So Moses

that Aaron was dead, all the house of

prayed for the people.

Israel mourned for Aaron thirty days.

8Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make

2 1 The king of Arad, the Canaanite, it shall be that everyone who

is bitten, a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and

who dwelt in the South, heard that Israel when he looks at it, shall live." was coming on the road to Atharim.

Then he fought against Israel and took 'So Moses made a bronze serpent, and

some of them prisoners. put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he <sup>1</sup> from Mattanah to Nahaliel, from looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. Nahaliel to Bamoth,

<sup>1 2 0</sup> Now the children of Israel moved on and from Bamoth, in the valley that is

and camped in Oboth. in the country of Moab, to the top of

Pisgah which looks down on the

<sup>11</sup> wasteland.

And they journeyed from Oboth and camped at Ije Abarim, in the wilderness

<sup>2 1</sup>

which is east of Moab, toward the Then Israel sent messengers to Sihon

sunrise. king of the Amorites, saying,

<sup>1 2 2</sup> 'Let me pass through your land. We <sup>2</sup> From there they moved and camped in the Valley of Zered. will not turn aside into fields or

vineyards; we will not drink water from

<sup>13</sup> From there they moved and camped wells. We will go by the King's Highway

on the other side of the Arnon, which is until we have passed through your

in the wilderness that extends from the territory."

border of the Amorites; for the Arnon is <sup>3</sup>But Sihon would not allow Israel to

the border of Moab, between Moab and <sup>2</sup> the Amorites. pass through his territory. So Sihon

gathered all his people together and

<sup>14</sup>Therefore it is said in the Book of the went out against Israel in the wilderness,

Wars of the LORD: "Waheb in Suphah, and he came to Jahaz and fought

The brooks of the Arnon, against Israel.

<sup>1 2 4 5</sup>Then Israel defeated him with the And the slope of the brooks That reaches to the dwelling of Ar, And lies edge of the sword, and took possession

on the border of Moab." of his land from the Arnon to the Jabbok,

as far as the people of Ammon; for the

<sup>1</sup> border of the people of Ammon was <sup>6</sup>From there they went to Beer, which is

fortified.

the well where the LORD said to Moses,

"Gather the people together, and I will <sup>2 5</sup>So Israel took all these cities, and give them water."

Israel dwelt in all the cities of the

<sup>1</sup> Amorites, in Heshbon and in all its <sup>7</sup>Then Israel sang this song: "Spring up,

villages.

O well! All of you sing to it--

<sup>1</sup> For Heshbon was the city of Sihon

<sup>8</sup> The well the leaders sank, Dug by the <sup>2</sup> 6

king of the Amorites, who had fought  
nation's nobles, By the lawgiver, with

against the former king of Moab, and  
their staves." And from the wilderness

had taken all his land from his hand as  
they went to Mattanah,

far as the Arnon.

<sup>27</sup> Therefore those who speak in proverbs say: "Come to Heshbon, let it  
<sup>22</sup> Then the children of Israel moved,

be built; Let the city of Sihon be repaired.

and camped in the plains of Moab on  
<sup>2</sup> the side of the Jordan across from

" For fire went out from Heshbon, A Jericho.

flame from the city of Sihon; It

consumed Ar of Moab, The lords of the <sup>2</sup>

Now Balak the son of Zippor saw all  
heights of the Arnon.

that Israel had done to the Amorites.

<sup>2</sup> ' Woe to you, Moab! You have perished, O And Moab was

exceedingly afraid of

O people of Chemosh! He has given his

the people because they were many,  
sons as fugitives, And his daughters into

and Moab was sick with dread because  
captivity, To Sihon king of the Amorites.

of the children of Israel.

30 But we have shot at them; Heshbon

4 So Moab said to the elders of Midian,  
has perished as far as Dibon. Then we

"Now this company will lick up  
laid waste as far as Nophah, Which

everything around us, as an ox licks up  
reaches to Medeba."

the grass of the field." And Balak the

3 son of Zippor was king of the Moabites 1 Thus Israel dwelt in the  
land of the at that time.

Amorites.

3 Then Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and the son of Beor at Pethor,  
which is near

25 Then he sent messengers to Balaam

they took its villages and drove out the the River in the land of the sons of his

Amorites who were there. people, to call him, saying: "Look, a  
people has come from Egypt. See, they

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And they turned and went up by the cover the face of the earth, and are

way to Bashan. So Og king of Bashan settling next to me! went out against them, he and all his

people, to battle at Edrei. 6 Therefore please come at once, curse

3 mighty for me. Perhaps I shall be able to

4Then the LORD said to Moses, "Do this people for me, for they are too

not fear him, for I have delivered him defeat them and drive them out of the

into your hand, with all his people and land, for I know that he whom you bless

his land; and you shall do to him as you is blessed, and he whom you curse is

did to Sihon king of the Amorites, who cursed." dwelt at Heshbon."

35So they defeated him, his sons, and all 7So the elders of Moab and the elders of

Midian departed with the diviner's fee in

his people, until there was no survivor their hand, and they came to Balaam

left him; and they took possession of his and spoke to him the words of Balak.

land.

8And he said to them, "Lodge here Therefore please come, curse this tonight, and I will bring back word to you, people for me." as the LORD speaks to me." So the

princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. 18Then Balaam answered and said to

the servants of Balak, "Though Balak

"Then God came to Balaam and said, were to give me his house full of silver

"Who are these men with you?" and gold, I could not go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or

10 more.

So Balaam said to God, "Balak the son

of Zippor, king of Moab, has sent to me,

saying, 1' Now therefore, please, you also stay

here tonight, that I may know what more

1 1 the LORD will say to me." 'Look,

a people has come out of Egypt,

and they cover the face of the earth. 0And God came to Balaam at night and

Come now, curse them for me; perhaps 2 I shall be able to overpower them and said to him, "If the men come to call you,

drive them out." rise and go with them; but only the word

which I speak to you--that you shall do."

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And God said to Balaam, "You shall

not go with them; you shall not curse the So Balaam rose in the morning,

people, for they are blessed." saddled his donkey, and went with the  
princes of Moab.

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So Balaam rose in the morning and  
said to the princes of Balak, "Go back to 2 Then God's anger was  
aroused your land, for the LORD has refused to because he went, and  
the Angel of the

give me permission to go with you." LORD took His stand in the way  
as an

adversary against him. And he was  
14 riding on his donkey, and his two

And the princes of Moab rose and  
went to Balak, and said, "Balaam servants were with him.

refuses to come with us." 3Now the donkey saw the Angel of the

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15Then Balak again sent princes, more LORD standing in the way with  
His  
numerous and more honorable than drawn sword in His hand, and the  
they. donkey turned aside out of the way and

went into the field. So Balaam struck the  
1 donkey to turn her back onto the road. 6And they came to Balaam  
and said to



him, "Thus says Balak the son of Zippor: 2 4Then the Angel of the LORD stood in a "Please let nothing hinder you from coming to me; narrow path between the vineyards, with

a wall on this side and a wall on that

1 7F side.

or I will certainly honor you greatly,

and I will do whatever you say to me.

25And when the donkey saw the Angel out to stand against you,  
because your

of the LORD, she pushed herself way is perverse before Me. against  
the wall and crushed Balaam's

foot against the wall; so he struck her 33The donkey saw Me and  
turned aside

again. from Me these three times. If she had

not turned aside from Me, surely I would

26

Then the Angel of the LORD went also have killed you by now, and  
let her

further, and stood in a narrow place live." where there was no way  
to turn either to

the right hand or to the left. 34And Balaam said to the Angel of the

LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know

27And when the donkey saw the Angel You stood in the way against  
me. Now

of the LORD, she lay down under therefore, if it displeases You, I will  
turn

Balaam; so Balaam's anger was back." aroused, and he struck the  
donkey with

his staff. 35Then the Angel of the LORD said to

Balaam, "Go with the men, but only the

2 ' Then the LORD opened the mouth of word that I speak to you, that you shall

the donkey, and she said to Balaam, speak." So Balaam went with the

"What have I done to you, that you have princes of Balak. struck me these three times?"

36Now when Balak heard that Balaam

2' And Balaam said to the donkey, was coming, he went out to meet him at

"Because you have abused me. I wish the city of Moab, which is on the border

there were a sword in my hand, for now at the Arnon, the boundary of the

I would kill you!" territory.

30 37Then Balak said to Balaam, "Did I not So the donkey said to Balaam, "Am I

not your donkey on which you have earnestly send to you, calling for you?

ridden, ever since I became yours, to Why did you not come to me? Am I not

this day? Was I ever disposed to do this able to honor you?" to you?" And he said, "No."

3 Then the LORD opened Balaam's have come to you! Now, have I any

1 38And Balaam said to Balak, "Look, I

eyes, and he saw the Angel of the power at all to say anything? The word

LORD standing in the way with His that God puts in my mouth, that I must

drawn sword in His hand; and he bowed speak." his head and fell flat on his face.

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32And the Angel of the LORD said to him, So Balaam went with Balak, and they

came to Kirjath Huzoth.

"Why have you struck your donkey

these three times? Behold, I have come 40Then Balak offered oxen and sheep, east. "Come, curse Jacob for me, And

and he sent some to Balaam and to the come, denounce Israel!" princes who were with him.

8 How shall I curse whom God has not

4 1

so it was, the next day, that Balak took cursed? And how shall I denounce

Balaam and brought him up to the high whom the LORD has not denounced?

places of Baal, that from there he might

observe the extent of the people. 'For from the top of the rocks I see him,

And from the hills I behold him; There! A

people dwelling alone, Not reckoning

2 itself among the nations. OThen Balaam said to Balak, "Build

seven altars for me here, and prepare <sup>1</sup> 04 Who can count the dust of Jacob, Or for me here seven bulls and seven rams." number one-fourth of Israel? Let me die

the death of the righteous, And let my

<sup>2</sup> end be like his!" And Balak did just as Balaam had

spoken, and Balak and Balaam offered <sup>1</sup> Then Balak said to Balaam, "What a bull and a ram on each altar.

have you done to me? I took you to

O Then Balaam said to Balak, "Stand by curse my enemies, and look, you have

blessed them bountifully!"

your burnt offering, and I will go;

perhaps the LORD will come to meet <sup>1</sup> 2 So he answered and said, "Must I not me, and whatever He shows me I will tell you." So he went to a desolate take heed to speak what the LORD has

height. put in my mouth?"

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> 3 Then Balak said to him, "Please come And God met Balaam, and he said to Him, "I have prepared the seven altars, with me to another place from which you

and I have offered on each altar a bull may see them; you shall see only the

and a ram." outer part of them, and shall not see

them all; curse them for me from there."

<sup>5</sup> Then the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, "Return to Balak, and So he brought him to the field of <sup>1</sup> 4

thus you shall speak." Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built

seven altars, and offered a bull and a

6 ram on each altar. So he returned to him, and there he

was, standing by his burnt offering, he 5And he said to Balak, "Stand here by

and all the princes of Moab. 1

your burnt offering while I meet the

7 LORD over there." And he took up his oracle and said: "Balak the king of Moab has brought me

from Aram, From the mountains of the 1 2 6Then the LORD met Balaam, and put 5Then Balak said to Balaam, "Neither a word in his mouth, and said, "Go back curse them at all, nor bless them at all!"

to Balak, and thus you shall speak."

2 6

So Balaam answered and said to

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So he came to him, and there he was, Balak, "Did I not tell you, saying, "All that

standing by his burnt offering, and the the LORD speaks, that I must do?" princes of Moab were with him. And

Balak said to him, "What has the LORD 2 7

Then Balak said to Balaam, "Please spoken?" come, I will take you to another place;

1 curse them for me from there." 8Then he took up his oracle and said: perhaps it will please God that you may

"Rise up, Balak, and hear! Listen to me,

son of Zippor! 2 ' So Balak took Balaam to the top of

Peor, that overlooks the wasteland.

1 "' God is not a man, that He should lie,

Nor a son of man, that He should repent. 2' Then Balaam said to Balak,  
"Build for Has He said, and will He not do? Or has me here seven  
altars, and prepare for

He spoken, and will He not make it me here seven bulls and seven  
rams."

good?

2 30And Balak did as Balaam had said,

0Behold, I have received a command to and offered a bull and a ram  
on every

bless; He has blessed, and I cannot altar. reverse it.

2 1 He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,

24Now when Balaam saw that it

Nor has He seen wickedness in Israel.

The LORD his God is with him, And the pleased the LORD to bless  
Israel, he did

shout of a King is among them. not go as at other times, to seek to use

sorcery, but he set his face toward the

2 wilderness. 2

God brings them out of Egypt; He has  
strength like a wild ox. 2

And Balaam raised his eyes, and saw

2 Israel encamped according to their 3 'For

there is no sorcery against Jacob,

tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon

Nor any divination against Israel. It now

him.

must be said of Jacob And of Israel, "Oh,

what God has done!' OThen he took up his oracle and said:

24 "The utterance of Balaam the son of

Look, a people rises like a lioness,

Beor, The utterance of the man whose

And lifts itself up like a lion; It shall not

eyes are opened,

lie down until it devours the prey, And

drinks the blood of the slain." 4

The utterance of him who hears the

words of God, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Who falls down,  
with eyes 13 f Balak were to give me his house full wide open: of silver  
and gold, I could not go beyond

the word of the LORD, to do good or

5 bad of my own will. What the LORD How lovely are your tents, O  
Jacob!

Your dwellings, O Israel! says, that I must speak'?

6 And now, indeed, I am going to my Like valleys that stretch out, Like  
1 4

gardens by the riverside, Like aloes people. Come, I will advise you  
what

planted by the LORD, Like cedars this people will do to your people in

the

beside the waters. latter days."

71 5So he took up his oracle and said: He shall pour water from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters. "The utterance of Balaam the son of

"His king shall be higher than Agag, And Beor, And the utterance of the man

his kingdom shall be exalted. whose eyes are opened;

"God brings him out of Egypt; He has The utterance of him who hears the 16

strength like a wild ox; He shall words of God, And has the knowledge

consume the nations, his enemies; He of the Most High, Who sees the vision of

shall break their bones And pierce them the Almighty, Who falls down, with eyes

with his arrows. wide open:

1 7 see Him, but not now; I behold Him,

"He bows down, he lies down as a lion;

And as a lion, who shall rouse him?' but not near; A Star shall come out of

"Blessed is he who blesses you, And Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel,

cursed is he who curses you." And batter the brow of Moab, And

destroy all the sons of tumult.



Then Balak's anger was aroused

against Balaam, and he struck his <sup>1</sup> " And Edom shall be a possession;  
Seir

hands together; and Balak said to also, his enemies, shall be a  
possession,

Balaam, "I called you to curse my While Israel does valiantly. enemies,  
and look, you have bountifully

blessed them these three times! <sup>1</sup> Out of Jacob One shall have  
dominion,

And destroy the remains of the city."

<sup>11</sup>

Now therefore, flee to your place. I <sup>0</sup>Then he looked on Amalek,  
and he

said I would greatly honor you, but in <sup>2</sup> fact, the LORD has kept you  
back from took up his oracle and said: "Amalek

honor." was first among the nations, But shall be

last until he perishes."

<sup>12</sup>

So Balaam said to Balak, "Did I not <sup>1</sup>Then he looked on the Kenites,  
and he

also speak to your messengers whom <sup>2</sup> you sent to me, saying, took up  
his oracle and said: "Firm is your dwelling place, And your nest is set  
OAnd indeed, one of the children of

in the rock; Israel came and presented to his

brethren a Midianite woman in the sight

<sup>22</sup> of Moses and in the sight of all the

Nevertheless Kain shall be burned.

How long until Asshur carries you away congregation of the children  
of Israel,

captive?" who were weeping at the door of the

tabernacle of meeting.

23 Then he took up his oracle and said: 7 "Alas! Who shall live when  
God does Now when Phinehas the son of Eleazar,

this? the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he

rose from among the congregation and

2 took a javelin in his hand; 4But ships shall come from the coasts

of Cyprus, And they shall afflict Asshur 8and he went after the man of  
Israel into and afflict Eber, And so shall Amalek, until he perishes." the  
tent and thrust both of them through,

the man of Israel, and the woman

25 through her body. So the plague was

So Balaam rose and departed and

stopped among the children of Israel.

returned to his place; Balak also went

his way.

'And those who died in the plague were

twenty-four thousand.

25Now Israel remained in Acacia 1 0Then the LORD spoke to  
Moses, Grove, and the people began to commit saying: harlotry with  
the women of Moab.

1 14'Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son

2They invited the people to the sacrifices of Aaron the priest, has

turned back My

of their gods, and the people ate and wrath from the children of Israel,  
bowed down to their gods.

because he was zealous with My zeal

3 among them, so that I did not consume So Israel was joined to Baal  
of Peor, the children of Israel in My zeal.

and the anger of the LORD was aroused

against Israel. 12Therefore say, "Behold, I give to him 4 My covenant of  
peace;

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Take

all the leaders of the people and hang h

and it shall be to him and his

the offenders before the LORD, out in descendants after him a  
covenant of an

the sun, that the fierce anger of the everlasting priesthood, because he  
was

LORD may turn away from Israel."

zealous for his God, and made

5 atonement for the children of Israel."

So Moses said to the judges of Israel,

"Every one of you kill his men who were 1 4Now the name of the  
Israelite who was joined to Baal of Peor." killed, who was killed with  
the Midianite

woman, was Zimri the son of Salu, a 5Reuben was the firstborn of  
Israel. The leader of a father's house among the children of Reuben  
were: of Hanoch, the

Simeonites. family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the

And the name of the Midianite woman

who was killed was Cozbi the daughter of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Zur; he was head of the people of a of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. father's house in Midian.

1 Reubenites: those who were numbered

6Then the LORD spoke to Moses, 7These are the families of the saying: of them were forty-three thousand seven

hundred and thirty.

17 Harass the Midianites, and attack them; 8And the son of Pallu was Eliab.

1 8 or they harassed you with their 9The sons of Eliab were Nemuel, schemes by which they seduced you in Dathan, and Abiram. These are the

the matter of Peor and in the matter of Dathan and Abiram, representatives of

Cozbi, the daughter of a leader of the congregation, who contended Midian, their sister, who was killed in the against Moses and Aaron in the

day of the plague because of Peor." company of Korah, when they

contended against the LORD;

26And it came to pass, after the and the earth opened its mouth and 1 0

swallowed them up together with Korah

plague, that the LORD spoke to Moses

when that company died, when the fire  
and Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest,

devoured two hundred and fifty men;  
saying:

and they became a sign.

2 Take a census of all the congregation 1 Nevertheless the children of  
Korah did

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of the children of Israel from twenty  
years old and above, by their fathers' not die.

houses, all who are able to go to war in 1 2 The sons of Simeon  
according to their Israel."

families were: of Nemuel, the family of  
3 the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of

So Moses and Eleazar the priest spoke  
the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of  
with them in the plains of Moab by the  
the Jachinites;

Jordan, across from Jericho, saying:

1 3 of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites; of  
4 Take a census of the people from

Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.

twenty years old and above, just as the  
LORD commanded Moses and the  
children of Israel who came out of the  
land of Egypt."

14

These are the families of the Tolaïtes; of Puah, the family of the  
Simeonites: twenty-two thousand two Punites; hundred.

2 4 Jashub, the family of the

15 The sons of Gad according to their Jashubites; of Shimron, the  
family of the

families were: of Zephon, the family of Shimronites. the Zephonites; of  
Haggi, the family of

the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the 2 5 These are the families of  
Issachar Shunites; according to those who were numbered

of them: sixty-four thousand three

16

of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of hundred.

Eri, the family of the Erites;

2 6

The sons of Zebulun according to their

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of Arod, the family of the Arodites; of families were: of Sered, the  
family of the

Areli, the family of the Arelites. Sardites; of Eton, the family of the

Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the

18 These are the families of the sons of Jahleelites.

Gad according to those who were

2 7

numbered of them: forty thousand five These are the families of the  
hundred. Zebulunites according to those who

were numbered of them: sixty thousand

19 The sons of Judah were Er and Onan; five hundred.

and Er and Onan died in the land of

2 8

Canaan. The sons of Joseph according to their

families, by Manasseh and Ephraim,

20 were:

And the sons of Judah according to

their families were: of Shelah, the family

of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of 2 ' The sons of Manasseh: of  
Machir, the the Parzites; of Zerah, the family of the family of the  
Machirites; and Machir

Zarhites. begot Gilead; of Gilead, the family of the

Gileadites.

21 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites;  
of Hamul, 3 0 These are the sons of Gilead: of the family of the  
Hamulites. Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites; of

Helek, the family of the Helekites;

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These are the families of Judah 1 f Asriel, the family of the  
Asrielites; of

according to those who were numbered 3 of them: seventy-six

thousand five Shechem, the family of the hundred. Shechemites;

<sup>2</sup> <sup>32</sup> Shemida, <sup>3</sup> The sons of Issachar according to their the family of the families were: of Tola, the family of the Shemidaïtes; of Hephher, the family of

the Hephherites.

<sup>33</sup> Now Zelophehad the son of Hephher who were numbered of them were forty-

had no sons, but daughters; and the five thousand six hundred. names of the daughters of Zelophehad

were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, <sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup> These are the sons of Dan according and Tirzah. to their families: of Shuham, the family

of the Shuhamites. These are the

<sup>34</sup>

These are the families of Manasseh; families of Dan according to their

and those who were numbered of them families. were fifty-two thousand seven hundred.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>3</sup> All the families of the Shuhamites,

<sup>35</sup> These are the sons of Ephraim according to those who were numbered

according to their families: of Shuthelah, of them, were sixty-four thousand four

the family of the Shuthalhites; of Becher, hundred. the family of the Bachrites; of Tahan, the

family of the Tahanites. <sup>44</sup>

The sons of Asher according to their families were: of Jimna, the family of the

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And these are the sons of Shuthelah: Jimnites; of Jesui, the family of the

of Eran, the family of the Eranites. Jesuites; of Beriah, the family of the

Beriites.

37

These are the families of the sons of 5 Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the

Ephraim according to those who were 4 numbered of them: thirty-two thousand family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the

five hundred. These are the sons of family of the Malchielites. Joseph according to their families.

4 6

And the name of the daughter of Asher

3' The sons of Benjamin according to was Serah. their families were: of Beta, the family of

the Belaites; of Ashbel, the family of the 47 These are the families of the sons of Ashbelites; of Ahiram, the family of the Asher according to those who were

Ahiramites; numbered of them: fifty-three thousand

3

9 Shupham, the family of the four hundred.

Shuphamites; of Hupham, the family of 4 ' The sons of Naphtali according to their the Huphamites. families were: of Jahzeel, the family of

4 the Gunites; 0 And the sons of Beta were Ard and the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of

Naaman: of Ard, the family of the

Ardites; of Naaman, the family of the 4 ' of Jezer, the family of the

Jezerites; of Naamites. Shillem, the family of the Shillemites.

41 These are the sons of Benjamin 0 These are the families of Naphtali

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according to their families; and those according to their families; and those

who were numbered of them were forty- 5' The name of Amram's wife was five thousand four hundred. Jochebed the daughter of Levi, who was

born to Levi in Egypt; and to Amram she

51 bore Aaron and Moses and their sister

These are those who were numbered

of the children of Israel: six hundred and Miriam. one thousand seven hundred and thirty.

6 0

To Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu,

52 Eleazar and Ithamar.

Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

saying: 1 And Nadab and Abihu died when they

6

53 offered profane fire before the LORD. 'To these the land shall be divided as

an inheritance, according to the number

of names. Now those who were numbered of 6 2

them were twenty-three thousand, every

54To a large tribe you shall give a larger male from a month old and  
above; for

inheritance, and to a small tribe you they were not numbered among  
the

shall give a smaller inheritance. Each other children of Israel, because  
there

shall be given its inheritance according was no inheritance given to  
them among

to those who were numbered of them. the children of Israel.

5 63These are those who were numbered 5But the land shall be  
divided by lot;

they shall inherit according to the names by Moses and Eleazar the  
priest, who

of the tribes of their fathers. numbered the children of Israel in the

plains of Moab by the Jordan, across

5 from Jericho. 6According to the lot their inheritance

shall be divided between the larger and 6 4But among these there was  
not a man the smaller."

of those who were numbered by Moses

57 and Aaron the priest when they

And these are those who were

numbered the children of Israel in the

numbered of the Levites according to

Wilderness of Sinai.

their families: of Gershon, the family of

the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of 65For the LORD had said of them, "They

the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of

the Merarites. shall surely die in the wilderness." So

there was not left a man of them, except

58These are the families of the Levites: Caleb the son of Jephunneh  
and Joshua

the son of Nun.

the family of the Libnites, the family of

the Hebronites, the family of the

Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, and

the family of the Korathites. And Kohath 2 7Then came the  
daughters of begot Amram. Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the son

of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of

Manasseh, from the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph; and these  
10 he has no brothers, then you shall were the names of his daughters:  
give his inheritance to his father's

Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and brothers. Tirzah.

1 And if his father has no brothers, then

2And they stood before Moses, before you shall give his inheritance to  
the

Eleazar the priest, and before the relative closest to him in his family,  
and

leaders and all the congregation, by the he shall possess it." And it  
shall be to

doorway of the tabernacle of meeting, the children of Israel a statute  
of

saying: judgment, just as the LORD

commanded Moses.

3 " Our father died in the wilderness; but

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he was not in the company of those who Now the LORD said to Moses:  
"Go up

gathered together against the LORD, in into this Mount Abarim, and  
see the land

company with Korah, but he died in his which I have given to the  
children of

own sin; and he had no sons. Israel.

4 13

Why should the name of our father be And when you have seen it, you  
also

removed from among his family shall be gathered to your people, as  
because he had no son? Give us a Aaron your brother was gathered.  
possession among our father's

brothers." 1 4For in the Wilderness of Zin, during the

strife of the congregation, you rebelled

5So Moses brought their case before the against My command to  
hallow Me at

LORD. the waters before their eyes." (These

are the waters of Meribah, at Kadesh in

6 the Wilderness of Zin.) And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

7 1 The daughters of Zelophehad speak 5Then Moses spoke to the  
LORD, what is right; you shall surely give them saying: a possession of

inheritance among their

father's brothers, and cause the inheritance of their father to pass to all flesh, set a man over them. congregation,

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'And you shall speak to the children of Israel, saying: "If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. of the LORD may not be like sheep

which have no shepherd."

'If he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. 1

Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; day, as a regular burnt offering.

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set him before Eleazar the priest and The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, the other lamb you shall offer in the evening,

And you shall give some of your and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour

authority to him, that all the as a grain offering mixed with one-fourth congregation of the children of Israel of a hin of pressed oil. may be obedient.

6 It is a regular burnt offering which was

21

He shall stand before Eleazar the ordained at Mount Sinai for a sweet

priest, who shall inquire before the aroma, an offering made by fire to the

LORD for him by the judgment of the LORD. Urim. At his word they shall go out, and

at his word they shall come in, he and 7And its drink offering shall be one- all the children of Israel with him--all the fourth of a hin for each lamb; in a holy

congregation." place you shall pour out the drink to the

LORD as an offering.

22 So Moses did

as the LORD

commanded him. He took Joshua and 8The other lamb you shall offer in the set him before Eleazar the priest and evening; as the morning grain offering

before all the congregation. and its drink offering, you shall offer it as

an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma

23

And he laid his hands on him and to the LORD.

inaugurated him, just as the LORD

commanded by the hand of Moses. "And on the Sabbath day two lambs in

their first year, without blemish, and two-

tenths of an ephah of fine flour as a

28Now the LORD spoke to Moses, grain offering, mixed with oil, with its

saying, drink offering--

1 Othis is the burnt offering for every

2 Command the children of Israel, and say to them, "My offering, My food for Sabbath, besides the regular burnt

My offerings made by fire as a sweet offering with its drink offering.

aroma to Me, you shall be careful to 1 1§'At the beginnings of your months you offer to Me at their appointed time.'

shall present a burnt offering to the

3"And you shall say to them, "This is the LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and

seven lambs in their first year, without

offering made by fire which you shall

blemish;

offer to the LORD: two male lambs in 12 hree-tenths of an ephah of fine flour

ephah you shall offer for a bull, and two-

as a grain offering, mixed with oil, for tenths for a ram; each bull; two-tenths of an ephah of fine

flour as a grain offering, mixed with oil, 2 1y ou shall offer one-tenth of an ephah for the one ram; for each of the seven lambs;



h 2 and one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour, 2also one goat as a sin offering, to

mixed with oil, as a grain offering for make atonement for you. each lamb, as a burnt offering of sweet

aroma, an offering made by fire to the 2 3 ou shall offer these besides the burnt LORD. offering of the morning, which is for a

1 regular burnt offering. 4 Their drink offering shall be half a hin

of wine for a bull, one-third of a hin for a 2 4 n this manner you shall offer the food ram, and one-fourth of a hin for a lamb; of the offering made by fire daily for

this is the burnt offering for each month seven days, as a sweet aroma to the

throughout the months of the year. LORD; it shall be offered besides the

1 regular burnt offering and its drink 5 Also one kid of the goats as a sin offering.

offering to the LORD shall be offered,

besides the regular burnt offering and its 2 5And on the seventh day you shall have drink offering.

a holy convocation. You shall do no

1 customary work. 6 On the fourteenth day of the first

month is the Passover of the LORD. 264'Also on the day of the firstfruits, when

1 you bring a new grain offering to the 7And on the fifteenth day of

this month

LORD at your Feast of Weeks, you shall

is the feast; unleavened bread shall be have a holy convocation. You shall do

eaten for seven days. no customary work.

18 On the first day you shall have a holy 2 7 ou shall present a burnt offering as a convocation. You shall do no customary sweet aroma to the LORD: two young

work. bulls, one ram, and seven lambs in their

first year,

1' And you shall present an offering

made by fire as a burnt offering to the 2' with their grain offering of fine flour LORD: two young bulls, one ram, and mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah

seven lambs in their first year. Be sure for each bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

they are without blemish.

2 lambs; 0Their grain offering shall be of fine 2 ' and one-tenth for each of the seven

flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an 30Also one kid of the goats, to make 8You shall present a burnt offering to the atonement for you. LORD as a sweet aroma: one young

bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their

31Be sure they are without blemish. You first year. Be sure they are without

shall present them with their drink blemish. offerings, besides the regular burnt

offering with its grain offering. Their grain offering shall be of fine flour

mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah

for the bull, two-tenths for the one ram,

first day of the month, you shall have a 29 And in the seventh month, on the 10 and one-tenth for each of the seven lambs; holy convocation. You shall do no

customary work. For you it is a day of 1 also one kid of the goats as a sin blowing the trumpets.

offering, besides the sin offering for

2 atonement, the regular burnt offering

You shall offer a burnt offering as a

sweet aroma to the LORD: one young with its grain offering, and their drink

bull, one ram, and seven lambs in their offerings. ]

first year, without blemish. 12 On the fifteenth day of the seventh

3 Their grain offering shall be fine flour month you shall have a holy

convocation. You shall do no customary

mixed with oil: three-tenths of an ephah

for the bull, two-tenths for the ram, work, and you shall keep a feast to the

LORD seven days.

4 and one-tenth for each of the seven 3 you shall present a burnt

offering, an

1

lambs;

offering made by fire as a sweet aroma

offering, to make atonement for you; also one kid of the goats as a sin  
rams, and fourteen lambs in their first s to the LORD: thirteen young  
bulls, two

year. They shall be without blemish.

6besides the burnt offering with its grain 4

1 Their grain offering shall be of fine

offering for the New Moon, the regular

flour mixed with oil: three-tenths of an

burnt offering with its grain offering, and

ephah for each of the thirteen bulls, two-

their drink offerings, according to their

tenths for each of the two rams,

ordinance, as a sweet aroma, an

offering made by fire to the LORD. 15and one-tenth for each of the  
fourteen 7 lambs;

On the tenth day of this seventh month

you shall have a holy convocation. You 16aAlso one kid of the goats as a  
sin shall afflict your souls; you shall not do any work. offering, besides  
the regular burnt

offering, its grain offering, and its drink

offering.

<sup>1 2 7</sup> On the second day present twelve <sup>6</sup> On the fifth day present nine  
bulls, young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs in two rams, and  
fourteen lambs in their

their first year without blemish, first year without blemish,

<sup>1 2 7</sup>

' and their grain offering and their drink and their grain offering and  
their drink

offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and offerings for the bulls, for the  
rams, and

for the lambs, by their number, for the lambs, by their number,

according to the ordinance; according to the ordinance;

<sup>1 2 8</sup> ' Also one kid of the goats as a sin also one goat as a sin offering,  
offering, besides the regular burnt besides the regular burnt offering,  
its

offering with its grain offering, and their grain offering, and its drink  
offering. drink offerings.

<sup>2</sup> " On the sixth day present eight bulls,

<sup>20</sup> On the third day present eleven bulls,

two rams, and fourteen lambs in their

two rams, fourteen lambs in their first first year without blemish, year  
without blemish,

30

and their grain offering and their drink

and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and

offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number,

for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; according to the ordinance;

31

also one goat as a sin offering,

22

also one goat as a sin offering, besides the regular burnt offering, its besides the regular burnt offering, its grain offering, and its drink offering. grain offering, and its drink offering.

32 On the seventh day present seven

23 On the fourth day present ten bulls,

bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs in

two rams, and fourteen lambs in their their first year without blemish, first year, without blemish,

St

and their grain offering and their drink

24

and their grain offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and

offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, by their number,

for the lambs, by their number, according to the ordinance; according to the ordinance;

34

also one goat as a sin offering,

also one kid of the goats as a sin besides the regular burnt offering,  
its

offering, besides the regular burnt grain offering, and its drink  
offering. offering, its grain offering, and its drink

offering. 3 5 On the eighth day you shall have a

sacred assembly. You shall do no

customary work.

36 You shall present a burnt offering, an 4 and her father hears her vow  
and the offering made by fire as a sweet aroma agreement by which  
she has bound

to the LORD: one bull, one ram, seven herself, and her father holds his  
peace,

lambs in their first year without blemish, then all her vows shall  
stand, and every

agreement with which she has bound

37 herself shall stand. and their grain offering and their drink  
offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for

the lambs, by their number, according to 5 But if her father overrules  
her on the the ordinance; day that he hears, then none of her

vows nor her agreements by which she

38 has bound herself shall stand; and the also one goat as a sin  
offering,

besides the regular burnt offering, its LORD will release her, because  
her

grain offering, and its drink offering. father overruled her.

3 6 If indeed she takes a husband, while ”

These you shall present to the LORD

at your appointed feasts (besides your bound by her vows or by a rash  
vowed offerings and your freewill utterance from her lips by which  
she  
offerings) as your burnt offerings and bound herself, your grain  
offerings, as your drink  
offerings and your peace offerings.'" 7and her husband hears it, and  
makes

no response to her on the day that he  
40 hears, then her vows shall stand, and

So Moses told the children of Israel  
everything, her agreements by which she bound just as the LORD  
commanded Moses. herself shall stand.

'But if her husband overrules her on the  
30Then Moses spoke to the heads day that he hears it, he shall  
make void

her vow which she took and what she  
of the tribes concerning the children of uttered with her lips, by which  
she  
Israel, saying, "This is the thing which bound herself, and the LORD  
will  
the LORD has commanded: release her.

2If a man makes a vow to the LORD, or "Also any vow of a widow or a  
divorced  
swears an oath to bind himself by some  
woman, by which she has bound herself,



agreement, he shall not break his word; shall stand against her. he shall do according to all that

proceeds out of his mouth. <sup>1</sup> 04 f she vowed in her husband's house,

<sup>3</sup> or bound herself by an agreement with " Or if a woman makes a vow to the an oath, LORD, and binds herself by some

agreement while in her father's house in <sup>1</sup> her youth, and her husband heard it, and made

no response to her and did not overrule

her, then all her vows shall stand, and every agreement by which she bound <sup>3</sup> So Moses spoke to the people, saying,

herself shall stand. "Arm some of yourselves for war, and let

them go against the Midianites to take

<sup>12</sup> vengeance for the LORD on Midian.

But if her husband truly made them

void on the day he heard them, then

whatever proceeded from her lips <sup>4</sup> A thousand from each tribe of all the concerning her vows or concerning the tribes of Israel you shall send to the

agreement binding her, it shall not war." stand; her husband has made them void,

and the LORD will release her. <sup>5</sup> So there were recruited from the

<sup>1</sup> each tribe, twelve thousand armed for

<sup>3</sup> Every vow and every binding oath to divisions of Israel one thousand from

afflict her soul, her husband may war. confirm it, or her husband may

make it

void. <sup>6</sup> Then Moses sent them to the war, one

thousand from each tribe; he sent them

14

Now if her husband makes no to the war with Phinehas the son of  
response whatever to her from day to Eleazar the priest, with the holy  
articles

day, then he confirms all her vows or all and the signal trumpets in his  
hand. the agreements that bind her; he

confirms them, because he made no <sup>7</sup> And they warred against the  
Midianites, response to her on the day that he just as the LORD  
commanded Moses,

heard them. and they killed all the males.

15But if he does make them void after he

<sup>8</sup> They killed the kings of Midian with the

has heard them, then he shall bear her rest of those who were killed--  
Evi,

guilt." Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five

kings of Midian. Balaam the son of Beor

16These are the statutes which the they also killed with the sword.

LORD commanded Moses, between a

man and his wife, and between a father 'And the children of Israel  
took the and his daughter in her youth in her women of Midian  
captive, with their little

father's house. ones, and took as spoil all their cattle, all

their flocks, and all their goods.

1 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, 0They also burned with fire all the cities

saying: where they dwelt, and all their forts.

11

2 And they took all the spoil and all the Take vengeance on the Midianites for

the children of Israel. Afterward you booty--of man and beast. shall be gathered to your people."

12

Then they brought the captives, the

booty, and the spoil to Moses, to

2 1

Eleazar the priest, and to the Then Eleazar the priest said to the congregation of the children of Israel, to men of war who had gone to the battle,

the camp in the plains of Moab by the "This is the ordinance of the law which

Jordan, across from Jericho. the LORD commanded Moses:

1 2 3 2 Only the gold, the silver, the bronze,

And Moses, Eleazar the priest, and all

the leaders of the congregation, went to the iron, the tin, and the lead, meet them outside the camp.

2 3everything that can endure fire, you

14But Moses was angry with the officers shall put through the fire, and it shall be

of the army, with the captains over clean; and it shall be purified with the

thousands and captains over hundreds, water of purification. But all that cannot

who had come from the battle. endure fire you shall put through water.

1 24 5And Moses said to them: "Have you And you shall wash your clothes on

kept all the women alive? the seventh day and be clean, and

afterward you may come into the camp."

16Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of 2 5Now the LORD spoke to Moses, Balaam, to trespass against the LORD saying: in the incident of Peor, and there was a

plague among the congregation of the 2 6 Count up the plunder that was taken-- LORD. of man and beast--you and Eleazar the

priest and the chief fathers of the

17 Now therefore, kill every male among congregation; the little ones, and kill every woman who

has known a man intimately. 2 7

and divide the plunder into two parts,

between those who took part in the war,

18But keep alive for yourselves all the who went out to battle, and all the

young girls who have not known a man congregation. intimately.

2 ' And levy a tribute for the LORD on the

1' And as for you, remain outside the men of war who went out to battle: one

camp seven days; whoever has killed of every five hundred of the persons, the

any person, and whoever has touched cattle, the donkeys, and the

sheep; any slain, purify yourselves and your

captives on the third day and on the 2' take it from their half, and give it to seventh day. Eleazar the priest as a heave offering to

the LORD.

2 0 urify every garment, everything made

of leather, everything woven of goats' 30And from the children of Israel's half

hair, and everything made of wood." you shall take one of every fifty, drawn

from the persons, the cattle, the donkeys, and the sheep, from all the  
the priest, as the LORD commanded

livestock, and give them to the Levites Moses. who keep charge of the tabernacle of

the LORD." 2 4And from the children of Israel's half,

31So which Moses separated from the men

Moses and Eleazar the priest did who fought--

as the LORD commanded Moses.

4 3

now the half belonging to the

32

The booty remaining from the plunder, congregation was three hundred and

which the men of war had taken, was six thirty-seven thousand five hundred

hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, sheep,

33seventy-two thousand cattle, 4 thirty-six thousand cattle,

4 5

thirty thousand five hundred donkeys,

34sixty-one thousand donkeys,

4 6

and sixteen thousand persons--

35

and thirty-two thousand persons in all,

of women who had not known a man 4 7and from the children of  
Israel's half intimately. Moses took one of every fifty, drawn

36And the half, the portion for those who from man and beast, and  
gave them to

the Levites, who kept charge of the

had gone out to war, was in number tabernacle of the LORD, as the  
LORD

three hundred and thirty-seven commanded Moses. thousand five  
hundred sheep;

4 ' Then the officers who were over

37 the LORD's tribute of the sheep and thousands of the army, the  
captains of was six hundred and seventy-five. thousands and captains  
of hundreds,

came near to Moses;

3' The cattle were thirty-six thousand, of

which the LORD's tribute was seventy- 4 ' and they said to Moses,  
"Your TWO. servants have taken a count of the men

of war who are under our command,

39The donkeys were thirty thousand five and not a man of us is  
missing.

hundred, of which the LORD's tribute

was sixty-one. 50Therefore we have brought an offering

for the LORD, what every man found of

40 ornaments of gold: armlets and

The persons were sixteen thousand, of

which the LORD's tribute was bracelets and signet rings and earrings  
thirty-two

persons. and necklaces, to make atonement for

ourselves before the LORD."

41

So Moses gave the tribute which was

the LORD's heave offering to Eleazar 5 5 1

So Moses and Eleazar the priest Therefore they said, "If we have  
found

received the gold from them, all the favor in your sight, let this land  
be given

fashioned ornaments. to your servants as a possession. Do

not take us over the Jordan."

52

And all the gold of the offering that

they offered to the LORD, from the 6And Moses said to the children of  
Gad captains of thousands and captains of and to the children of  
Reuben: "Shall

hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven your brethren go to war while  
you sit

hundred and fifty shekels. here?

57 3(The men of war had taken spoil, Now why will you discourage  
the heart

every man for himself.) of the children of Israel from going over

into the land which the LORD has given

54And Moses and Eleazar the priest them?

received the gold from the captains of

thousands and of hundreds, and 'Thus your fathers did when I sent  
them

brought it into the tabernacle of meeting away from Kadesh Barnea to  
see the

as a memorial for the children of Israel land. before the LORD.

9For when they went up to the Valley of Eshcol and saw the land, they

32Now the children of Reuben and discouraged the heart of the  
children of

Israel, so that they did not go into the

the children of Gad had a very great

land which the LORD had given them.

multitude of livestock; and when they

saw the land of Jazer and the land of 10So the LORD's anger was  
aroused on Gilead, that indeed the region was a place for livestock,  
that day, and He swore an oath, saying,

21 1 'Surely none of the men who came up the children of Gad and the  
children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses, to from Egypt, from  
twenty years old and



Eleazar the priest, and to the leaders of above, shall see the land of which I

the congregation, saying, swore to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

because they have not wholly followed

3 Me, Dibon, "Ataroth, Jazer, Nimrah,

Heshbon, Elealeh, Shebam, Nebo, and 1 2except Caleb the son of Jephunneh, Beon,

the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of

4 Nun, for they have wholly followed the

the country which the LORD defeated LORD.'

before the congregation of Israel, is a

land for livestock, and your servants 1 3So the LORD's anger was aroused have livestock."

against Israel, and He made them

wander in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation that had done evil and be blameless before the LORD and

in the sight of the LORD was gone. before Israel; and this land shall be your

possession before the LORD.

14

And look! You have risen in your

2 3

fathers' place, a brood of sinful men, to But if you do not do so, then take note,

increase still more the fierce anger of you have sinned against the

LORD; and

the LORD against Israel. be sure your sin will find you out.

1 2 54

For if you turn away from following Build cities for your little ones  
and

Him, He will once again leave them in folds for your sheep, and do  
what has

the wilderness, and you will destroy all proceeded out of your mouth."  
these people."

2 5

1 children of Reuben spoke to Moses,

6Then they came near to him and said: And the children of Gad and  
the

"We will build sheepfolds here for our saying: "Your servants will do  
as my lord

livestock, and cities for our little ones, commands.

1 2 76

but we ourselves will be armed, ready Our little ones, our wives,  
our flocks,

to go before the children of Israel until and all our livestock will be  
there in the

we have brought them to their place; cities of Gilead; and our little  
ones will dwell in the

fortified cities because of the inhabitants 2 7

but your servants will cross over, every  
of the land. man armed for war, before the LORD to

battle, just as my lord says."

<sup>1</sup> We will not return to our homes until every one of the children of Israel has <sup>2</sup> 8

So Moses gave command concerning  
received his inheritance. them to Eleazar the priest, to Joshua the  
son of Nun, and to the chief fathers of

<sup>1</sup> ' For we will not inherit with them on the the tribes of the children  
of Israel. other side of the Jordan and beyond,

because our inheritance has fallen to us <sup>2</sup> ' And Moses said to them: "If  
the on this eastern side of the Jordan." children of Gad and the  
children of

<sup>2</sup> every man armed for battle before the

Then Moses said to them: "If you do Reuben cross over the Jordan  
with you,

this thing, if you arm yourselves before LORD, and the land is subdued  
before

the LORD for the war, you, then you shall give them the land of

Gilead as a possession.

<sup>21</sup>

and all your armed men cross over the <sup>30</sup> But if they do not cross  
over armed

Jordan before the LORD until He has

driven out His enemies from before Him, with you, they shall have  
possessions

among you in the land of Canaan."

<sup>22</sup>

and the land is subdued before the

LORD, then afterward you may return 3 4 1 0 So Moses gave Gilead to Machir the son of Manasseh, and the

children of Reuben answered, saying: son of Manasseh, and he dwelt in it.

"As the LORD has said to your servants,

so we will do. 4 1

Also Jair the son of Manasseh went

32 We and took its small towns, and called

will cross over armed before them Havoth Jair.

LORD into the land of Canaan, but the

possession of our inheritance shall 4 2 Then Nobah went and took Kenath remain with us on this side of the Jordan and its villages, and he called it Nobah,

Jordan." after his own name.

33

So Moses gave to the children of Gad,

to the children of Reuben, and to half 3 3 These are the journeys of the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph,

the kingdom of Sihon king of the children of Israel, who went out of the

Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of land of Egypt by their armies under the

Bashan, the land with its cities within the hand of Moses and Aaron.

borders, the of the surrounding 2 Now Moses wrote down the starting country.

points of their journeys at the command

34And the children of Gad built Dibon of the LORD. And these are their

cities

and Ataroth and Aroer, journeys according to their starting

points:

35

Atroth and Shophan and Jazer and 3They departed from Rameses in the

Jogbehah,

first month, on the fifteenth day of the

36 first month; on the day after the Beth Nimrah and Beth Haran, fortified Passover the children of Israel went out cities, and folds for sheep. with boldness in the sight of all the

3 Egyptians. 7And the children of Reuben built

Heshbon and Elealeh and Kirjathaim, 4 For the Egyptians were burying all their

38Nebo and Baal Meon (their names firstborn, whom the LORD had killed

among them. Also on their gods the

being changed) and Shibmah; and they LORD had executed judgments. gave other names to the cities which

they built. <sup>5</sup>Then the children of Israel moved from

3 ' And Rameses and camped at Succoth. the children of Machir the  
son of

Manasseh went to Gilead and took it, <sup>6</sup> They departed from Succoth  
and and dispossessed the Amorites who camped at Etham, which is on  
the edge

were in it. of the wilderness.

<sup>7</sup> 1 They moved from Etham and turned ' They departed from Rithmah  
and back to Pi Hahiroth, which is east of camped at Rimmon Perez.  
Baal Zephon; and they camped near

Migdol. <sup>2</sup> 0They departed from Rimmon Perez

and camped at Libnah.

<sup>8</sup>They departed from before Hahiroth and passed through the midst of  
the sea <sup>2</sup> 1

They moved from Libnah and camped

into the wilderness, went three days' at Rissah. journey in the  
Wilderness of Etham, and

camped at Marah. <sup>2</sup>

They journeyed from Rissah and

camped at Kehelathah.

'They moved from Marah and came to

Elim. At Elim were twelve springs of <sup>2</sup> 3They went from Kehelathah  
and water and seventy palm trees; so they

camped at Mount Shepher.

camped there.

<sup>1</sup> They moved from Mount Shepher and

0They moved from Elim and camped by 2 4

camped at Haradah.

the Red Sea.

1 5They moved from Haradah and

1 2

They moved from the Red Sea and

camped at Makheloth.

camped in the Wilderness of Sin.

1 6They moved from Makheloth and

2 2

They journeyed from the Wilderness of

camped at Tahath.

Sin and camped at Dophkah.

1 They departed from Tahath and

3They departed from Dophkah and 2 7

camped at Terah.

camped at Alush.

2 8

14 They moved from Terah and camped

They moved from Alush and camped

at Mithkah.

at Rephidim, where there was no water

for the people to drink. 2 ' They went from Mithkah and camped 15 at Hashmonah.

They departed from Rephidim and

camped in the Wilderness of Sinai. 3 0They departed from Hashmonah and 16 camped at Moseroth.

They moved from the Wilderness of

Sinai and camped at Kibroth Hattaavah. 3 1They departed from Moseroth and 17 camped at Bene Jaakan.

They departed from Kibroth Hattaavah

and camped at Hazeroth. 3 2They moved from Bene Jaakan and

1 camped at Hor Hagidgad. 8They departed from Hazeroth and camped at Rithmah.

33They went from Hor Hagidgad and 44They departed from Oboth and camped at Jotbathah. camped at Ije Abarim, at the border of

Moab.

34

They moved from Jotbathah and

4 5

camped at Abronah. They departed from Ijim and camped

at Dibon Gad.

35

They departed from Abronah and



camped at Ezion Geber. They moved from Dibon Gad and

camped at Almon Diblathaim.

36They moved from Ezion Geber and

camped in the Wilderness of Zin, which They moved from Almon Diblathaim

is Kadesh. and camped in the mountains of Abarim,

before Nebo.

37They moved from Kadesh and camped at Mount Hor, on the boundary of the 4 8They departed from the mountains of land of Edom. Abarim and camped in the plains of

Moab by the Jordan, across from

38Then Aaron the priest went up to Jericho. Mount Hor at the command of the LORD,

and died there in the fortieth year after 4 ' They camped by the Jordan, from the children of Israel had come out of Beth Jesimoth as far as the Abel Acacia

the land of Egypt, on the first day of the Grove in the plains of Moab. fifth month.

50Now the LORD spoke to Moses in the

3 was one hundred and twenty- ' Aaron plains of Moab by the Jordan, across three years old when he died on Mount from Jericho, saying, Hor.

51 'Speak to the children of Israel, and

40Now the king of Arad, the Canaanite, say to them: "When you have crossed

who dwelt in the South in the land of the Jordan into the land of Canaan, Canaan, heard of the coming of the

children of Israel. 52then you shall drive out all the

inhabitants of the land from before you,

41

So they departed from Mount Hor and destroy all their engraved stones,

camped at Zalmonah. destroy all their molded images, and

demolish all their high places;

42

They departed from Zalmonah and

53y

camped at Punon. ou shall dispossess the inhabitants of

the land and dwell in it, for I have given

43They departed from Punon and you the land to possess.

camped at Oboth.

54

And you shall divide the land by lot as

an inheritance among your families; to the larger you shall give a larger 6 As for the western border, you shall

inheritance, and to the smaller you shall have the Great Sea for a border; this

give a smaller inheritance; there shall be your western border. everyone's inheritance shall be whatever falls to him by lot. You shall 7 And this shall be your northern border: inherit according to the tribes of your From the Great Sea you shall mark out

fathers. your border line to Mount Hor;

55But if you do not drive out the

8 from Mount Hor you shall mark out your

inhabitants of the land from before you, border to the entrance of Hamath; then

then it shall be that those whom you let the direction of the border shall be

remain shall be irritants in your eyes and toward Zedad; thorns in your sides, and they shall

harass you in the land where you dwell. 'the border shall proceed to Ziphron,

5 and it shall end at Hazar Enan. This 6Moreover it shall be that I will do to

shall be your northern border.

you as I thought to do to them."

10 You shall mark out your eastern border from Hazar Enan to Shepham;

34Then the LORD spoke to Moses,

11

saying, the border shall go down from

Shepham to Riblah on the east side of

2 Ain; the border shall go down and reach Command the children of Israel, and

say to them: "When you come into the to the eastern side of the Sea of land of Canaan, this is the land that Chinnereth; shall fall to you as an inheritance--the

12

land of Canaan to its boundaries. the border shall go down along the

Jordan, and it shall end at the Salt Sea.

3Your southern border shall be from the This shall be your land with its

Wilderness of Zin along the border of surrounding boundaries."

Edom; then your southern border shall 3Then Moses commanded the children

extend eastward to the end of the Salt 1 Sea; of Israel, saying: "This is the land which

you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD

4 has commanded to give to the nine your border shall turn from the southern

side of the Ascent of Akrabbim, continue tribes and to the half-tribe. to Zin, and be on the south of Kadesh

Barnea; then it shall go on to Hazar 1 4

For the tribe of the children of Reuben

Addar, and continue to Azmon; according to the house of their fathers,

and the tribe of the children of Gad

s according to the house of their fathers, the border shall turn from Azmon to the

Brook of Egypt, and it shall end at the have received their inheritance; and the

Sea.

half-tribe of Manasseh has received its 2 6a leader from the tribe of the children inheritance. of Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan;

1 2 7 5The two tribes and the half-tribe have a leader from the tribe of the children

received their inheritance on this side of of Asher, Ahihud the son of Shelomi;

the Jordan, across from Jericho

eastward, toward the sunrise." 2 8

and a leader from the tribe of the  
children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of

16

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, Ammihud."

1 2 7§ 'These

are the names of the men who ' These are the ones the LORD  
shall divide the land among you as an commanded to divide the  
inheritance

inheritance: Eleazar the priest and among the children of Israel in the  
land

Joshua the son of Nun. of Canaan.

18And you shall take one leader of every tribe to divide the land for  
the 3 5And the LORD spoke to Moses in

inheritance. the plains of Moab by the Jordan across

from Jericho, saying:

1 ' These are the names of the men: from

the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of 2 Command the children of Israel  
that Jephunneh; they give the Levites cities to dwell in

2 from the inheritance of their possession, 0from the tribe of the  
children of Simeon,

and you shall also give the Levites

Shemuel the son of Ammihud; common-land around the cities.

21 from the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the 3 They shall have the cities to dwell in;

son of Chislon; and their common-land shall be for their

cattle, for their herds, and for all their

22 a leader from the tribe of the children animals. of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli;

4 The common-land of the cities which

23 you will give the Levites shall extend

from the sons of Joseph: a leader from

the tribe of the children of Manasseh, from the wall of the city outward a

Hanniel the son of Ephod, thousand cubits all around.

2 5 4 And you shall measure outside the city and a leader from the tribe of the children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of on the east side two thousand cubits, on

Shiptan; the south side two thousand cubits, on

the west side two thousand cubits, and

25 a leader from the tribe of the children on the north side two thousand cubits.

of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of The city shall be in the middle. This shall

Parnach;

belong to them as common-land for the shall appoint in the land of Canaan,

cities. which will be cities of refuge.

6<sup>1</sup> Now among the cities which you will 5These six cities shall be for  
refuge for give to the Levites you shall appoint six the children of  
Israel, for the stranger,

cities of refuge, to which a manslayer and for the sojourner among  
them, that

may flee. And to these you shall add anyone who kills a person  
accidentally

forty-two cities. may flee there.

7<sup>1</sup> 6 So all the cities you will give to the 'But if he strikes him with an  
iron

Levites shall be forty-eight; these you implement, so that he dies, he is  
a

shall give with their common-land. murderer; the murderer shall  
surely be

put to death.

'And the cities which you will give shall

1<sup>7</sup>

be from the possession of the children And if he strikes him with a  
stone in

of Israel; from the larger tribe you shall the hand, by which one could  
die, and

give many, from the smaller you shall he does die, he is a murderer;  
the

give few. Each shall give some of its murderer shall surely be put to  
death.

cities to the Levites, in proportion to the

inheritance that each receives." 18Or if he strikes him with a wooden

hand weapon, by which one could die,

"Then the LORD spoke to Moses, and he does die, he is a murderer; the saying, murderer shall surely be put to death.

11 0 Speak to the children of Israel, and

' The avenger of blood himself shall put

say to them: "When you cross the the murderer to death; when he meets

Jordan into the land of Canaan, him, he shall put him to death.

12 1Then you shall appoint cities to be 0 he pushes him out of hatred or, while cities of refuge for you, that the lying in wait, hurls something at him so

manslayer who kills any person that he dies, accidentally may flee there.

2 1 r in enmity he strikes him with his

12 They shall be cities of refuge for you hand so that he dies, the one who struck

from the avenger, that the manslayer him shall surely be put to death. He is a

may not die until he stands before the murderer. The avenger of blood shall

congregation in judgment. put the murderer to death when he

meets him.

13And of the cities which you give, you shall have six cities of refuge. 2  
2 However, if he pushes him suddenly

without enmity, or throws anything at

14 him without lying in wait,

You shall appoint three cities on this



side of the Jordan, and three cities you shall use a stone, by which a man could take no ransom for

die, throwing it at him without seeing the life of a murderer who is guilty of

him, so that he dies, while he was not dead, but he shall surely be put to

his enemy or seeking his harm, death.

24T 32

When the congregation shall judge And you shall take no ransom for him

between the manslayer and the avenger who has fled to his city of refuge, that he

of blood according to these judgments. may return to dwell in the land before

the death of the priest.

25

So the congregation shall deliver the

33

manslayer from the hand of the avenger So you shall not pollute the land where

of blood, and the congregation shall you are; for blood defiles the land, and

return him to the city of refuge where he no atonement can be made for the land,

had fled, and he shall remain there until for the blood that is shed on it, except by

the death of the high priest who was the blood of him who shed it. anointed with the holy oil.

26

But if the manslayer at any time goes you inhabit, in the midst of which I dwell;

outside the limits of the city of refuge for I the LORD dwell among the children

where he fled, of Israel."

27

and the avenger of blood finds him

outside the limits of his city of refuge, 3 6Now the chief fathers of the

and the avenger of blood kills the families of the children of Gilead the son

manslayer, he shall not be guilty of of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the

blood, families of the sons of Joseph, came

2 before the leaders, the chief fathers of

8because he should have remained in near and spoke before Moses and

his city of refuge until the death of the the children of Israel. high priest. But after the death of the

high priest the manslayer may return to 2 And they said: "The LORD commanded the land of his possession. my lord Moses to give the land as an

inheritance by lot to the children of Israel,

2" And these things shall be a statute of and my lord was commanded by the

judgment to you throughout your LORD to give the inheritance of our generations in all your dwellings. brother Zelophehad to his daughters.

3 3 0Whoever kills a person, the murderer

Now if they are married to any of the shall be put to death on the testimony of sons of the other tribes of the children of

witnesses; but one witness is not Israel, then their inheritance will be sufficient testimony against a person for taken from the inheritance of our fathers,

the death penalty. and it will be added to the inheritance of

the tribe into which they marry; so it will Israel shall be the wife of one of the

be taken from the lot of our inheritance. family of her father's tribe, so that the

children of Israel each may possess the

4 inheritance of his fathers. And when the Jubilee of the children of Israel comes, then their inheritance will

be added to the inheritance of the tribe "Thus no inheritance shall change

into which they marry; so their hands from one tribe to another, but

inheritance will be taken away from the every tribe of the children of Israel shall

inheritance of the tribe of our fathers." keep its own inheritance."

5 1 0

Then Moses commanded the children Just as the LORD commanded

Moses,

of Israel according to the word of the so did the daughters of Zelophehad; LORD, saying: "What the tribe of the

sons of Joseph speaks is right. <sup>1</sup> 1For Mahlah, Tirzah, Hoglah, Milcah,

and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad,

<sup>6</sup>This is what the LORD commands were married to the sons of their father's concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, brothers. saying, "Let them marry whom they

think best, but they may marry only <sup>12</sup>They were married into the families of within the family of their father's tribe.' the children of Manasseh the son of

Joseph, and their inheritance remained

<sup>7</sup>So the inheritance of the children of in the tribe of their father's family. Israel shall not change hands from tribe

to tribe, for every one of the children of <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>These are the commandments and the Israel shall keep the inheritance of the judgments which the LORD commanded

tribe of his fathers. the children of Israel by the hand of

Moses in the plains of Moab by the

<sup>8</sup>And every daughter who possesses an Jordan, across from Jericho. inheritance in any tribe of the children of

# The Laws and Regulations In Israel

<sup>8</sup>See, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the

<sup>1</sup> LORD swore to your fathers--to These are the words which Moses

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob--to give to

spoke to all Israel on this side of the them and their descendants after them.'

Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain

opposite Suph, between Paran, Tophel, "And I spoke to you at that time, saying: Laban, Hazeroth, and Dizahab.

"I alone am not able to bear you.

<sup>2</sup>It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by <sup>0</sup>The LORD your God has multiplied

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way of Mount Seir to Kadesh Barnea.

you, and here you are today, as the

3Now it came to pass in the fortieth year, stars of heaven in multitude.

in the eleventh month, on the first day of <sup>1</sup>1May the LORD God of  
your fathers the month, that Moses spoke to the make you a thousand  
times more children of Israel according to all that the numerous than  
you are, and bless you LORD had given him as as He has promised  
you! commandments to them,

<sup>1</sup>2

<sup>4</sup> How can I alone bear your problems after he had killed Sihon king of  
the

and your burdens and your complaints?

Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and

Og king of Bashan, who dwelt at <sup>3</sup>Choose wise, understanding, and

Ashtaroath in Edrei. <sup>1</sup>

knowledgeable men from among your

<sup>5</sup> tribes, and I will make them heads over On this side of the Jordan in  
the land of

Moab, Moses began to explain this law, you.'

saying, <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>And you answered me and said, "The

<sup>6</sup> thing which you have told us to do is The LORD our God spoke to us  
in

Horeb, saying: "You have dwelt long good.'

enough at this mountain. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>So I took the heads of your tribes, wise <sup>7</sup>  
and knowledgeable men, and made

Turn and take your journey, and go to

them heads over you, leaders of

the mountains of the Amorites, to all the

thousands, leaders of hundreds, leaders

neighboring places in the plain, in the

mountains and in the lowland, in the of fifties, leaders of tens, and officers for

South and on the seacoast, to the land your tribes.

of the Canaanites and to Lebanon, as <sup>164</sup>Then I commanded your judges at far as the great river, the River Euphrates. that time, saying, "Hear the cases

between your brethren, and judge

<sup>2</sup> 4

righteously between a man and his And they departed and went up into

brother or the stranger who is with him. the mountains, and came to the Valley

of Eshcol, and spied it out.

<sup>17</sup>

You shall not show partiality in

<sup>2</sup> 5

judgment; you shall hear the small as They also took some of the fruit of the

well as the great; you shall not be afraid land in their hands and brought it down

in any man's presence, for the judgment to us; and they brought back word to us,

is God's. The case that is too hard for saying, "It is a good land which

the

you, bring to me, and I will hear it.' LORD our God is giving us.'

12 8And I commanded you at that time all 6 Nevertheless you would not go up, the things which you should do. but rebelled against the command of the

LORD your God;

1 "' So we departed from Horeb, and went

27

through all that great and terrible and you complained in your tents, and

wilderness which you saw on the way to said, "Because the LORD hates us, He

the mountains of the Amorites, as he has brought us out of the land of Egypt

LORD our God had commanded us. to deliver us into the hand of the  
Then we came to Kadesh Barnea. Amorites, to destroy us.

22 0And I said to you, "You have come to 8Where can we go up? Our brethren the mountains of the Amorites, which have discouraged our hearts, saying,

the LORD our God is giving us. "The people are greater and taller than  
we; the cities are great and fortified up

21 to heaven; moreover we have seen the

Look, the LORD your God has set the

land before you; go up and possess it, sons of the Anakim there." as the LORD God of your fathers has

spoken to you; do not fear or be 2 "' Then I said to you, "Do not be



terrified, discouraged.' or afraid of them.

23 2 And every one of you came near to 0The LORD your God, who goes before me and said, "Let us send men before you, He will fight for you, according to all

us, and let them search out the land for He did for you in Egypt before your eyes,

us, and bring back word to us of the way

by which we should go up, and of the 31 and in the wilderness where you saw cities into which we shall come.' how the LORD your God carried you, as

a man carries his son, in all the way that

238'The plan pleased me well; so I took you went until you came to this place.' twelve of your men, one man from each

tribe. 32Yet, for all that, you did not believe the

LORD your God, 33who went in the way before you to everyone of you had girded on his

search out a place for you to pitch your weapons of war, you were ready to go

tents, to show you the way you should up into the mountain. go, in the fire by night and in the cloud

by day. 4 2 'And the LORD said to me, "Tell them,

"Do not go up nor fight, for I am not

34 And the LORD heard the sound of

among you; lest you be defeated before your words, and was angry, and took an your enemies." oath, saying,

35 Surely not one of these men of this

listen, but rebelled against the command

evil generation shall see that good land of the LORD, and  
presumptuously went

of which I swore to give to your fathers, up into the mountain.

36 4

except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; And the Amorites who dwelt in  
that

he shall see it, and to him and his mountain came out against you and  
children I am giving the land on which chased you as bees do, and  
drove you

he walked, because he wholly followed back from Seir to Hormah. the  
LORD.'

4 5 Then you returned and wept before

37

The LORD was also angry with me for the LORD, but the LORD  
would not

your sakes, saying, "Even you shall not listen to your voice nor give  
ear to you.

go in there.

4 6 'So you remained in Kadesh many

3 days, according to the days that you ' Joshua the son of Nun, who  
stands

before you, he shall go in there. spent there. Encourage him, for he  
shall cause Israel

to inherit it.

2 Then we turned and journeyed into

3" Moreover your little ones and your the wilderness of the Way of the Red children, who you say will be victims, Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and we who today have no knowledge of good skirted Mount Seir for many days. and evil, they shall go in there; to them I

will give it, and they shall possess it. 2

And the LORD spoke to me, saying:

40But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the Way 3" You have skirted this mountain long

of the Red Sea.' enough; turn northward.

4 And command the people, saying, "You "Then you answered and said to me,

1§ 4

"We have sinned against the LORD; we are about to pass through the territory of

will go up and fight, just as the LORD your brethren, the descendants of Esau,

who live in Seir; and they will be afraid

our God commanded us.' And when

of you. Therefore watch yourselves The Horites formerly dwelt in Seir,  
but

carefully. the descendants of Esau dispossessed

them and destroyed them from before

5 them, and dwelt in their place, just as Do not meddle with them, for  
I will not

give you any of their land, no, not so Israel did to the land of their  
possession

much as one footstep, because I have which the LORD gave them.)  
given Mount Seir to Esau as a

possession. 1 3 'Now rise and cross over the Valley of

the Zered.' So we crossed over the

6 Valley of the Zered. You shall buy food from them with

money, that you may eat; and you shall 4And the time we took to  
come from

also buy water from them with money, 1 that you may drink. Kadesh  
Barnea until we crossed over

the Valley of the Zered was thirty-eight

7 years, until all the generation of the men For the LORD your God has  
blessed

you in all the work of your hand. He of war was consumed from the  
midst of

knows your trudging through this great the camp, just as the LORD  
had sworn

wilderness. These forty years the LORD to them.

your God has been with you; you have 5For indeed the hand of the LORD was

lacked <sup>1</sup> nothing."

against them, to destroy them from the  
<sup>8</sup> midst of the camp until they were And when we passed beyond our  
brethren, the descendants of Esau who consumed. dwell in Seir, away  
from the road of the

plain, away from Elath and Ezion Geber, 'So it was, when all the men  
of war <sup>1</sup> 6

we turned and passed by way of the had finally perished from among  
the

Wilderness of Moab. people,

<sup>1</sup> 7

"Then the LORD said to me, "Do not that the LORD spoke to me,  
saying:

harass Moab, nor contend with them in

battle, for I will not give you any of their <sup>1</sup> " This day you are to cross  
over at Ar, land as a possession, because I have the boundary of Moab.  
given Ar to the descendants of Lot as a

possession." <sup>1</sup> ' And when you come near the people

<sup>1</sup> of Ammon, do not harass them or 0( The Emim had dwelt there in  
times meddle with them, for I will not give you

past, a people as great and numerous any of the land of the people of  
Ammon

and tall as the Anakim. as a possession, because I have given it

1 possession." 1 They were also regarded as giants, to the descendants of Lot as a

like the Anakim, but the Moabites call

them Emim.

20 (That was also regarded as a land of that I may drink; only let me pass

giants; giants formerly dwelt there. But through on foot, the Ammonites call them Zamzummim,

2 ' just as the descendants of Esau who

21

a people as great and numerous and dwell in Seir and the Moabites who

tall as the Anakim. But the LORD dwell in Ar did for me, until I cross the

destroyed them before them, and they Jordan to the land which the LORD our

dispossessed them and dwelt in their God is giving us.' place,

30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not

22 just as He had done for the let us pass through, for the LORD your descendants of Esau, who dwelt in Seir, God hardened his spirit and made his

when He destroyed the Horites from heart obstinate, that He might deliver

before them. They dispossessed them him into your hand, as it is this day. and dwelt in their place, even to this day.

31 'And the LORD said to me, "See, I

23 And the Avim, who dwelt in villages as have begun to give Sihon and his land

far as Gaza--the Caphtorim, who came over to you. Begin to possess it, that

from Caphtor, destroyed them and dwelt you may inherit his land.' in their place.)

32

Then Sihon and all his people came

24§§4 'Rise, take your journey, and cross out against us to fight at Jahaz. over the River Arnon. Look, I have given

into your hand Sihon the Amorite, king 33 And the LORD our God delivered him of Heshbon, and his land. Begin to over to us; so we defeated him, his sons,

possess it, and engage him in battle. and all his people.

25This day I will begin to put the dread 34

We took all his cities at that time, and

and fear of you upon the nations under we utterly destroyed the men, women,

the whole heaven, who shall hear the and little ones of every city; we left none

report of you, and shall tremble and be remaining. in anguish because of you.'

2 35We took only the livestock as plunder

6 And I sent messengers from the for ourselves, with the spoil of the cities

Wilderness of Kedemoth to Sihon king which we took. of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying,

2 36From Aroer, which is on the bank of 7 'Let me pass through your land; I will the River Arnon, and from the city that is

keep strictly to the road, and I will turn in the ravine, as far as Gilead,  
there was

neither to the right nor to the left. not one city too strong for us; the  
LORD

our God delivered all to us.

28

You shall sell me food for money, that

I may eat, and give me water for money, 37Only you did not go near  
the land of Amorites who were on this side of the

the people of Ammon--anywhere along Jordan, from the River Arnon  
to Mount

the River Jabbok, or to the cities of the Hermon mountains, or  
wherever the LORD our

God had forbidden us. '(the Sidonians call Hermon Sirion, and

the Amorites call it Senir),

3"Then we turned and went up the 1 0

aII the cities of the plain, all Gilead,

road to Bashan; and Og king of Bashan and all Bashan, as far as Salcah  
and

came out against us, he and all his Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og  
in

people, to battle at Edrei. Bashan.

21 1 'For only Og king of Bashan remained And the LORD said to me,  
"Do not fear him, for I have delivered him and all his of the remnant  
of the giants. Indeed his

people and his land into your hand; you bedstead was an iron  
bedstead. (Is it



shall do to him as you did to Sihon king not in Rabbah of the people of

of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon.' Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and

four cubits its width, according to the

3 standard cubit.

" So the LORD our God also delivered

into our hands Og king of Bashan, with <sup>12</sup> 'And this land, which we possessed at all his people, and we attacked him until he had no survivors remaining. that time, from Aroer, which is by the

River Arnon, and half the mountains of

<sup>4</sup> Gilead and its cities, I gave to the

And we took all his cities at that time;

there was not a city which we did not Reubenites and the Gadites.

take from them: sixty cities, all the <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>The rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. kingdom of Og, I gave to half the tribe of

Manasseh. (All the region of Argob, with

<sup>5</sup> all Bashan, was called the land of the

All these cities were fortified with high

giants.

walls, gates, and bars, besides a great

many rural towns. <sup>14</sup>Jair the son of Manasseh took all the

<sup>6</sup> region of Argob, as far as the border of And we utterly destroyed them, as we

the Geshurites and the Maachathites,

did to Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly

destroying the men, women, and and called Bashan after his own name,

children of every city. Havoth Jair, to this day.)

7 Also I gave Gilead to Machir. ' 154

But all the livestock and the spoil of the

cities we took as booty for ourselves. 1 6And to the Reubenites and the Gadites

8 I gave from Gilead as far as the River And at that time we took the land from

Arnon, the middle of the river as the

the hand of the two kings of the border, as far as the River Jabbok, the anything like Your works and Your

border of the people of Ammon; mighty deeds?

1 2 7 he plain also, with the Jordan as the 5 pray, let me cross over and see the border, from Chinnereth as far as the good land beyond the Jordan, those

east side of the Sea of the Arabah (the pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.' Salt Sea), below the slopes of Pisgah.

2 6 'But the LORD was angry with me on

1 " Then I commanded you at that time, your account, and would not listen to me.

saying: "The LORD your God has given So the LORD said to me: "Enough of

you this land to possess. All you men of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.

valor shall cross over armed before your

brethren, the children of Israel. 2 7

Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift

your eyes toward the west, the north,

1' But your wives, your little ones, and the south, and the east; behold it with

your livestock (I know that you have your eyes, for you shall not cross over

much livestock) shall stay in your cities this Jordan. which I have given you,

2 8But command Joshua, and encourage

20until the LORD has given rest to your him and strengthen him; for he shall go

brethren as to you, and they also over before this people, and he shall

possess the land which the LORD your cause them to inherit the land which you

God is giving them beyond the Jordan. will see.' Then each of you may return to his

possession which I have given you.' 2 "" So we stayed in the valley opposite

Beth Peor.

2 1 'And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, "Your eyes have seen all that

the LORD your God has done to these 4 Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes two kings; so will the LORD do to all the

and the judgments which I teach you to

kingdoms through which you pass.

observe, that you may live, and go in

2 and possess the land which the LORD 2 v ou must not fear them, for the LORD God of your fathers is giving you. your God Himself fights for you.'

2 You shall not add to the word which I

23§'Then I pleaded with the LORD at that

command you, nor take from it, that you time, saying: may keep the commandments of the

2 LORD your God which I command you. 4a O Lord GOD, You have begun to

show Your servant Your greatness and 3Your eyes have seen what the LORD

Your mighty hand, for what god is there did at Baal Peor; for the LORD your God

in heaven or on earth who can do has destroyed from among you all the

men who followed Baal of Peor.

4 1 14 But you who held fast to the LORD your 'Then you came near and stood at the

God are alive today, every one of you. foot of the mountain, and the mountain

burned with fire to the midst of heaven,

5 with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. Surely I have taught you statutes and

judgments, just as the LORD my God

commanded me, that you should act And the LORD spoke to you out of the

according to them in the land which you midst of the fire. You heard the sound of

go to possess. the words, but saw no form; you only

heard a voice.

6Therefore be careful to observe them;

for this is your wisdom and your So He declared to you His covenant understanding in the sight of the which He commanded you to perform,

peoples who will hear all these statutes, the Ten Commandments; and He wrote

and say, "Surely this great nation is a them on two tablets of stone. wise and understanding people.'

And the LORD commanded me at that

7 For what great nation is there that has time to teach you statutes and God so near to it, as the LORD our God judgments, that you might observe them

is to us, for whatever reason we may in the land which you cross over to

call upon Him? possess.

8 1 5 And what great nation is there that has "Take careful heed to yourselves, for

such statutes and righteous judgments you saw no form when the

LORD spoke

as are in all this law which I set before to you at Horeb out of the midst of the

you this day? fire,

'Only take heed to yourself, and lest you act corruptly and make for diligently keep yourself, lest you forget yourselves a carved image in the form

the things your eyes have seen, and lest of any figure: the likeness of male or

they depart from your heart all the days female, of your life. And teach them to your

children and your grandchildren, lest the likeness of any animal that is on

lest a bird that flies in the air,

lest especially concerning the day you the earth or the likeness of any winged

stood before the LORD your God in

Horeb, when the LORD said to me, lest the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground. Gather the people to Me, and I will let the ground or the likeness of any fish

them hear My words, that they may that is in the water beneath the earth.

learn to fear Me all the days they live on

the earth, and that they may teach their

lest And take heed, lest you lift your eyes children.'

to heaven, and when you see the sun,

the moon, and the stars, all the host of

heaven, you feel driven to worship them

2 7

and serve them, which the LORD your And the LORD will scatter you  
among

God has given to all the peoples under the peoples, and you will be  
left few in

the whole heaven as a heritage. number among the nations where the

LORD will drive you.

20

But the LORD has taken you and

2 8

brought you out of the iron furnace, out And there you will serve  
gods, the

of Egypt, to be His people, an work of men's hands, wood and stone,

inheritance, as you are this day. which neither see nor hear nor eat  
nor

smell.

21Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore  
that I 2' But from there you will seek the LORD would not cross over  
the Jordan, and your God, and you will find Him if you

that I would not enter the good land seek Him with all your heart and  
with all

which the LORD your God is giving you your soul. as an inheritance.

30When you are in distress, and all these

22

But I must die in this land, I must not things come upon you in the  
latter days,

cross over the Jordan; but you shall when you turn to the LORD your God

cross over and possess that good land. and obey His voice

231( 3Take heed to yourselves, lest you for the LORD your God is a  
merciful

forget the covenant of the LORD your God), He will not forsake you  
nor

God which He made with you, and make destroy you, nor forget the  
covenant of

for yourselves a carved image in the your fathers which He swore to  
them.

form of anything which the LORD your

God has forbidden you. 32 'For ask now concerning the days that

are past, which were before you, since

24For the LORD your God is a the day that God created man on the  
consuming fire, a jealous God. earth, and ask from one end of heaven

to the other, whether any great thing like

25§When you beget children and this has happened, or anything like it  
grandchildren and have grown old in the has been heard.

land, and act corruptly and make a 33Did any people ever hear the  
voice of

carved image in the form of anything,

and do evil in the sight of the LORD God speaking out of the midst of  
the fire,

your God to provoke Him to anger, as you have heard, and live?



2 3 4 6 call heaven and earth to witness Or did God ever try to go and  
take for

against you this day, that you will soon Himself a nation from the  
midst of

utterly perish from the land which you another nation, by trials, by  
signs, by

cross over the Jordan to possess; you wonders, by war, by a mighty  
hand and

will not prolong your days in it, but will an outstretched arm, and by  
great

be utterly destroyed. terrors, according to all that the LORD

your God did for you in Egypt before without having hated him in  
time past,

your eyes? and that by fleeing to one of these cities

he might live:

35 To you it was shown, that you might 3 4 know that the LORD  
Himself is God; Bezer in the wilderness on the plateau there is none  
other besides Him. for the Reubenites, Ramoth in Gilead for

the Gadites, and Golan in Bashan for

36 the Manassites. out of heaven He let you hear His

voice, that He might instruct you; on 4 Now this is the law which  
Moses set earth He showed you His great fire, and 4 you heard His  
words out of the midst of before the children of Israel. the fire.

4 5

37 And because He loved your fathers, These are the testimonies, the  
statutes,

and the judgments which Moses spoke

therefore He chose their descendants to the children of Israel after they came

after them; and He brought you out of out of Egypt, Egypt with His Presence, with His

mighty power, 4 6 n this side of the Jordan, in the valley

3' driving opposite Beth Peor, in the land of Sihon

out from before you nations king of the Amorites, who dwelt at greater and mightier than you, to bring Heshbon, whom Moses and the children

you in, to give you their land as an of Israel defeated after they came out of

inheritance, as it is this day. Egypt.

3 4 7 And they took possession of his land ' Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is and the land of Og king of Bashan, two

God in heaven above and on the earth kings of the Amorites, who were on this

beneath; there is no other. side of the Jordan, toward the rising of

the sun,

40 ou shall therefore keep His statutes and 4 His commandments which I ' from Aroer, which is on the bank of the command you today, that it may go well River Arnon, even to Mount Sion (that is,

with you and with your children after you, Hermon), and that you may prolong your days in

the land which the LORD your God is 4' and all the plain on the east side of the giving you for all time." Jordan as far as the Sea of the Arabah,

below the slopes of Pisgah.

Then Moses set apart three cities on  
 this side of the Jordan, toward the rising  
 of the sun, 5And Moses called all Israel, and said

4 to them: "Hear, O Israel, the statutes 2 hat the manslayer might flee  
 there,

and judgments which I speak in your

who kills his neighbor unintentionally, hearing today, that you may  
 learn them 'You shall not take the name of the 11

and be careful to observe them. LORD your God in vain, for the LORD

will not hold him guiltless who takes His

2 name in vain. The LORD our God made a covenant

with us in Horeb. 2 Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it

1

3 holy, as the LORD your God The LORD did not make this covenant  
 with our fathers, but with us, those who commanded you. are here  
 today, all of us who are alive.

1 3

Six days you shall labor and do all

4 your work, The LORD talked with you face to face on the mountain  
 from the midst of the

fire. 1 4but the seventh day is the Sabbath of

the LORD your God. In it you shall do

5 no work: you, nor your son, nor your 1 stood between the LORD and

you at

that time, to declare to you the word of daughter, nor your male servant, nor

the LORD; for you were afraid because your female servant, nor your ox, nor

of the fire, and you did not go up the your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor

mountain. He said: your stranger who is within your gates,

that your male servant and your female

6 servant may rest as well as you.

I am the LORD your God who brought

you out of the land of Egypt, out of the 1 5And remember that you were a slave house of bondage.

in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your

7 God brought you out from there by a

You shall have no other gods before

mighty hand and by an outstretched

Me.

arm; therefore the LORD your God

8 commanded you to keep the Sabbath

You shall not make for yourself a day.

carved image--any likeness of anything

that is in heaven above, or that is in the 16 Honor your father and your mother, earth beneath, or that is in the water as the LORD your God has commanded under the earth; you, that your days may be long, and

that it may be well with you in the land

'you shall not bow down to them nor which the LORD your God is giving you.

serve them. For I, the LORD your God,

am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of 1 7 You shall not murder. the fathers upon the children to the third

and fourth generations of those who 1 " You shall not commit adultery. hate Me,

1 1 0 " You shall not steal. but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My

commandments.

20 You shall not bear false witness

that the LORD our God says to you, and against your neighbor. we will hear and do it.'

2 2 1 'You shall not covet your neighbor's 84' Then the LORD heard the voice of wife; and you shall not desire your your words when you spoke to me, and

neighbor's house, his field, his male the LORD said to me: "I have heard the

servant, his female servant, his ox, his voice of the words of this people which

donkey, or anything that is your they have spoken to you. They are right

neighbor's.' in all that they have spoken.

these words the LORD spoke to all ' Oh, that they had such a heart  
in them

your assembly, in the mountain from the that they would fear Me and  
always

midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick keep all My commandments,  
that it

darkness, with a loud voice; and He might be well with them and with  
their

added no more. And He wrote them on children forever! two tablets of  
stone and gave them to

me. 30 Go and say to them, "Return to your

tents."

23 So it was, when you heard the voice

from the midst of the darkness, while the 31But as for you, stand here  
by Me, and I

mountain was burning with fire, that you will speak to you all the  
commandments,

came near to me, all the heads of your the statutes, and the judgments  
which

tribes and your elders. you shall teach them, that they may

observe them in the land which I am

24And you said: "Surely the LORD our giving them to possess.' God  
has shown us His glory and His

greatness, and we have heard His voice 3 24'Therefore you shall be  
careful to do

from the midst of the fire. We have seen as the LORD your God has  
commanded

this day that God speaks with man; yet you; you shall not turn aside to the right

he still lives. hand or to the left.

25 Now therefore, why should we die? 33 You shall walk in all the ways which

For this great fire will consume us; if we the LORD your God has commanded

hear the voice of the LORD our God you, that you may live and that it may be

anymore, then we shall die. well with you, and that you may prolong

your days in the land which you shall

26 For who is there of all flesh who has possess. heard the voice of the living God

speaking from the midst of the fire, as

we have, and lived? 6 Now this is the commandment, and

2 these are the statutes and judgments 7 ou go near and hear all that the

which the LORD your God has

LORD our God may say, and tell us all commanded to teach you, that you may

observe them in the land which you are Isaac, and Jacob, to give you large and

crossing over to possess, beautiful cities which you did not build,

2 11

that you may fear the LORD your God, houses full of all good things,

which

to keep all His statutes and His you did not fill, hewn-out wells which  
commandments which I command you, you did not dig, vineyards and  
olive

you and your son and your grandson, all trees which you did not  
plant--when you

the days of your life, and that your days have eaten and are full--may  
be prolonged.

1 2

then beware, lest you forget the LORD

3Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful who brought you out of the  
land of Egypt,

to observe it, that it may be well with you, from the house of bondage.  
and that you may multiply greatly as the

LORD God of your fathers has promised 1 3 ou shall fear the LORD  
your God and you--"a land flowing with milk and serve Him, and shall  
take oaths in His

honey.' name.

4 1 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, 4 ou shall not go after other  
gods, the the LORD is one! gods of the peoples who are all around

you

5You shall love the LORD your God with

all your heart, with all your soul, and 15(for the LORD your God is a  
jealous with all your strength. God among you), lest the anger of the

LORD your God be aroused against you

6 And these words which I command and destroy you from the face  
of the

you today shall be in your heart. earth.



7 1 You shall teach them diligently to your 6 You shall not tempt the LORD your children, and shall talk of them when God as you tempted Him in Massah.

you sit in your house, when you walk by

the way, when you lie down, and when 1 7 ou shall diligently keep the you rise up. commandments of the LORD your God,

His testimonies, and His statutes which

'You shall bind them as a sign on your He has commanded you. hand, and they shall be as frontlets

between your eyes. 1 ' And you shall do what is right and

good in the sight of the LORD, that it

'You shall write them on the doorposts may be well with you, and that you may

of your house and on your gates. go in and possess the good land of

which the LORD swore to your fathers,

10 So it shall be, when the LORD your God brings you into the land of which 1' to cast out all your enemies from He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, before you, as the LORD has spoken. 20a When your son asks you in time to

them and utterly destroy them. You shall

come, saying, "What is the meaning of make no covenant with them nor show

the testimonies, the statutes, and the mercy to them. judgments which the LORD our God has

commanded 3 you?'Nor shall you make marriages with

them. You shall not give your daughter

2 1 hen you shall say to your son: "We

to their son, nor take their daughter for

were slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt, and your son. the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a

mighty hand; 4 For they will turn your sons away from

following Me, to serve other gods; so the

22

and the LORD showed signs and anger of the LORD will be aroused wonders before our eyes, great and against you and destroy you suddenly.

severe, against Egypt, Pharaoh, and all

his household. 5But thus you shall deal with them: you

shall destroy their altars, and break

23

Then He brought us out from there, down their sacred pillars, and cut down

that He might bring us in, to give us the their wooden images, and burn their

land of which He swore to our fathers. carved images with fire.

24 6 For you are a holy people to the LORD

And the LORD commanded us to

observe all these statutes, to fear the your God; the LORD your God has

LORD our God, for our good always, chosen you to be a people for Himself, a

that He might preserve us alive, as it is special treasure above all the peoples

this day. on the face of the earth.

27 5Then it will be righteousness for us, if The LORD did not set His  
love on you

we are careful to observe all these nor choose you because you were  
more

commandments before the LORD our in number than any other  
people, for

God, as He has commanded us.' you were the least of all peoples;

8but because the LORD loves you, and

7 because He would keep the oath which When the LORD your God  
brings He swore to your fathers, the LORD has

you into the land which you go to brought you out with a mighty  
hand, and

possess, and has cast out many nations redeemed you from the house  
of

before you, the Hittites and the bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh  
king

Girgashites and the Amorites and the of Egypt. Canaanites and the  
Perizzites and the

Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations '"Therefore know that the  
LORD your

greater and mightier than you,

God, He is God, the faithful God who

2 keeps covenant and mercy for a

and when the LORD your God delivers

them over to you, you shall conquer thousand generations with those  
who them; nor shall you serve their gods, for

love Him and keep His commandments; that will be a snare to you.

11 0 74 you should say in your heart,

and He repays those who hate Him to

their face, to destroy them. He will not "These nations are greater than I; how

be slack with him who hates Him; He can I dispossess them?'--will repay him to his face.

1 8y

1 shall remember well what the LORD

1Therefore you shall keep the ou shall not be afraid of them, but you commandment, the statutes, and the your God did to Pharaoh and to all

judgments which I command you today, Egypt: to observe them.

1 ' the great trials which your eyes saw,

12§Then it shall come to pass, because the signs and the wonders, the mighty

you listen to these judgments, and keep hand and the outstretched arm, by

and do them, that the LORD your God which the LORD your God brought you

will keep with you the covenant and the out. So shall the LORD your God do to

mercy which He swore to your fathers. all the peoples of whom you are afraid.

1 2 3And He will love you and bless you 0Moreover the LORD your God will and multiply you; He will also bless the send the hornet among them until those

fruit of your womb and the fruit of your who are left, who hide themselves from

land, your grain and your new wine and you, are destroyed. your oil, the increase of your cattle and

the offspring of your flock, in the land of 2 1 ou shall not be terrified of them; for which He swore to your fathers to give the LORD your God, the great and

you. awesome God, is among you.

1 2 4 ou shall be blessed above all 2And the LORD your God will drive out peoples; there shall not be a male or those nations before you little by little;

female barren among you or among you will be unable to destroy them at

your livestock. once, lest the beasts of the field become

too numerous for you.

15And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will afflict you with 23But the LORD your God will deliver none of the terrible diseases of Egypt them over to you, and will inflict defeat

which you have known, but will lay them upon them until they are destroyed. on all those who hate you.

2 4

1 And He will deliver their kings into your 6Also you shall destroy all the peoples

hand, and you will destroy their name

whom the LORD your God delivers over from under heaven; no one shall be able

to you; your eye shall have no pity on to stand against you until you have

destroyed them.

25 You shall burn the carved images of 6 Therefore you shall keep the  
their gods with fire; you shall not covet commandments of the LORD  
your God,

the silver or gold that is on them, nor to walk in His ways and to fear  
Him. take it for yourselves, lest you be snared

by it; for it is an abomination to the 7 For the LORD your God is  
bringing you LORD your God. into a good land, a land of brooks of

water, of fountains and springs, that flow

26 Nor shall you bring an abomination out of valleys and hills;

into your house, lest you be doomed to

destruction like it. You shall utterly 8 a land of wheat and barley, of  
vines detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an and fig trees and  
pomegranates, a land

accursed thing. of olive oil and honey;

'a land in which you will eat bread

8 Every commandment which I without scarcity, in which you will  
lack

command you today you must be nothing; a land whose stones are  
iron

careful to observe, that you may live and and out of whose hills you  
can dig

multiply, and go in and possess the land copper.

of which the LORD swore to your 0 When you have eaten and are full,  
fathers. 1

then you shall bless the LORD your God

2 for the good land which He has given And you shall remember that

the LORD

your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness,  
to humble you

and test you, to know what was in your heart. Beware that you do not forget  
the LORD

heart, whether you would keep His LORD your God by not keeping  
His

commandments or not. commandments, His judgments, and His

statutes which I command you today,

3

So He humbled you, allowed you to

hunger, and fed you with manna which I tested--when you have eaten  
and are full, you did not know nor did your fathers and have built  
beautiful houses and

know, that He might make you know dwell in them; that man shall  
not live by bread alone;

but man lives by every word that I command and when your herds and your  
flocks proceed from the mouth of the LORD. multiply, and your silver  
and your gold

are multiplied, and all that you have is

4Your garments did not wear out on you, multiplied; nor did your foot  
swell these forty years.

14

when your heart is lifted up, and you

5You should know in your heart that as I brought the LORD your God  
who brought

man chastens his son, so the LORD brought you out of the land of Egypt, from  
the

your God chastens you. house of bondage;

15who led you through that great and "Who can stand before the  
descendants

terrible wilderness, in which were fiery of Anak?' serpents and  
scorpions and thirsty land

where there was no water; who brought 3Therefore understand today  
that the

water for you out of the flinty rock; LORD your God is He who goes  
over

before you as a consuming fire. He will

16

who fed you in the wilderness with destroy them and bring them  
down

manna, which your fathers did not know, before you; so you shall  
drive them out

that He might humble you and that He and destroy them quickly, as  
the LORD

might test you, to do you good in the has said to you. end--

4 Do not think in your heart, after the

1 7 hen you say in your heart, "My power LORD your God has cast  
them out

and the might of my hand have gained before you, saying, "Because of  
my

me this wealth.' righteousness the LORD has brought

me in to possess this land'; but it is

1 because of the wickedness of these " And you shall remember the  
LORD

your God, for it is He who gives you nations that the LORD is driving  
them

power to get wealth, that He may out from before you. establish His  
covenant which He swore



to your fathers, as it is this day. It is not because of your  
righteousness

or the uprightness of your heart that you

1 go in to possess their land, but because ' Then it shall be, if you by  
any means

forget the LORD your God, and follow of the wickedness of these  
nations that

other gods, and serve them and worship the LORD your God drives  
them out

them, I testify against you this day that from before you, and that He  
may fulfill

you shall surely perish. the word which the LORD swore to your

fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

20As the nations which the LORD destroys before you, so you shall  
perish, 6Therefore understand that the LORD

because you would not be obedient to your God is not giving you this  
good

the voice of the LORD your God. land to possess because of your

righteousness, for you are a stiff-necked  
people.

9 Hear, O Israel: You are to cross over 7 Remember! Do not forget how  
you the Jordan today, and go in to provoked the LORD your God to  
wrath dispossess nations greater and mightier in the wilderness. From  
the day that you than yourself, cities great and fortified departed from  
the land of Egypt until up to heaven, you came to this place, you have  
been

2 rebellious against the LORD.

a people great and tall, the

descendants of the Anakim, whom you

know, and of whom you heard it said, <sup>8</sup>Also in Horeb you provoked the LORD fire; and the two tablets of the covenant

to wrath, so that the LORD was angry were in my two hands. enough with you to have destroyed you.

<sup>16</sup>And I looked, and behold, you had

'When I went up into the mountain to sinned against the LORD your God--had

receive the tablets of stone, the tablets made for yourselves a molded calf! You

of the covenant which the LORD made had turned aside quickly from the way

with you, then I stayed on the mountain which the LORD had commanded you.

forty days and forty nights. I neither ate

bread nor drank water. <sup>17</sup>Then I took the two tablets and threw

<sup>1</sup> them before your eyes. <sup>0</sup>Then the LORD delivered to me two them out of my two hands and broke

tablets of stone written with the finger of

God, and on them were all the words <sup>1</sup> ' And I fell down before the LORD, as at which the LORD had spoken to you on the first, forty days and forty nights; I

the mountain from the midst of the fire in neither ate bread nor drank water,

the day of the assembly. because of all your sin which you

committed in doing wickedly in the sight

<sup>11</sup> And it came to pass, at the end of forty of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

days and forty nights, that the LORD

gave me the two tablets of stone, the <sup>1</sup>' For I was afraid of the anger  
and hot tablets of the covenant. displeasure with which the LORD was

angry with you, to destroy you. But the

<sup>12</sup>§'Then the LORD said to me, "Arise, go LORD listened to me at that  
time also.

down quickly from here, for your people

whom you brought out of Egypt have <sup>2</sup> 0

And the LORD was very angry with

acted corruptly; they have quickly turned Aaron and would have  
destroyed him;

aside from the way which I commanded so I prayed for Aaron also at  
the same

them; they have made themselves a time. molded image.'

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Then I took your sin, the calf which

<sup>13</sup> 'Furthermore the LORD spoke to me,

you had made, and burned it with fire

saying, "I have seen this people, and and crushed it and ground it very  
small,

indeed they are a stiff-necked people. until it was as fine as dust; and I  
threw

its dust into the brook that descended

<sup>14</sup> Let Me alone, that I may destroy them from the mountain. and blot  
out their name from under

heaven; and I will make of you a nation <sup>2</sup><sup>24</sup>'Also at Taberah and  
Massah and

mightier and greater than they.' Kibroth Hattaavah you provoked the

LORD to wrath.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> So I turned and came down from the

mountain, and the mountain burned with 2 3Likewise, when the LORD sent you

from Kadesh Barnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given mountain and make yourself an ark of

you,' then you rebelled against the wood. commandment of the LORD your God,

and you did not believe Him nor obey 2 And I will write on the tablets the words His voice. that were on the first tablets, which you

broke; and you shall put them in the ark.'

24

You have been rebellious against the

LORD from the day that I knew you. 3"So I made an ark of acacia wood,

hewed two tablets of stone like the first,

25§'Thus I prostrated myself before the and went up the mountain, having the

LORD; forty days and forty nights I kept two tablets in my hand. prostrating myself, because the LORD

had said He would destroy you. 4 And He wrote on the tablets according

to the first writing, the Ten

26Therefore I prayed to the LORD, and Commandments, which the LORD had

said: "O Lord GOD, do not destroy Your spoken to you in the mountain from the

people and Your inheritance whom You midst of the fire in the day of the

have redeemed through Your greatness, assembly; and the LORD gave them to

whom You have brought out of Egypt me. with a mighty hand.

2 mountain, and put the tablets in the ark

7Remember Your servants, Abraham, 5Then I turned and came down from the

Isaac, and Jacob; do not look on the which I had made; and there they are,

stubbornness of this people, or on their just as the LORD commanded me." wickedness or their sin,

6 (Now the children of Israel journeyed

2 8 est the land from which You brought

from the wells of Bene Jaakan to

us should say, "Because the LORD was Moserah, where Aaron died, and where

not able to bring them to the land which he was buried; and Eleazar his son

He promised them, and because He ministered as priest in his stead. hated them, He has brought them out to

kill them in the wilderness." 7From there they journeyed to

2 Jotbathah, a land of rivers of water. 9Yet they are Your people and Your Gudgodah, and from Gudgodah to

inheritance, whom You brought out by

Your mighty power and by Your 'At that time the LORD separated the outstretched arm.' tribe of Levi to bear the ark of the

covenant of the LORD, to stand before

the LORD to minister to Him and to

1 bless in His name, to this day. 0 At that time the LORD said to me,

"Hew for yourself two tablets of stone

like the first, and come up to Me on the "Therefore Levi has no portion nor

inheritance with his brethren; the LORD

is his inheritance, just as the LORD your <sup>18</sup>He administers justice for the God promised him.) fatherless and the widow, and loves the

stranger, giving him food and clothing.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup> As at the first time, I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights; the <sup>1</sup> ' Therefore love the stranger, for you LORD also heard me at that time, and were strangers in the land of Egypt. the LORD chose not to destroy you.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup> ou shall fear the LORD your God;

<sup>11</sup> Then the LORD said to me, "Arise, you shall serve Him, and to Him you

begin your journey before the people, shall hold fast, and take oaths in His

that they may go in and possess the name. land which I swore to their fathers to

give them.' <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

He is your praise, and He is your God,

who has done for you these great and

<sup>12</sup> And now, Israel, what does the LORD

awesome things which your eyes have

your God require of you, but to fear the seen. LORD your God, to walk in all His ways

and to love Him, to serve the LORD <sup>22</sup> our fathers went down to Egypt with your God with all your heart and with all seventy persons, and now the LORD

your soul, your God has made you as the stars of

heaven in multitude.

h and to keep the commandments of the

LORD and His statutes which I

command you today for your good? 1 1 Therefore you shall love the

1 LORD your God, and keep His charge, 4

ndeed heaven and the highest

His statutes, His judgments, and His

heavens belong to the LORD your God, commandments always. also the earth with all that is in it.

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5The LORD delighted only in your 2 Know today that I do not speak with

your children, who have not known and

fathers, to love them; and He chose

who have not seen the chastening of the

their descendants after them, you above LORD your God, His greatness and His

all peoples, as it is this day. mighty hand and His outstretched arm--

16Therefore circumcise the foreskin of 3

His signs and His acts which He did in

your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. the midst of Egypt, to Pharaoh king of

1 Egypt, and to all his land;

For the LORD your God is God of  
gods and Lord of lords, the great God, <sup>4</sup> what He did to the army of  
Egypt, to mighty and awesome, who shows no their horses and their  
chariots: how He  
partiality nor takes a bribe. made the waters of the Red Sea  
overflow them as they pursued you, and how the LORD has destroyed  
them to are always on it, from the beginning of  
this day; the year to the very end of the year.

<sup>s 1</sup> what He did for you in the wilderness <sup>3</sup> 'And it shall be that if you  
earnestly until you came to this place; obey My commandments which  
I

command you today, to love the LORD

<sup>6</sup> your God and serve Him with all your and what He did to Dathan  
and Abiram

the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben: heart and with all your soul, how  
the earth opened its mouth and

swallowed them up, their households, <sup>1 4</sup>

then I will give you the rain for your

their tents, and all the substance that land in its season, the early rain  
and the

was in their possession, in the midst of latter rain, that you may  
gather in your

all Israel-- grain, your new wine, and your oil.

<sup>7 1</sup> but your eyes have seen every great <sup>5</sup> And I will send grass in your  
fields for act of the LORD which He did. your livestock, that you may  
eat and be

filled.'



"Therefore you shall keep every

commandment which I command you <sup>16</sup>Take heed to yourselves, lest your today, that you may be strong, and go in heart be deceived, and you turn aside

and possess the land which you cross and serve other gods and worship them,

over to possess,

<sup>17</sup>lest the LORD's anger be aroused

'and that you may prolong your days in against you, and He shut up the

the land which the LORD swore to give heavens so that there be no rain, and

your fathers, to them and their the land yield no produce, and you

descendants, 'a land flowing with milk perish quickly from the good land which

and honey.' the LORD is giving you.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>10</sup>For the land which you go to possess

" Therefore you shall lay up these

is not like the land of Egypt from which words of mine in your heart and in your

you have come, where you sowed your soul, and bind them as a sign on your

seed and watered it by foot, as a hand, and they shall be as frontlets

vegetable garden; between your eyes.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>1</sup> but the land which you cross over to ' You shall teach them to your children,

possess is a land of hills and valleys, speaking of them when you sit in your

which drinks water from the rain of house, when you walk by the way, when

heaven, you lie down, and when you rise up.

1220 And you shall write them on the a land for which the LORD your God

cares; the eyes of the LORD your God doorposts of your house and on your

gates,

221 that your days and the days of your

' Now it shall be, when the LORD your

children may be multiplied in the land of God has brought you into the land which

which the LORD swore to your fathers you go to possess, that you shall put the

to give them, like the days of the blessing on Mount Gerizim and the heavens above the earth. curse on Mount Ebal.

2230 'For if you carefully keep all these Are they not on the other side of the

commandments which I command you Jordan, toward the setting sun, in the

to do--to love the LORD your God, to land of the Canaanites who dwell in the

walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to plain opposite Gilgal, beside the

Him-- terebinth trees of Moreh?

2 3 hen the LORD will drive out all these 31For you will cross over the Jordan and

nations from before you, and you will go in to possess the land which the

dispossess greater and mightier nations LORD your God is giving you, and you

than yourselves. will possess it and dwell in it.

2 3 42 Every place on which the sole of your And you shall be careful to observe all foot treads shall be yours: from the the statutes and judgments which I set

wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, before you today. the River Euphrates, even to the

Western Sea, shall be your territory.

2

5No man shall be able to stand against 1 2 These are the statutes and

judgments which you shall be careful to

you; the LORD your God will put the observe in the land which the LORD

dread of you and the fear of you upon all God of your fathers is giving you to

the land where you tread, just as He has possess, all the days that you live on the

said to you. earth.

26 Behold, I set before you today a

2 You shall utterly destroy all the places

blessing and a curse: where the nations which you shall

2 dispossess served their gods, on the 7 he blessing, if you obey the

high mountains and on the hills and

commandments of the LORD your God under every green tree.  
which I command you today;

3And you shall destroy their altars, break

2' and the curse, if you do not obey the their sacred pillars, and burn  
their

commandments of the LORD your God, wooden images with fire; you  
shall cut

but turn aside from the way which I down the carved images of their  
gods

command you today, to go after other and destroy their names from  
that place.

gods which you have not known.

4You shall not worship the LORD your God with such things.

5 But you shall seek the place where the daughters, your male and  
female

LORD your God chooses, out of all your servants, and the Levite who  
is within

tribes, to put His name for His dwelling your gates, since he has no  
portion nor

place; and there you shall go. inheritance with you.

6 1 3

There you shall take your burnt Take heed to yourself that you do not

offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, the offer your burnt offerings in every place

heave offerings of your hand, your that you see; vowed offerings, your freewill offerings,

and the firstborn of your herds and <sup>1</sup> 4but in the place which the LORD flocks. chooses, in one of your tribes, there you

shall offer your burnt offerings, and

<sup>7</sup>And there you shall eat before the there you shall do all that I command

LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in you. all to which you have put your hand, you

and your households, in which the <sup>1</sup> 5 However, you may slaughter and eat LORD your God has blessed you. meat within all your gates, whatever

your heart desires, according to the

<sup>8</sup> You shall not at all do as we are doing blessing of the LORD your God which

here today--every man doing whatever He has given you; the unclean and the

is right in his own eyes-- clean may eat of it, of the gazelle and

the deer alike.

'for as yet you have not come to the rest

<sup>1</sup> 6

and the inheritance which the LORD Only you shall not eat the blood; you

your God is giving you. shall pour it on the earth like water.

<sup>1</sup> 1 0But when you cross over the Jordan <sup>7</sup> ou may not eat within your gates the and dwell in the land which the LORD tithe of your grain or your new wine or

your God is giving you to inherit, and He your oil, of the firstborn of your herd or

gives you rest from all your enemies your flock, of any of your offerings which

round about, so that you dwell in safety, you vow, of your freewill offerings, or of

the heave offering of your hand.

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hen there will be the place where the 8But you must eat them before the

LORD your God chooses to make His 1 name abide. There you shall bring all LORD your God in the place which the

that I command you: your burnt offerings, LORD your God chooses, you and your

your sacrifices, your tithes, the heave son and your daughter, your male

offerings of your hand, and all your servant and your female servant, and

choice offerings which you vow to the the Levite who is within your gates; and

LORD. you shall rejoice before the LORD your

God in all to which you put your hands.

12

And you shall rejoice before the LORD

your God, you and your sons and your 19Take heed to yourself that you do not the LORD your God; and the blood of

forsake the Levite as long as you live in your sacrifices shall be poured out on

your land. the altar of the LORD your God, and you

shall eat the meat.

20a When the LORD your God enlarges your border as He has promised you, 2 8observe and obey all these words and you say, "Let me eat meat,' which I command you, that it may go

because you long to eat meat, you may well with you and your children after you

eat as much meat as your heart desires. forever, when you do what is good and

right in the sight of the LORD your God.

2 1) the place where the LORD your God chooses to put His name is too far from 2 " When the LORD your God cuts off you, then you may slaughter from your from before you the nations which you

herd and from your flock which the go to dispossess, and you displace

LORD has given you, just as I have them and dwell in their land, commanded you, and you may eat

within your gates as much as your heart 30take heed to yourself that you are not desires. ensnared to follow them, after they are

destroyed from before you, and that you

22 Just as the gazelle and the deer are do not inquire after their gods, saying,

eaten, so you may eat them; the "How did these nations serve their

unclean and the clean alike may eat gods? I also will do likewise.' them.

31 ou shall not worship the LORD your

23Only be sure that you do not eat the God in that way; for every abomination

blood, for the blood is the life; you may to the LORD which He hates they have

not eat the life with the meat. done to their gods; for they burn even

their sons and daughters in the fire to

24 ou shall not eat it; you shall pour it on their gods.

the earth like water. 24 Whatever I command you, be careful

3

25 to observe it; you shall not add to it nor

You shall not eat it, that it may go well

with you and your children after you, take away from it. when you do  
what is right in the sight of

the LORD.

1 3 If there arises among you a

26

Only the holy things which you have, prophet or a dreamer of  
dreams, and he

and your vowed offerings, you shall take gives you a sign or a wonder,  
and go to the place which the LORD

chooses. 2 and the sign or the wonder comes to

2 pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 7And you shall offer your  
burnt offerings,

"Let us go after other gods'--which you

the meat and the blood, on the altar of have not known--"and let us  
serve 9but you shall surely kill him; your hand them,' shall be first  
against him to put him to

death, and afterward the hand of all the

3 people. you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that  
dreamer of dreams, for

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the LORD your God is testing you to And you shall stone him with



stones

know whether you love the LORD your God until he dies, because he sought to

God with all your heart and with all your might you away from the LORD your

soul. God, who brought you out of the land of

Egypt, from the house of bondage.

4 You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His 1  
So all Israel shall hear and fear, and commandments and obey His  
voice; not again do such wickedness as this

you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. among you.

5 1 But that prophet or that dreamer of 2a you hear someone in one of  
your dreams shall be put to death, because cities, which the LORD  
your God gives

he has spoken in order to turn you away you to dwell in, saying, from  
the LORD your God, who brought

you out of the land of Egypt and 13 Corrupt men have gone out from  
redeemed you from the house of among you and enticed the  
inhabitants

bondage, to entice you from the way in of their city, saying, "Let us go  
and serve

which the LORD your God commanded other gods"--which you have  
not known-

you to walk. So you shall put away the

evil from your midst.

1 4

6 then you shall inquire, search out, and

If your brother, the son of your mother, ask diligently. And if it is  
indeed true and

your son or your daughter, the wife of certain that such an  
abomination was

your bosom, or your friend who is as committed among you, your own  
soul, secretly entices you,

saying, "Let us go and serve other 1 5y gods,' which you have not  
known, ou shall surely strike the inhabitants

of that city with the edge of the sword,

neither you nor your fathers,

utterly destroying it, all that is in it and its

7 livestock--with the edge of the sword.

of the gods of the people which are all

around you, near to you or far off from 1 6And you shall gather all its  
plunder into you, from one end of the earth to the

the middle of the street, and completely

other end of the earth,

burn with fire the city and all its plunder,

8 for the LORD your God. It shall be a

you shall not consent to him or listen to heap forever; it shall not be  
built again.

him, nor shall your eye pity him, nor

shall you spare him or conceal him; 17

So none of the accursed things shall

remain in your hand, that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of  
His anger 8Also the swine is unclean for you, and show you mercy,  
have compassion because it has cloven hooves, yet does

on you and multiply you, just as He not chew the cud; you shall not  
eat their

swore to your fathers, flesh or touch their dead carcasses.

<sup>1</sup> ' because you have listened to the voice "'These you may eat of all that are in

of the LORD your God, to keep all His the waters: you may eat all that have

commandments which I command you fins and scales. today, to do what is right in the eyes of

the LORD your God. <sup>1</sup> 0And whatever does not have fins and

scales you shall not eat; it is unclean for  
you.

<sup>1</sup> 4 You are the children of the LORD

your God; you shall not cut yourselves <sup>1</sup> 14'All clean birds you may eat.

nor shave the front of your head for the

<sup>1</sup> 2

dead. But these you shall not eat: the eagle,

the vulture, the buzzard,

<sup>2</sup>For you are a holy people to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen the red kite, the falcon, and the kite <sup>1</sup> 3

you to be a people for Himself, a special after their kinds; treasure above all the peoples who are

on the face of the earth. <sup>1</sup> 4every raven after its kind;

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> "5 You shall not eat any detestable thing.the ostrich, the short-eared owl, the

sea gull, and the hawk after their kinds;

<sup>4</sup>These are the animals which you may

eat: the ox, the sheep, the goat, 1 6 the little owl, the screech owl, the

white owl,

the deer, the gazelle, the roe deer, the

wild goat, the mountain goat, the 1 7 the jackdaw, the carrion vulture,  
the antelope, and the mountain sheep. fisher owl,

6 And you may eat every animal with ' the stork, the heron after its  
kind, and

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cloven hooves, having the hoof split into the hoopoe and the bat. two  
parts, and that chews the cud,

among the animals. 1

" Also every creeping thing that flies is

7 unclean for you; they shall not be eaten.

Nevertheless, of those that chew the

cud or have cloven hooves, you shall 2 0 You may eat all clean birds.  
not eat, such as these: the camel, the

hare, and the rock hyrax; for they chew 2 1 'You shall not eat anything  
that dies of the cud but do not have cloven hooves; they are unclean  
for you. itself; you may give it to the alien who is

within your gates, that he may eat it, or 284' At the end of every third  
year you you may sell it to a foreigner; for you are shall bring out the  
tithe of your produce

a holy people to the LORD your God. of that year and store it up  
within your

"You shall not boil a young goat in its gates. mother's milk.

2 ' And the Levite, because he has no

22 You shall truly tithe all the increase of

portion nor inheritance with you, and the

your grain that the field produces year stranger and the fatherless and the

by year. widow who are within your gates, may

come and eat and be satisfied, that the

23 And you shall eat before the LORD LORD your God may bless you in all the

your God, in the place where He work of your hand which you do. chooses to make His name abide, the

tithe of your grain and your new wine

and your oil, of the firstborn of your 1 5 At the end of every seven years

herds and your flocks, that you may you shall grant a release of debts. learn to fear the LORD your God always.

2 But if the journey is too long for you, Every creditor who has lent anything to

4 2 And this is the form of the release:

so that you are not able to carry the tithe, his neighbor shall release it; he shall not

or if the place where the LORD your require it of his neighbor or his brother,

God chooses to put His name is too far because it is called the LORD's release. from you, when the LORD your God has

blessed you, 3

Of a foreigner you may require it; but

2 you shall give up your claim to what is 5Then you shall exchange it for money,

owed by your brother,

take the money in your hand, and go to

the place which the LORD your God 4 chooses. except when there may be no poor

among you; for the LORD will greatly

2 bless you in the land which the LORD 6And you shall spend that money for

your God is giving you to possess as an

whatever your heart desires: for oxen or inheritance--sheep, for wine or similar drink, for

whatever your heart desires; you shall s only if you carefully obey the voice of eat there before the LORD your God, the LORD your God, to observe with and you shall rejoice, you and your care all these commandments which I household. command you today.

27 ou shall not forsake the Levite who is 6For the LORD your God will bless you

within your gates, for he has no part nor

just as He promised you; you shall lend

inheritance with you.

to many nations, but you shall not

borrow; you shall reign over many

nations, but they shall not reign over you.

7 14y If there is among you a poor man of ou shall supply him liberally

from your your brethren, within any of the gates in flock, from your threshing floor, and from

your land which the LORD your God is your winepress. From what the LORD

giving you, you shall not harden your has blessed you with, you shall give to

heart nor shut your hand from your poor him. brother,

15 you shall remember that you were a

slave but you shall open your hand wide to slave in the land of Egypt, and the

him and willingly lend him sufficient for LORD your God redeemed you;

his need, whatever he needs. therefore I command you this thing

today.

'Beware lest there be a wicked thought

in your heart, saying, "The seventh year, 16And if it happens that he says to you, the year of release, is at hand,' and your "I will not go away from you,' because

eye be evil against your poor brother he loves you and your house, since he

and you give him nothing, and he cry prospers with you, out to the LORD against you, and it

become sin among you. 17then you shall take an awl and thrust it

18 be your servant forever. Also to your

you shall surely give to him, and your through his ear to the door, and he shall

heart should not be grieved when you female servant you shall do likewise. give to him, because for this thing the

LORD your God will bless you in all your 18 It shall not seem hard to you when you works and in all to which you put your send him away free from you; for he has

hand. been worth a double hired servant in

serving you six years. Then the LORD

11

For the poor will never cease from the your God will bless you in all that you do.

land; therefore I command you, saying,

"You shall open your hand wide to your 1 " All the firstborn males that come from brother, to your poor and your needy, in your herd and your flock you shall

your land.' sanctify to the LORD your God; you

shall do no work with the firstborn of

12a your brother, a Hebrew man, or a

your herd, nor shear the firstborn of your

Hebrew woman, is sold to you and flock. serves you six years, then in the

seventh year you shall let him go free 2 0 ou and your household shall eat it from you. before the LORD your God year by year

in the place which the LORD chooses.

13And when you send him away free from you, you shall not let him go away 2 1But if there is a defect in it, if it is lame empty-handed; or blind or has any serious defect, you

shall not sacrifice it to the LORD your

God.

27 2

You may eat it within your gates; the And you shall roast and eat it in the



unclean and the clean person alike may place which the LORD your God

eat it, as if it were a gazelle or a deer. chooses, and in the morning you shall

turn and go to your tents.

23

Only you shall not eat its blood; you

shall pour it on the ground like water. 8Six days you shall eat unleavened

bread, and on the seventh day there

shall be a sacred assembly to the LORD

1 your God. You shall do no work on it. 6 Observe the month of Abib, and

keep the Passover to the LORD your

God, for in the month of Abib the LORD "You shall count seven weeks for

your God brought you out of Egypt by yourself; begin to count the seven

night. weeks from the time you begin to put

the sickle to the grain.

2Therefore you shall sacrifice the 0Then you shall keep the Feast of

1

Passover to the LORD your God, from

Weeks to the LORD your God with the

the flock and the herd, in the place

where the LORD chooses to put His tribute of a freewill offering from your

name. hand, which you shall give as the LORD

your God blesses you.

3You shall eat no leavened bread with it; <sup>1</sup> 1 ou shall rejoice before the LORD seven days you shall eat unleavened your God, you and your son and your bread with it, that is, the bread of daughter, your male servant and your affliction (for you came out of the land of female servant, the Levite who is within Egypt in haste), that you may remember your gates, the stranger and the the day in which you came out of the fatherless and the widow who are land of Egypt all the days of your life. among you, at the place where the <sup>4</sup> LORD your God chooses to make His

And no leaven shall be seen among name abide.

you in all your territory for seven days,

nor shall any of the meat which you <sup>12</sup>And you shall remember that you were sacrifice the first day at twilight remain a slave in Egypt, and you shall be overnight until morning. careful to observe these statutes.

<sup>5</sup> You may not sacrifice the Passover <sup>3</sup> You shall observe the Feast of

<sup>1</sup>

within any of your gates which the

Tabernacles seven days, when you

LORD your God gives you;

have gathered from your threshing floor

<sup>6</sup> and from your winepress.

but at the place where the LORD your

God chooses to make His name abide, <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>And you shall rejoice in your

feast, you there you shall sacrifice the Passover at

twilight, at the going down of the sun, at and your son and your daughter, your

the time you came out of Egypt. male servant and your female servant and the Levite, the stranger and the 2 You shall not set up a sacred pillar, fatherless and the widow, who are within which the LORD your God hates. your gates.

15

Seven days you shall keep a sacred 1 7 You shall not sacrifice to the

feast to the LORD your God in the place

LORD your God a bull or sheep which

which the LORD chooses, because the

has any blemish or defect, for that is an

LORD your God will bless you in all your

abomination to the LORD your God.

produce and in all the work of your

hands, so that you surely rejoice. 2

If there is found among you, within any

1 of your gates which the LORD your God 6§ Three times a year all your males gives you, a man or a woman who has shall appear before the LORD your God been wicked in the sight of the LORD in the place which He chooses: at the your God, in transgressing His covenant, Feast of Unleavened Bread, at the

Feast of Weeks, and at the Feast of 3who has gone and served other gods

Tabernacles; and they shall not appear

before the LORD empty-handed. and worshiped them, either the sun  
or

moon or any of the host of heaven,

<sup>1</sup> which I have not commanded, <sup>7</sup>Every man shall give as he is able,  
according to the blessing of the LORD <sup>4</sup> your God which He has given  
you. and it is told you, and you hear of it,

then you shall inquire diligently. And if it

<sup>1</sup> is indeed true and certain that such an <sup>8</sup> You shall appoint judges  
and officers

abomination has been committed in

in all your gates, which the LORD your

Israel,

God gives you, according to your tribes,

and they shall judge the people with just sthen you shall bring out to  
your gates judgment. that man or woman who has committed

<sup>1</sup> that wicked thing, and shall stone to <sup>9</sup>You shall not pervert justice;  
you shall

death that man or woman with stones.

not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for

a bribe blinds the eyes of the wise and <sup>6</sup> twists the words of the  
righteous. Whoever is deserving of death shall be

put to death on the testimony of two or

2 three witnesses; he shall not be put to 0 You shall follow what is altogether just, death on the testimony of one witness. that you may live and inherit the land

which the LORD your God is giving you. 7

The hands of the witnesses shall be the

2 first against him to put him to death, and 1 'You shall not plant for yourself any afterward the hands of all the people. So tree, as a wooden image, near the altar you shall put away the evil from among which you build for yourself to the LORD you. your God.

8 1 If a matter arises which is too hard for 5you shall surely set a king over you you to judge, between degrees of guilt whom the LORD your God chooses;

for bloodshed, between one judgment or one from among your brethren you shall

another, or between one punishment or set as king over you; you may not set a

another, matters of controversy within foreigner over you, who is not your

your gates, then you shall arise and go brother. up to the place which the LORD your

God chooses. 1 6But he shall not multiply horses for

himself, nor cause the people to return

'And you shall come to the priests, the to Egypt to multiply horses, for the

Levites, and to the judge there in those LORD has said to you, "You shall not

days, and inquire of them; they shall return that way again.' pronounce upon you the sentence of

judgment. 17Neither shall he multiply wives for

himself, lest his heart turn away; nor

You shall do according to the sentence shall he greatly multiply  
silver and gold

which they pronounce upon you in that for himself. place which the  
LORD chooses. And

you shall be careful to do according to <sup>184</sup>Also it shall be, when he  
sits on the

all that they order you. throne of his kingdom, that he shall write

for himself a copy of this law in a book,

<sup>11</sup>According to the sentence of the law in from the one before the  
priests, the

which they instruct you, according to the Levites. judgment which  
they tell you, you shall

do; you shall not turn aside to the right <sup>1</sup> ' And it shall be with him,  
and he shall hand or to the left from the sentence read it all the days  
of his life, that he

which they pronounce upon you. may learn to fear the LORD his God  
and

be careful to observe all the words of

<sup>12</sup>

Now the man who acts this law and these statutes,

presumptuously and will not heed the

priest who stands to minister there <sup>2</sup> 0that his heart may not be lifted  
above before the LORD your God, or the judge, his brethren, that he  
may not turn aside

that man shall die. So you shall put from the commandment to the  
right

away the evil from Israel. hand or to the left, and that he may

<sup>1</sup> his children in the midst of Israel. <sup>3</sup>And all the people shall hear and fear, prolong his days in his kingdom, he and

and no longer act presumptuously.

<sup>14a</sup> When you come to the land which the

<sup>1 8</sup> The priests, the Levites--all the

LORD your God is giving you, and

tribe of Levi--shall have no part nor

possess it and dwell in it, and say, "I will

inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the

set a king over me like all the nations offerings of the LORD made by fire, and

that are around me,' His portion.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore they shall have no daughter pass through the fire, or one inheritance among their brethren; the who practices witchcraft, or a LORD is their inheritance, as He said to soothsayer, or one who interprets

them. omens, or a sorcerer,

<sup>3</sup>"And this shall be the priest's due from <sup>1 1 r</sup> one who conjures spells, or a the people, from those who offer a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls

sacrifice, whether it is bull or sheep: up the dead. they shall give to the priest the shoulder,

the cheeks, and the stomach. <sup>1 2</sup>For all who do these things are an

abomination to the LORD, and because

<sup>4</sup>The firstfruits of your grain and your of these abominations the LORD your

new wine and your oil, and the first of God drives them out from before you.

the fleece of your sheep, you shall give

him. <sup>1</sup> 3 ou shall be blameless before the

LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>For the LORD your God has chosen

him out of all your tribes to stand to <sup>1</sup> 4For these nations which you will minister in the name of the LORD, him dispossess listened to soothsayers and

and his sons forever. diviners; but as for you, the LORD your

God has not appointed such for you.

<sup>6</sup> So if a Levite comes from any of your

gates, from where he dwells among all <sup>1</sup> 54 'The LORD your God will raise up for Israel, and comes with all the desire of you a Prophet like me from your midst,

his mind to the place which the LORD from your brethren. Him you shall hear,

chooses,

<sup>1</sup> 6according to all you desired of the

<sup>7</sup>then he may serve in the name of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of

LORD his God as all his brethren the the assembly, saying, "Let me not hear

Levites do, who stand there before the again the voice of the LORD my God,

LORD. nor let me see this great fire anymore,

lest I die.'

<sup>8</sup>They shall have equal portions to eat, besides what comes from the sale of his <sup>1</sup> 7§ 'And the LORD said to me: "What they inheritance.



have spoken is good.

"When you come into the land which I will raise up for them a  
Prophet like

the LORD your God is giving you, you you from among their brethren,  
and will

shall not learn to follow the put My words in His mouth, and He shall  
abominations of those nations. speak to them all that I command Him.

10There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or  
his 19And it shall be that whoever will not unintentionally, not having  
hated him in

hear My words, which He speaks in My time past--name, I will require  
it of him.

s as when a man goes to the woods with

20

But the prophet who presumes to his neighbor to cut timber, and his  
hand

speak a word in My name, which I have swings a stroke with the ax to  
cut down

not commanded him to speak, or who the tree, and the head slips  
from the

speaks in the name of other gods, that handle and strikes his neighbor  
so that

prophet shall die.' he dies--he shall flee to one of these

cities and live;

21And if you say in your heart, "How shall we know the word which  
the LORD 6 lest the avenger of blood, while his has not spoken?"--  
anger is hot, pursue the manslayer and

overtake him, because the way is long,

22 and kill him, though he was not

when a prophet speaks in the name of

the LORD, if the thing does not happen deserving of death, since he had not

or come to pass, that is the thing which hated the victim in time past. the LORD has not spoken; the prophet

has spoken it presumptuously; you shall 7Therefore I command you, saying, "You not be afraid of him. shall separate three cities for yourself.'

8 Now if the LORD your God enlarges

1 your territory, as He swore to your 9 When the LORD your God has

cut off the nations whose land the LORD fathers, and gives you the land which

He promised to give to your fathers,

your God is giving you, and you

dispossess them and dwell in their cities

and in their houses, 'and if you keep all these

commandments and do them, which I

2 command you today, to love the LORD

you shall separate three cities for

your God and to walk always in His

yourself in the midst of your land which

ways, then you shall add three more

the LORD your God is giving you to

cities for yourself besides these three,

possess.

3 10 est innocent blood be shed in the

You shall prepare roads for yourself,

midst of your land which the LORD your

and divide into three parts the territory of

God is giving you as an inheritance, and

your land which the LORD your God is

thus guilt of bloodshed be upon you.

giving you to inherit, that any manslayer

may flee there. 1 1 'But if anyone hates his neighbor, lies 4 in wait for him, rises against him and

And this is the case of the manslayer

strikes him mortally, so that he dies, and

who flees there, that he may live:

he flees to one of these cities,

Whoever kills his neighbor

1 2 2t1

hen the elders of his city shall send Your eye shall not pity: life shall be for

and bring him from there, and deliver life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for

him over to the hand of the avenger of hand, foot for foot. blood, that he may die.

Your eye shall not pity him, but you 2 0 When you go out to  
battle against

shall put away the guilt of innocent your enemies, and see horses and  
blood from Israel, that it may go well chariots and people more  
numerous  
with you.

than you, do not be afraid of them; for

1 the LORD your God is with you, who 4 You shall not remove your  
neighbor's brought you up from the land of Egypt.

landmark, which the men of old have set,

in your inheritance which you will inherit 2

So it shall be, when you are on the

in the land that the LORD your God is verge of battle, that the priest  
shall

giving you to possess. approach and speak to the people.

15 One witness shall not rise against a 3 And he shall say to them,  
"Hear, O

man concerning any iniquity or any sin

Israel: Today you are on the verge of

that he commits; by the mouth of two or

battle with your enemies. Do not let your

three witnesses the matter shall be heart faint, do not be afraid, and  
do not

established. tremble or be terrified because of them;

16 a false witness rises against any

4 for the LORD your God is He who goes  
man to testify against him of wrongdoing,

with you, to fight for you against your

1 enemies, to save you.' 7t hen both men in the controversy shall

stand before the LORD, before the 5 Then the officers shall speak to  
the priests and the judges who serve in people, saying: "What man is  
there who

those days. has built a new house and has not

1 dedicated it? Let him go and return to 8And the judges shall make  
careful

his house, lest he die in the battle and

inquiry, and indeed, if the witness is a another man dedicate it. false  
witness, who has testified falsely

against his brother, 6 Also what man is there who has 1 planted a  
vineyard and has not eaten of

' then you shall do to him as he thought it? Let him go and return to  
his house,

to have done to his brother; so you shall lest he die in the battle and  
another man

put away the evil from among you. eat of it.

27 0And those who remain shall hear and

And what man is there who is betrothed

fear, and hereafter they shall not again to a woman and has not

married her?

commit such evil among you. Let him go and return to his house, lest  
he die in the battle and another man 'But of the cities of these peoples  
16

marry her.' which the LORD your God gives you as

an inheritance, you shall let nothing that

8 breathes remain alive, The officers shall speak further to the people,  
and say, "What man is there

1 7

who is fearful and fainthearted? Let him but you shall utterly destroy  
them: the

go and return to his house, lest the heart Hittite and the Amorite and  
the

of his brethren faint like his heart.' Canaanite and the Perizzite and  
the

Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the

'And so it shall be, when the officers LORD your God has commanded  
you,

have finished speaking to the people,

that they shall make captains of the 1' lest they teach you to do  
according to armies to lead the people. all their abominations which  
they have

done for their gods, and you sin against

10s When you go near a city to fight the LORD your God. against it,  
then proclaim an offer of

peace to it. 1" When you besiege a city for a long

time, while making war against it to take

11 it, you shall not destroy its trees by

And it shall be that if they accept your  
offer of peace, and open to you, then all wielding an ax against them;  
if you can  
the people who are found in it shall be eat of them, do not cut them  
down to  
placed under tribute to you, and serve use in the siege, for the tree of  
the field  
you. is man's food.

1 20 2 On Iy the trees which you know are not Now if the city will not  
make peace with you, but war against you, then you trees for food you  
may destroy and cut  
shall besiege it. down, to build siegeworks against the  
city that makes war with you, until it is  
1 subdued. 3 And when the LORD your God delivers it into your hands,  
you shall  
strike every male in it with the edge of  
the sword. 2 1 If anyone is found slain, lying in  
the field in the land which the LORD

14  
But the women, the little ones, the your God is giving you to  
possess, and it  
livestock, and all that is in the city, all its is not known who killed  
him, spoil, you shall plunder for yourself; and  
you shall eat the enemies' plunder which 2 then your elders and your  
judges shall the LORD your God gives you. go out and measure the  
distance from  
the slain man to the surrounding cities.  
15 Thus you shall do to all the cities which are very far from you,

which are 3And it shall be that the elders of the city

not of the cities of these nations. nearest to the slain man will take a



heifer which has not been worked and and you see among the captives  
a

which has not pulled with a yoke. beautiful woman, and desire her  
and

would take her for your wife,

4The elders of that city shall bring the

1 2

heifer down to a valley with flowing then you shall bring her home to  
your

water, which is neither plowed nor sown, house, and she shall shave  
her head

and they shall break the heifer's neck and trim her nails. there in the  
valley.

1 3

She shall put off the clothes of her

5Then the priests, the sons of Levi, shall captivity, remain in your  
house, and

come near, for the LORD your God has mourn her father and her  
mother a full

chosen them to minister to Him and to month; after that you may go  
in to her

bless in the name of the LORD; by their and be her husband, and she  
shall be

word every controversy and every your wife. assault shall be settled.

1 4

And it shall be, if you have no delight

6And all the elders of that city nearest to in her, then you shall set her free, but

the slain man shall wash their hands you certainly shall not sell her for

over the heifer whose neck was broken money; you shall not treat her brutally,

in the valley. because you have humbled her.

7 1 Then they shall answer and say, "Our 54 f a man has two wives, one loved hands have not shed this blood, nor and the other unloved, and they have

have our eyes seen it. borne him children, both the loved and

the unloved, and if the firstborn son is of

8 her who is unloved, Provide atonement, O LORD, for Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not lay innocent 1 6

then it shall be, on the day he

blood to the charge of Your people bequeaths his possessions to his sons,

Israel.' And atonement shall be provided that he must not bestow firstborn status

on their behalf for the blood. on the son of the loved wife in

preference to the son of the unloved, the

'So you shall put away the guilt of true firstborn. innocent blood from among you when

you do what is right in the sight of the 1 7

But he shall acknowledge the son of

LORD. the unloved wife as the firstborn by

giving him a double portion of all that he

10s When you go out to war against your has, for he is the beginning of his

enemies, and the LORD your God strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

delivers them into your hand, and you

take them captive, 1 'If a man has a stubborn and

rebellious son who will not obey the

voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have which he has lost and you have found,

chastened him, will not heed them, you shall do likewise; you must not hide

yourself.

1 9 hen his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the 4 You shall not see your brother's elders of his city, to the gate of his city. donkey or his ox fall down along the

road, and hide yourself from them; you

20 shall surely help him lift them up again.

And they shall say to the elders of his

city, "This son of ours is stubborn and

rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he 5 A woman shall not wear anything that is a glutton and a drunkard.' pertains to a man, nor shall a man put

on a woman's garment, for all who do so

21 are an abomination to the LORD your

Then all the men of his city shall stone

him to death with stones; so you shall God. put away the evil from among you, and

all Israel shall hear and fear. 6 If a bird's nest happens to be before

you along the way, in any tree or on the

22s a man has committed a sin ground, with young ones or eggs, with  
deserving of death, and he is put to the mother sitting on the young or  
on the

death, and you hang him on a tree, eggs, you shall not take the  
mother with

the young;

23his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely  
bury him 7you shall surely let the mother go, and

that day, so that you do not defile the take the young for yourself, that  
it may

land which the LORD your God is giving be well with you and that  
you may

you as an inheritance; for he who is prolong your days. hanged is  
accursed of God.

8 When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for  
your roof, that

22 You shall not see your brother's you may not bring guilt of  
bloodshed on

your household if anyone falls from it.

ox or his sheep going astray, and hide

yourself from them; you shall certainly 9 You shall not sow your  
vineyard with bring them back to your brother. different kinds of  
seed, lest the yield of 2 the seed which you have sown and the

And if your brother is not near you, or if fruit of your vineyard be  
defiled.

you do not know him, then you shall

bring it to your own house, and it shall 10 You shall not plow with an

ox and a remain with you until your brother seeks donkey together. it; then you shall restore it to him.

3You shall do the same with his donkey, <sup>1</sup> 1 'You shall not wear a garment of

different sorts, such as wool and linen

and so shall you do with his garment;

with any lost thing of your mixed together. brother's, <sup>1</sup> 2 2 You shall make tassels on the four <sup>0</sup> But if the thing is true, and evidences corners of the clothing with which you of virginity are not found for the young

cover yourself. woman,

<sup>1</sup> 2 <sup>1</sup> 3 f any man takes a wife, and goes in then they shall bring out the young to her, and detests her, woman to the door of her father's house,

and the men of her city shall stone her

<sup>14</sup> to death with stones, because she has

and charges her with shameful

conduct, and brings a bad name on her, done a disgraceful thing in Israel, to play

and says, "I took this woman, and when the harlot in her father's house. So you

I came to her I found she was not a shall put away the evil from among you.

virgin,' <sup>24</sup> f a man is found lying with a woman

15 hen the father and mother of the married to a husband, then both of them

young woman shall take and bring out shall die--the man that lay with the

the evidence of the young woman's woman, and the woman; so you shall

virginity to the elders of the city at the put away the evil from Israel.

gate. 3 f a young woman who is a virgin is

2

16And the young woman's father shall betrothed to a husband, and a man finds

say to the elders, "I gave my daughter to her in the city and lies with her, this man as wife, and he detests her.

2 4

then you shall bring them both out to

17 the gate of that city, and you shall stone

Now he has charged her with

shameful conduct, saying, "I found your them to death with stones, the young

daughter was not a virgin," and yet woman because she did not cry out in

these are the evidences of my the city, and the man because he

daughter's virginity.' And they shall humbled his neighbor's wife; so you

spread the cloth before the elders of the shall put away the evil from among you.

city.

2 5 But if a man finds a betrothed young

1 woman in the countryside, and the man ' Then the elders of that city shall take

that man and punish him; forces her and lies with her, then only

the man who lay with her shall die.

1' and they shall fine him one hundred shekels of silver and give them to the But you shall do nothing to the young 2 6

father of the young woman, because he woman; there is in the young woman no

has brought a bad name on a virgin of sin deserving of death, for just as when

Israel. And she shall be his wife; he a man rises against his neighbor and

cannot divorce her all his days. kills him, even so is this matter.

2 5 7

For he found her in the countryside, Nevertheless the LORD your God

and the betrothed young woman cried would not listen to Balaam, but the

out, but there was no one to save her. LORD your God turned the curse into a

blessing for you, because the LORD

2 your God loves you. ' If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he

seizes her and lies with her, and they 6You shall not seek their peace nor their are found out, prosperity all your days forever.

2 7 ' then the man who lay with her shall You shall not abhor an Edomite, for he give to the young woman's father fifty is your brother. You shall not abhor an

shekels of silver, and she shall be his Egyptian, because you were an alien in

wife because he has humbled her; he his land. shall not be permitted to divorce her all

his days. "The children of the third generation

3 the LORD. 0a A man shall not take his father's wife, born to them may enter the assembly of

nor uncover his father's bed.

9 When the army goes out against your enemies, then keep yourself from every

2 wicked thing. 3 "He who is emasculated by

crushing or mutilation shall not enter the 0 there is any man among you who

assembly of the LORD. 1

becomes unclean by some occurrence

2 in the night, then he shall go outside the One of illegitimate birth shall not enter

the assembly of the LORD; even to the camp; he shall not come inside the

tenth camp. generation none of his

descendants shall enter the assembly of 1 1But it shall be, when evening comes, the LORD.

that he shall wash with water; and when

3"An Ammonite or Moabite shall not the sun sets, he may come into the



enter the assembly of the LORD; even camp.

to the tenth generation none of his 128 descendants shall enter the assembly of 'Also you shall have a place outside the LORD forever, the camp, where you may go out;

4 h and you shall have an implement because they did not meet you with bread and water on the road when you among your equipment, and when you

came out of Egypt, and because they sit down outside, you shall dig with it

hired against you Balaam the son of and turn and cover your refuse. Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to

curse you. 14

For the LORD your God walks in the midst of your camp, to deliver you and give your enemies over to you; therefore 2 3That which has gone from your lips your camp shall be holy, that He may you shall keep and perform, for you

see no unclean thing among you, and voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God

turn away from you. what you have promised with your

mouth.

15 You shall not give back to his master the slave who has escaped from his 244 When you come into your neighbor's master to you. vineyard, you may eat your fill of grapes

at your pleasure, but you shall not put

16He may dwell with you in your midst, in any in your container.

the place which he chooses within one

of your gates, where it seems best to 2 5When you come into your neighbor's him; you shall not oppress him. standing grain, you may

pluck the heads

with your hand, but you shall not use a

178 sickle on your neighbor's standing grain. 'Ther

e shall be no ritual harlot of the

daughters of Israel, or a perverted one

of the sons of Israel.

24 When a man takes a wife and

1' You shall not bring the wages of a marries her, and it happens that she

harlot or the price of a dog to the house finds no favor in his eyes because he

of the LORD your God for any vowed has found some uncleanness in her,

offering, for both of these are an and he writes her a certificate of divorce,

abomination to the LORD your God. puts it in her hand, and sends her out of

his house,

1'" You shall not charge interest to your

brother--interest on money or food or 2 when she has departed from his house, anything that is lent out at interest. and goes and becomes another man's

2

0To a foreigner you may charge interest, wife,

but to your brother you shall not charge Gif the latter husband detests her and

interest, that the LORD your God may writes her a certificate of divorce, puts it

bless you in all to which you set your in her hand, and sends her out

of his

hand in the land which you are entering house, or if the latter husband dies who

to possess. took her as his wife,

21a When you make a vow to the LORD

4then her former husband who divorced

your God, you shall not delay to pay it; her must not take her back to be his wife

for the LORD your God will surely after she has been defiled; for that is an

require it of you, and it would be sin to abomination before the LORD, and you

you. shall not bring sin on the land which the

2 inheritance. 2But if you abstain from vowing, it shall LORD your God is giving you as an

not be sin to you.

5 When a man has taken a new wife, he righteousness to you before the LORD

shall not go out to war or be charged your God. with any business; he shall be free at

home one year, and bring happiness to 14 'You shall not oppress a hired servant his wife whom he has taken. who is poor and needy, whether one of

your brethren or one of the aliens who is

6 No man shall take the lower or the in your land within your gates. upper millstone in pledge, for he takes

one's living in pledge. 1 5Each day you shall give him his wages,

and not let the sun go down on it, for he

7 If a man is found kidnapping any of his is poor and has set his heart on it; lest

brethren of the children of Israel, and he cry out against you to the LORD, and

mistreats him or sells him, then that it be sin to you. kidnapper shall die; and you shall put

away the evil from among you. 1 6 'Fathers shall not be put to death for

their children, nor shall children be put

8 Take heed in an outbreak of leprosy, to death for their fathers; a person shall

that you carefully observe and do be put to death for his own sin. according to all that the priests, the

Levites, shall teach you; just as I 17 You shall not pervert justice due the commanded them, so you shall be stranger or the fatherless, nor take a

careful to do. widow's garment as a pledge.

Remember what the LORD your God 1 8 But you shall remember that you were

did to Miriam on the way when you a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your

came out of Egypt! God redeemed you from there; therefore

1

0s When you lend your brother anything, I command you to do this thing.

you shall not go into his house to get his 1 "" When you reap your harvest in your pledge. field, and forget a sheaf in the field, you

shall not go back to get it; it shall be for

You shall stand outside, and the man the stranger, the fatherless,  
and the

to whom you lend shall bring the pledge widow, that the LORD your  
God may

out to you. bless you in all the work of your hands.

<sup>1 2</sup> 20 When you beat your olive trees, you And if the man is poor, you  
shall not

keep his pledge overnight. shall not go over the boughs again; it

shall be for the stranger, the fatherless,

<sup>13</sup> You shall in any case return the and the widow.

pledge to him again when the sun goes <sup>1</sup> When you gather the grapes  
of your

down, that he may sleep in his own <sup>2</sup> garment and bless you; and it  
shall be vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the  
stranger, the go up to the gate to the elders, and say,

fatherless, and the widow. "My husband's brother refuses to raise

up a name to his brother in Israel; he will

<sup>22</sup> not perform the duty of my husband's

And you shall remember that you were

a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I brother.'

command you to do this thing.

<sup>8</sup> Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. But if he  
stands firm

<sup>25</sup> and says, "I do not want to take her," If there is a dispute  
between men, and they come to court, that the judges

may judge them, and they justify the 'then his brother's wife shall come to

him in the presence of the elders,

righteous and condemn the wicked,

remove his sandal from his foot, spit in

2 his face, and answer and say, "So shall

then it shall be, if the wicked man it be done to the man who will not build

deserves to be beaten, that the judge up his brother's house.' will cause him to lie down and be beaten

in his presence, according to his guilt, 10And his name shall be called in Israel, with a certain number of blows. "The house of him who had his sandal

3Forty blows he may give him and no removed.'

more, lest he should exceed this and 1 14a two men fight together, and the wife beat him with many blows above these,

of one draws near to rescue her

and your brother be humiliated in your

husband from the hand of the one

sight.

attacking him, and puts out her hand

4 and seizes him by the genitals,

You shall not muzzle an ox while it

treads out the grain. 1 2then you shall cut off her hand; your 5 eye shall not pity her.

If brothers dwell together, and one of

them dies and has no son, the widow of <sup>1</sup> 3 You shall not have in your bag the dead man shall not be married to a stranger differing weights, a heavy and a light. outside the family; her

husband's brother shall go in to her, <sup>1</sup> 4 ou shall not have in your house take her as his wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. differing measures, a large and a small.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> 5 ou shall have a perfect and just

And it shall be that the firstborn son

which she bears will succeed to the weight, a perfect and just measure, that

name of his dead brother, that his name your days may be lengthened in the

may not be blotted out of Israel. land which the LORD your God is giving

you.

<sup>7</sup>But if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife <sup>1</sup> 4 <sup>6</sup>For all who do such things, all who Then the priest shall take the basket behave unrighteously, are an out of your hand and set it down before abomination to the LORD your God. the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>7</sup> Remember what Amalek did to you

And you shall answer and say before

on the way as you were coming out of the LORD your God: "My father was a

Egypt, Syrian, about to perish, and he went

down to Egypt and dwelt there, few in

1 number; and there he became a nation, ' how he met you on the way  
and

attacked your rear ranks, all the great, mighty, and populous.  
stragglers at your rear, when you were

tired and weary; and he did not fear God. 6But the Egyptians  
mistreated us,

afflicted us, and laid hard bondage on

1 ' uS. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD your God has given you  
rest from your

enemies all around, in the land which 7Then we cried out to the LORD  
God of the LORD your God is giving you to our fathers, and the LORD  
heard our

possess as an inheritance, that you will voice and looked on our  
affliction and

blot out the remembrance of Amalek our labor and our oppression.  
from under heaven. You shall not forget.

8So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an

26 outstretched arm, with great terror and And it shall be, when  
you come

into the land which the LORD your God with signs and wonders. is  
giving you as an inheritance, and you

possess it and dwell in it, 'He has brought us to this place and has

given us this land, "a land flowing with

2 milk and honey";

that you shall take some of the first of

all the produce of the ground, which you 1 0and now, behold, I have  
brought the shall bring from your land that the LORD your God is  
giving you, and put it in a firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD,



basket and go to the place where the have given me.' "Then you shall set it

LORD your God chooses to make His before the LORD your God, and worship

name abide. before the LORD your God.

3And you shall go to the one who is <sup>1</sup> So you shall rejoice in every good priest in those days, and say to him, "I thing which the LORD your God has

declare today to the LORD your God given to you and your house, you and

that I have come to the country which the Levite and the stranger who is

the LORD swore to our fathers to give among you. us.'

<sup>1</sup> 24 When you have finished laying aside all the tithe of your increase in the third year--the year of tithing--and have given promised you, that you should keep all

it to the Levite, the stranger, the His commandments, fatherless, and the widow, so that they

may eat within your gates and be filled, <sup>1</sup> and that He will set you high above all

<sup>1</sup> name, and in honor, and that you may

3 hen you shall say before the LORD nations which He has made, in praise, in

your God: "I have removed the holy tithe be a holy people to the LORD your God,

from my house, and also have given just as He has spoken." them to the Levite, the stranger, the

fatherless, and the widow, according to

all Your commandments which You 2 7Now Moses, with the  
elders of have commanded me; I have not

Israel, commanded the people, saying:  
transgressed Your commandments, nor  
have I forgotten them. "Keep all the commandments which I  
command you today.

14 have not eaten any of it when in  
2 And it shall be, on the day when you  
mourning, nor have I removed any of it  
for an unclean use, nor given any of it cross over the Jordan to the  
land which  
for the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD your God is giving  
you, that  
the LORD my God, and have done you shall set up for yourselves large  
stones, and whitewash them with lime.  
according to all that You have

commanded me. 3You shall write on them all the words of

15Look down from Your holy habitation, this law, when you have  
crossed over,  
from heaven, and bless Your people that you may enter the land  
which the  
Israel and the land which You have LORD your God is giving you, "a  
land  
given us, just as You swore to our flowing with milk and honey,' just  
as the

fathers, "a land flowing with milk and LORD God of your fathers promised you.

honey." 4 Therefore it shall be, when you have

16§ crossed over the Jordan, that on Mount 'Thi

s day the LORD your God

commands you to observe these Ebal you shall set up these stones,

statutes and judgments; therefore you which I command you today, and you

shall whitewash them with lime.

shall be careful to observe them with all

your heart and with all your soul. 5And there you shall build an altar to the

17Today you have proclaimed the LORD LORD your God, an altar of stones; you

to be your God, and that you will walk in shall not use an iron tool on them.

His ways and keep His statutes, His 6You shall build with whole stones the

commandments, and His judgments,

and that you will obey His voice. altar of the LORD your God, and offer

burnt offerings on it to the LORD your

1 God. ' Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He 7 1 You shall offer peace offerings, and 6 Cursed is the one who treats his shall eat there, and rejoice before the father or his mother with contempt.' "And

LORD your God. all the people shall say, "Amen!"

8 1 And you shall write very plainly on the 7 Cursed is the one who moves his stones all the words of this law.' neighbor's landmark.' "And all the

people shall say, "Amen!"

"Then Moses and the priests, the 8 Cursed is the one who makes the Levites, spoke to all Israel, saying, 1 "Take heed and listen, O Israel: This blind to wander off the road.' "And all the

day you have become the people of the people shall say, "Amen!" LORD your God.

1 " Cursed is the one who perverts the

10 Therefore you shall obey the voice of justice due the stranger, the fatherless,

the LORD your God, and observe His and widow.' "And all the people shall

commandments and His statutes which I say, "Amen!" command you today."

20 Cursed is the one who lies with his

11

And Moses commanded the people on father's wife, because he has uncovered

the same day, saying, his father's bed.' "And all the people

shall say, "Amen!"

12 §

"These shall stand on Mount Gerizim 1 'Cursed is the one who lies with any

to bless the people, when you have 2 crossed over the Jordan: Simeon, Levi, kind of animal.' "And all the people shall

Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin; say, "Amen!"

h 2 and these shall stand on Mount Ebal 2 Cursed is the one who lies with his

to curse: Reuben, Gad, Asher, Zebulun, sister, the daughter of his father or the

Dan, and Naphtali. daughter of his mother.' "And all the

people shall say, "Amen!"

14 And the Levites shall speak with a loud voice and say to all the men of 2 3 Cursed is the one who lies with his Israel: mother-in-law.' "And all the people shall

say, "Amen!"

15 Cursed is the one who makes a carved 2 or molded image, an 4 Cursed is the one who attacks his abomination to the LORD, the work of neighbor secretly.' "And all the people

the hands of the craftsman, and sets it shall say, "Amen!" up in secret.' "And all the people shall

answer and say, "Amen!" 2 5 Cursed is the one who takes a bribe

to slay an innocent person.' "And all the

people shall say, "Amen!"

26 Cursed is the one who does not

bless you in the land which the LORD

confirm all the words of this law.' "And your God is giving you. all the people shall say, "Amen!"

9 The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn

28 Now it shall come to pass, if you to you, if you keep the

commandments

diligently obey the voice of the LORD of the LORD your God and walk in His

your God, to observe carefully all His ways.

commandments which I command you 1 0Then all peoples of the earth shall see today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. that you are called by the name of the

LORD, and they shall be afraid of you.

2And all these blessings shall come 1And the LORD will grant you plenty of

upon you and overtake you, because 1 you obey the voice of the LORD your goods, in the fruit of your body, in the

God: increase of your livestock, and in the

produce of your ground, in the land of

3"Blessed shall you be in the city, and which the LORD swore to your fathers

to give you.

blessed shall you be in the country.

12

4 The LORD will open to you His good Blessed shall be the fruit of your body,

the produce of your ground and the treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to

increase of your herds, the increase of your land in its season, and to bless all

your cattle and the offspring of your the work of your hand. You shall lend to

many nations, but you shall not borrow.

flocks.

<sup>1</sup> 3 And the LORD will make you the head

<sup>5</sup> Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. and not the tail; you shall be above only,

and not be beneath, if you heed the

<sup>6</sup> commandments of the LORD your God,

Blessed shall you be when you come

which I command you today, and are

in, and blessed shall you be when you careful to observe them. go out.

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>7</sup> So you shall not turn aside from any of

The LORD will cause your enemies

the words which I command you this

who rise against you to be defeated

day, to the right or the left, to go after

before your face; they shall come out

other gods to serve them.

against you one way and flee before you

seven ways. <sup>1</sup> 5 But it shall come to pass, if you do not <sup>8</sup> obey the voice of the LORD your God,

The LORD will command the blessing

to observe carefully all His

on you in your storehouses and in all to

commandments and His statutes which I

which you set your hand, and He will command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake heaven it shall come down on you until

you: you are destroyed.

1 2 6 Cursed shall you be in the city, and 54 The LORD will cause you to be cursed shall you be in the country. defeated before your enemies; you shall

go out one way against them and flee

1 7 Cursed shall be your basket and your seven ways before them; and you shall

kneading bowl. become troublesome to all the kingdoms

of the earth.

1 " Cursed shall be the fruit of your body 6 our carcasses shall be food for all the

2

and the produce of your land, the

increase of your cattle and the offspring birds of the air and the beasts of the

of your flocks. earth, and no one shall frighten them

away.

1 " Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go The LORD will strike you with the boils 27

out. of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and

with the itch, from which you cannot be



20§ healed. "Th

e LORD will send on you cursing,

confusion, and rebuke in all that you set 2 8The LORD will strike you with your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of madness and blindness and confusion

the wickedness of your doings in which of heart. you have forsaken Me.

2 ' And you shall grope at noonday, as a

21 blind man gropes in darkness; you shall

The LORD will make the plague cling

to you until He has consumed you from not prosper in your ways; you shall be

the land which you are going to possess. only oppressed and plundered

continually, and no one shall save you.

22 The LORD will strike you with 3 consumption, 0 You shall betroth a wife, but another with fever, with

inflammation, with severe burning fever, man shall lie with her; you shall build a

with the sword, with scorching, and with house, but you shall not dwell in it; you

mildew; they shall pursue you until you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not

perish. gather its grapes.

2 31 our ox shall be slaughtered before 3And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth your eyes, but you shall

not eat of it;

which is under you shall be iron. your donkey shall be violently taken  
away from before you, and shall not be  
24 restored to you; your sheep shall be

The LORD will change the rain of your  
given to your enemies, and you shall  
land to powder and dust; from the  
have no one to rescue them.

32 Your sons and your daughters shall be 4 1 You shall beget sons and  
daughters, given to another people, and your eyes but they shall not  
be yours; for they shall

shall look and fail with longing for them go into captivity. all day  
long; and there shall be no

strength in your hand. 4 2 Locusts shall consume all your trees

USA and the produce of your land. nation whom you have not known  
shall eat the fruit of your land and the 4 34 The alien who is among  
you shall rise produce of your labor, and you shall be higher and  
higher above you, and you

only oppressed and crushed continually. shall come down lower and  
lower.

34 4 So you shall be driven mad because of 4 He shall lend to you, but  
you shall not the sight which your eyes see. lend to him; he shall be  
the head, and

3  
5 The LORD will strike you in the knees you shall be the tail.

and on the legs with severe boils which 4 5 Moreover all these curses  
shall come cannot be healed, and from the sole of upon you and

pursue and overtake you,

your foot to the top of your head. until you are destroyed, because you did

3 God, to keep His commandments and

68 "The LORD will bring you and the king not obey the voice of the LORD your

whom you set over you to a nation His statutes which He commanded you.

which neither you nor your fathers have

known, and there you shall serve other 4 6 And they shall be upon you for a sign gods--wood and stone. and a wonder, and on your descendants

37 you And forever. shall become an

astonishment, a proverb, and a byword 4 7 Because you did not serve the LORD among all nations where the LORD will your God with joy and gladness of heart,

drive you. for the abundance of everything,

3 4 8 You shall carry much seed out to the

' therefore you shall serve your enemies,

field but gather little in, for the locust whom the LORD will send against you,

shall consume it. in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in

need of everything; and He will put a

39

You shall plant vineyards and tend yoke of iron on your neck until

He has

them, but you shall neither drink of the destroyed you. wine nor  
gather the grapes; for the

worms shall eat them. 4' The LORD will bring a nation against

4 as swift as the eagle flies, a nation

0You shall have olive trees throughout you from afar, from the end of  
the earth,

all your territory, but you shall not anoint whose language you will  
not understand,

yourself with the oil; for your olives shall

drop off.

50a nation of fierce countenance, which sensitivity, will refuse to the  
husband of

does not respect the elderly nor show her bosom, and to her son and  
her

favor to the young. daughter,

5 5 17

And they shall eat the increase of your her placenta which comes  
out from

livestock and the produce of your land, between her feet and her  
children whom

until you are destroyed; they shall not she bears; for she will eat them  
secretly

leave you grain or new wine or oil, or the for lack of everything in the  
siege and

increase of your cattle or the offspring of desperate straits in which  
your enemy

your flocks, until they have destroyed shall distress you at all your gates. you.

5' If you do not carefully observe all the

52§

'They shall besiege you at all your words of this law that are written in this

gates until your high and fortified walls, book, that you may fear this glorious

in which you trust, come down and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR throughout all your land; and they shall GOD, besiege you at all your gates throughout

all your land which the LORD your God 5' then the LORD will bring upon you and has given you. your descendants extraordinary

plagues--great and prolonged plagues--

53 ou shall eat the fruit of your own and serious and prolonged sicknesses.

body, the flesh of your sons and your

daughters whom the LORD your God 6 0Moreover He will bring back on you all has given you, in the siege and the diseases of Egypt, of which you

desperate straits in which your enemy were afraid, and they shall cling to you.

shall distress you.

6 1Also every sickness and every plague,

54

The sensitive and very refined man which is not written in this Book of the

among you will be hostile toward his Law, will the LORD bring upon you until

brother, toward the wife of his bosom, you are destroyed. and toward  
the rest of his children whom

he leaves behind, 62You shall be left few in number,

5 whereas you were as the stars of

5

so that he will not give any of them the heaven in multitude,  
because you would

flesh of his children whom he will eat, not obey the voice of the LORD  
your

because he has nothing left in the siege God. and desperate straits in  
which your

enemy shall distress you at all your 6 3And it shall be, that just as the  
LORD gates. rejoiced over you to do you good and

5 multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice 6The tender and delicate  
woman

over you to destroy you and bring you to

among you, who would not venture to nothing; and you shall be  
plucked from

set the sole of her foot on the ground off the land which you go to  
possess.

because of her delicateness and

64§

'Then the LORD will scatter you to Pharaoh and to all his servants  
and to

among all peoples, from one end of the all his land--earth to the other,  
and there you shall

serve other gods, which neither you nor bthe great trials which your

eyes have

your fathers have known--wood and seen, the signs, and those great  
stone. wonders.

6 4 5And among those nations you shall

Yet the LORD has not given you a

find no rest, nor shall the sole of your heart to perceive and eyes to  
see and

foot have a resting place; but there the ears to hear, to this very day.  
LORD will give you a trembling heart,

failing eyes, and anguish of soul. 5

And I have led you forty years in the

6 wilderness. Your clothes have not worn 6Your life shall hang in  
doubt before

out on you, and your sandals have not

you; you shall fear day and night, and worn out on your feet. have no  
assurance of life.

6

7 n the morning you shall say, "Oh, that 6 You have not eaten bread,  
nor have

you drunk wine or similar drink, that you

it were evening!' And at evening you may know that I am the LORD  
your God.

shall say, "Oh, that it were morning!'

because of the fear which terrifies your 7

And when you came to this place,  
heart, and because of the sight which  
Sihon king of Heshbon and Og king of  
your eyes see.

Bashan came out against us to battle,  
  
6 and we conquered them. 8 And the LORD will take you back to  
Egypt in ships, by the way of which I 8

We took their land and gave it as an  
said to you, "You shall never see it  
inheritance to the Reubenites, to the  
again.' And there you shall be offered for

Gadites, and to half the tribe of  
sale to your enemies as male and  
Manasseh.

female slaves, but no one will buy you."

"Therefore keep the words of this  
covenant, and do them, that you may

29 These are the words of the prosper in all that you do. covenant  
which the LORD commanded

Moses to make with the children of 104' All of you stand today before  
the Israel in the land of Moab, besides the LORD your God: your  
leaders and your covenant which He made with them in tribes and  
your elders and your officers,

Horeb. all the men of Israel,



2Now Moses called all Israel and said to 1y

1 our little ones and your wives--also

them: "You have seen all that the LORD the stranger who is in your camp, from

did before your eyes in the land of Egypt, the one who cuts your wood to the one

who draws your water--

1 2 2 hat you may enter into covenant with 04'The LORD would not spare him; for

the LORD your God, and into His oath, then the anger of the LORD and His

which the LORD your God makes with jealousy would burn against that man,

you today, and every curse that is written in this

book would settle on him, and the LORD

1 3 hat He may establish you today as a would blot out his name from under

people for Himself, and that He may be heaven.

God to you, just as He has spoken to 1And the LORD would separate him

you, and just as He has sworn to your 2 fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. from all the tribes of Israel for adversity,

according to all the curses of the

14s make this covenant and this oath, covenant that are written in this Book of

not with you alone, the Law,

1 2 5 so that the coming generation of your but with him who stands here with us today before the LORD our God, as well children who rise up after you, and the

as with him who is not here with us foreigner who comes from a far land,

today would say, when they see the plagues

of that land and the sicknesses which

1 the LORD has laid on it: 6(for you know that we dwelt in the land

of Egypt and that we came through the 234'The whole land is brimstone, salt, and nations which you passed by,

burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear,

17 nor does any grass grow there, like the

and you saw their abominations and

overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah,

their idols which were among them--

Admah, and Zeboiim, which the LORD

wood and stone and silver and gold);

overthrew in His anger and His wrath.'

1 ' so that there may not be among you 4

2 All nations would say, "Why has the

man or woman or family or tribe, whose

LORD done so to this land? What does

heart turns away today from the LORD the heat of this great anger mean?' our God, to go and serve the gods of

these nations, and that there may not be 2 5Then people would say:  
"Because they among you a root bearing bitterness or wormwood;  
have forsaken the covenant of the

LORD God of their fathers, which He

1 made with them when He brought them ' and

so it may not happen, when he

out of the land of Egypt;

hears the words of this curse, that he

blesses himself in his heart, saying, "I 2 6Nor they went and served  
other gods shall have peace, even though I follow the dictates of my  
heart' and worshiped them, gods that they did --as though the

drunkard could be included with the not know and that He had not  
given to

sober. them.

27

Then the anger of the LORD was will prosper you and multiply you  
more

aroused against this land, to bring on it than your fathers. every curse  
that is written in this book.

6And the LORD your God will circumcise

2 ' And the LORD uprooted them from your heart and the heart of your

their land in anger, in wrath, and in great descendants, to love the  
LORD your

indignation, and cast them into another God with all your heart and  
with all your

land, as it is this day.' soul, that you may live.

27 " The secret things belong to the LORD Also the LORD your God will put all our God, but those things which are these curses on your enemies and on

revealed belong to us and to our those who hate you, who persecuted children forever, that we may do all the you. words of this law.

'And you will again obey the voice of the

LORD and do all His commandments

30 Now it shall come to pass, when which I command you today.

all these things come upon you, the

blessing and the curse which I have set 9The LORD your God will make you before you, and you call them to mind abound in all the work of your hand, in

among all the nations where the LORD the fruit of your body, in the increase of

your God drives you, your livestock, and in the produce of

your land for good. For the LORD will

2 again rejoice over you for good as He and you return to the LORD your God

and obey His voice, according to all that rejoiced over your fathers,

I command you today, you and your 0if you obey the voice of the LORD your

children, with all your heart and with all 1 your soul, God, to keep His commandments and

His statutes which are written in this

3that the LORD your God will bring you Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and back from captivity, and have with all your soul. compassion on you, and gather

you

again from all the nations where the

11

LORD your God has scattered you. 'For this commandment which I

command you today is not too

4 mysterious for you, nor is it far off. If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there

12

the LORD your God will gather you, and It is not in heaven, that you should say,

from there He will bring you. "Who will ascend into heaven for us and

bring it to us, that we may hear it and do

5 it?'

Then the LORD your God will bring you

to the land which your fathers

possessed, and you shall possess it. He 13Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will go over the sea 3 1 Then Moses went and spoke

for us and bring it to us, that we may these words to all Israel. hear it and do it?'

1 But the word is very near you, in your hundred and twenty years old today. I

4 2And he said to them: "I am one

mouth and in your heart, that you may can no longer go out and come in. Also

do it.

the LORD has said to me, "You shall not

1 cross over this Jordan.' 5 See, I have set before you today life  
and good, death and evil, 3The LORD your God Himself crosses

1 over before you; He will destroy these 6 in that I command you  
today to love nations from before you, and you shall

the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, dispossess them. Joshua  
himself and to keep His commandments, His crosses over before you,  
just as the

statutes, and His judgments, that you LORD has said. may live and  
multiply; and the LORD

your God will bless you in the land 4

And the LORD will do to them as He  
which you go to possess.

did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the  
1 Amorites and their land, when He

7 But if your heart turns away so that destroyed them.

you do not hear, and are drawn away,  
and worship other gods and serve them, 5

The LORD will give them over to you,  
1 that you may do to them according to

' I announce to you today that you shall every commandment which I  
have

surely perish; you shall not prolong your commanded you. days in the  
land which you cross over

the Jordan to go in and possess. 6

Be strong and of good courage, do not

1 fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD

' I call heaven and earth as witnesses your God, He is the One who goes with

today against you, that I have set before you. He will not leave you nor forsake

you life and death, blessing and cursing; you." therefore choose life, that both you and

your descendants may live; 7Then Moses called Joshua and said to

2 him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong 0that you may love the LORD your God,

and of good courage, for you must go

that you may obey His voice, and that with this people to the land which the

you may cling to Him, for He is your life LORD has sworn to their fathers to give

and the length of your days; and that them, and you shall cause them to

you may dwell in the land which the inherit it. LORD swore to your fathers, to

Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give 8

And the LORD, He is the One who

them."

goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do 16And the LORD said to Moses: "Behold, not fear nor be dismayed." you will rest with your fathers; and this

people will rise and play the harlot with

'So Moses wrote this law and delivered the gods of the foreigners of the land,

it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who where they go to be among them, and

bore the ark of the covenant of the they will forsake Me and break My

LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. covenant which I have made with them.

11 0 7Then My anger shall be aroused

And Moses commanded them, saying:

"At the end of every seven years, at the against them in that day, and I will

appointed time in the year of release, at forsake them, and I will hide My face

the Feast of Tabernacles, from them, and they shall be devoured.

And many evils and troubles shall befall

1 them, so that they will say in that day, 1when all Israel comes to appear before

"Have not these evils come upon us

the LORD your God in the place which because our God is not among us?' He chooses, you shall read this law

before all Israel in their hearing. 1 8And I will surely hide My face in that 12 day because of all the evil which they

Gather the people together, men and

have done, in that they have turned to

women and little ones, and the stranger

other gods.



who is within your gates, that they may

hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD. Now therefore, write down this song LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, for yourselves, and teach it to the

children of Israel; put it in their mouths,

so that this song may be a witness for Me

and that their children, who have not

known it, may hear and learn to fear the

LORD your God as long as you live in the land which you cross the Jordan to possess." flowing with milk and honey, of which I

swore to their fathers, and they have eaten and filled themselves and grown

Then the LORD said to Moses,

fat, then they will turn to other gods and

"Behold, the days approach when you

serve them; and they will provoke Me

must die; call Joshua, and present

and break My covenant.

yourselves in the tabernacle of meeting,

that I may inaugurate him." So Moses and Joshua went and presented themselves in the tabernacle of meeting. troubles have come upon them, that this

Then it shall be, when many evils and troubles have come upon them, that this

song will testify against them as a

<sup>1</sup> witness; for it will not be forgotten in the <sup>5</sup>Now the LORD appeared  
at the

mouths of their descendants, for I know  
tabernacle in a pillar of cloud, and the

the inclination of their behavior today,  
pillar of cloud stood above the door of

even before I have brought them to the  
the tabernacle.

land of which I swore to give them."

<sup>2 3</sup> 2Therefore Moses wrote this song the <sup>0</sup>Then Moses spoke in the  
hearing of all same day, and taught it to the children the assembly of  
Israel the words of this

of Israel. song until they were ended:

<sup>23</sup>

Then He inaugurated Joshua the son

of Nun, and said, "Be strong and of <sup>32</sup> Give ear, O heavens, and I  
will

good courage; for you shall bring the speak; And hear, O earth, the  
words of

children of Israel into the land of which I my mouth. swore to them,  
and I will be with you."

<sup>2</sup> So it was, when Moses had completed <sup>4 2</sup> Let my teaching drop as  
the rain, My

speech distill as the dew, As raindrops

writing the words of this law in a book,

on the tender herb, And as showers on

when they were finished,

the grass.

25 hat Moses commanded the Levites,

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For I proclaim the name of the LORD:

who bore the ark of the covenant of the

Ascribe greatness to our God.

LORD, saying:

2

6 "Take this Book of the Law, and put it 4 He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For

all His ways are justice, A God of truth

beside the ark of the covenant of the

and without injustice; Righteous and

LORD your God, that it may be there as

upright is He.

a witness against you;

2 They have corrupted themselves;

7F 5

or I know your rebellion and your stiff

They are not His children, Because of  
neck. If today, while I am yet alive with  
their blemish: A perverse and crooked  
you, you have been rebellious against  
generation.

the LORD, then how much more after

my death? 6Do you thus deal with the LORD, O

2 foolish and unwise people? Is He not 8

Gather to me all the elders of your

your Father, who bought you? Has He

tribes, and your officers, that I may not made you and established  
you? speak these words in their hearing and

call heaven and earth to witness against 7

Remember the days of old, Consider  
them.

the years of many generations. Ask your

2 father, and he will show you; Your '

For I know that after my death you will

elders, and they will tell you:

become utterly corrupt, and turn aside

from the way which I have commanded 8When the Most High divided  
their you. And evil will befall you in the latter inheritance to the  
nations, When He days, because you will do evil in the separated the

sons of Adam, He set the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to boundaries of the peoples According to anger through the work of your hands." the number of the children of Israel. 'For the LORD's portion is His people; <sup>18</sup>Of the Rock who begot you, you are Jacob is the place of His inheritance. unmindful, And have forgotten the God

who fathered you.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup> He found him in a desert land And in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He <sup>1</sup> " And when the LORD saw it, He encircled him, He instructed him, He spurned them, Because of the kept him as the apple of His eye. provocation of His sons and His

daughters.

<sup>11</sup>

As an eagle stirs up its nest, Hovers <sup>0</sup>And He said: "I will hide My face from

over its young, Spreading out its wings, <sup>2</sup> taking them up, Carrying them on its them, I will see what their end will be,

wings, For they are a perverse generation,

Children in whom is no faith.

<sup>12</sup>

So the LORD alone led him, And there

<sup>21</sup>

was no foreign god with him. They have provoked Me to jealousy by

what is not God; They have moved Me

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> He made him ride in the heights of the to anger by their foolish idols. But I will

earth, That he might eat the produce of provoke them to jealousy by those who

the fields; He made him draw honey are not a nation; I will move them to

from the rock, And oil from the flinty anger by a foolish nation.

rock; 2For a fire is kindled in My anger, And

2

14 shall burn to the lowest hell; It shall

Curds from the cattle, and milk of the

flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the consume the earth with her increase,

breed of Bashan, and goats, With the And set on fire the foundations of the

choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the mountains.

blood of the grapes. 3 will heap disasters on them; I will

2

15 But Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; spend My arrows on them.

You grew fat, you grew thick, You are 4They shall be wasted with hunger,

obese! Then he forsook God who made 2 him, And scornfully esteemed the Rock Devoured by pestilence and bitter

of his salvation. destruction; I will also send against them

the teeth of beasts, With the poison of

16They provoked Him to jealousy with serpents of the dust.

foreign gods; With abominations they

2 5

provoked Him to anger. The sword shall destroy outside; There

shall be terror within For the young man

17 and virgin, The nursing child with the

They sacrificed to demons, not to God,

To gods they did not know, To new gods, man of gray hairs. new  
arrivals That your fathers did not

fear.

2 36 6a would have said, "I will dash them in 'For the LORD will judge  
His people pieces, I will make the memory of them And have  
compassion on His servants,

to cease from among men," When He sees that their power is gone,

And there is no one remaining, bond or

27 free.

Had I not feared the wrath of the

misunderstand, Lest they should say, will say: "Where are their gods,  
37He enemy, Lest their adversaries should

"Our hand is high; And it is not the The rock in which they sought  
refuge?

LORD who has done all this."

38Who ate the fat of their sacrifices, And

2 8 'For they are a nation void of counsel, drank the wine of their  
drink offering?

Nor is there any understanding in them. Let them rise and help you,  
And be your

refuge.

2' Oh, that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would  
3" Now see that I, even I, am He, And

consider their latter end! there is no God besides Me; I kill and I

make alive; I wound and I heal; Nor is

30How could one chase a thousand, And there any who can deliver  
from My hand.

two put ten thousand to flight, Unless 0For I raise My hand to heaven,  
And

their Rock had sold them, And the 4 LORD had surrendered them? say,  
"As I live forever,

31 41 I whet My glittering sword, And My For their rock is not like our  
Rock, Even our enemies themselves being hand takes hold on  
judgment, I will

judges. render vengeance to My enemies, And

repay those who hate Me.

32

For their vine is of the vine of Sodom 2a will make My arrows  
drunk with blood,

And of the fields of Gomorrah; Their 4 grapes are grapes of gall, Their  
clusters And My sword shall devour flesh, With

are bitter. the blood of the slain and the captives,

From the heads of the leaders of the

33Their wine is the poison of serpents, enemy."

And the cruel venom of cobras. 3 Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His  
people;

34 1s this not laid up in store with Me, For He will avenge the blood  
of His



Sealed up among My treasures? servants, And render vengeance to His  
adversaries; He will provide atonement  
35Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; for His land and His people."

Their foot shall slip in due time; For the 44So Moses came with Joshua  
the son day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come  
hasten upon them.' of Nun and spoke all the words of this

song in the hearing of the people.

45Moses finished speaking all these words to all Israel, 3 3Now this is  
the blessing with

4 which Moses the man of God blessed 6 and he said to them: "Set  
your hearts the children of Israel before his death.

on all the words which I testify among  
you today, which you shall command 2

And he said: "The LORD came from  
your children to be careful to observe-- Sinai, And dawned on them  
from Seir;

all the words of this law. He shone forth from Mount Paran, And

4 He came with ten thousands of saints; 7For it is not a futile thing for  
you,

From His right hand Came a fiery law for  
because it is your life, and by this word them. you shall prolong your  
days in the land

which you cross over the Jordan to 3Yes, He loves the people; All His  
saints

possess." are in Your hand; They sit down at Your

4 feet; everyone receives Your words. 8Then the LORD spoke to Moses  
that very same day, saying: 4

Moses commanded a law for us, A

4 heritage of the congregation of Jacob. 9 Go up this mountain of the  
Abarim,

Mount Nebo, which is in the land of 5

And He was King in Jeshurun, When

Moab, across from Jericho; view the

the leaders of the people were gathered,

land of Canaan, which I give to the

All the tribes of Israel together.

children of Israel as a possession;

5 and die on the mountain which you his men be few." 0 6 Let  
Reuben live, and not die, Nor let

ascend, and be gathered to your people,

just as Aaron your brother died on 7

And this he said of Judah: "Hear,

Mount Hor and was gathered to his

LORD, the voice of Judah, And bring

people;

him to his people; Let his hands be

5 sufficient for him, And may You be a 1because you trespassed

against Me

help against his enemies."

among the children of Israel at the  
waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the 8

And of Levi he said: "Let Your  
Wilderness of Zin, because you did not

Thummim and Your Urim be with Your  
hallow Me in the midst of the children of  
Israel. holy one, Whom You tested at Massah,

And with whom You contended at the  
5 waters of Meribah, 2

Yet you shall see the land before you,  
though you shall not go there, into the 'Who says of his father and  
mother, "I  
land which I am giving to the children of  
Israel." have not seen them'; Nor did he

acknowledge his brothers, Or know his  
own children; For they have observed  
Your word And kept Your covenant.

11 OThey shall teach Jacob Your 8And of Zebulun he said: "Rejoice,  
judgments, And Israel Your law. They Zebulun, in your going out, And  
Issachar

shall put incense before You, And a in your tents! whole burnt  
sacrifice on Your altar.

1 ' They shall call the peoples to the

Bless his substance, LORD, And mountain; There they shall offer  
 accept the work of his hands; Strike the sacrifices of righteousness; For  
 they  
 loins of those who rise against him, And shall partake of the  
 abundance of the  
 of those who hate him, that they rise not seas And of treasures hidden  
 in the  
 again." sand."

1 2 2 0 And of Gad he said: "Blessed is he  
 Of Benjamin he said: "The beloved of  
 the LORD shall dwell in safety by Him, who enlarges Gad; He dwells  
 as a lion,  
 Who shelters him all the day long; And And tears the arm and the  
 crown of his  
 he shall dwell between His shoulders." head.

1 2 3 1 He provided the first part for himself, And of Joseph he said:  
 "Blessed of the LORD is his land, With the precious Because a  
 lawgiver's portion was  
 things of heaven, with the dew, And the reserved there. He came with  
 the heads  
 deep lying beneath, of the people; He administered the  
 justice of the LORD, And His judgments  
 14 with the precious fruits of the sun,  
 with Israel."  
 With the precious produce of the months,

2 And of Dan he said: "Dan is a lion's

15 whelp; He shall leap from Bashan."

With the best things of the ancient

mountains, With the precious things of 3And of Naphtali he said: "O  
Naphtali,

the everlasting hills, 2

satisfied with favor, And full of the

16with the precious things of the earth blessing of the LORD, Possess  
the west

and its fullness, And the favor of Him and the south." who dwelt in the  
bush. Let the blessing

2 4

come "on the head of Joseph, And on And of Asher he said: "Asher is  
most

the crown of the head of him who was blessed of sons; Let him be  
favored by

separate from his brothers.' his brothers, And let him dip his foot in

17

His glory is like a firstborn bull, And his 5 our sandals shall be iron  
and bronze;

horns like the horns of the wild ox; 2 Together with them He shall  
push the As your days, so shall your strength be.

peoples To the ends of the earth; They

are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And 2 64" There is no one like the  
God of

they are the thousands of Manasseh." Jeshurun, Who rides the heavens

to

help you, And in His excellency on the  
clouds.

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The eternal God is your refuge, And So Moses the servant of the  
LORD

underneath are the everlasting arms; He died there in the land of  
Moab,

will thrust out the enemy from before according to the word of the  
LORD. you, And will say, "Destroy!"

6 And He buried him in a valley in the

2' Then Israel shall dwell in safety, The land of Moab, opposite Beth  
Peor; but

fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of no one knows his grave to this  
day. grain and new wine; His heavens shall

also drop dew. 7 Moses was one hundred and twenty

years old when he died. His eyes were

2' Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like not dim nor his natural vigor  
diminished.

you, a people saved by the LORD, The

shield of your help And the sword of 8And the children of Israel wept  
for your majesty! Your enemies shall submit Moses in the plains of  
Moab thirty days.

to you, And you shall tread down their So the days of weeping and  
mourning

high places." for Moses ended.

'Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of

34 Then Moses went up from the the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid

plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the his hands on him; so the children of

top of Pisgah, which is across from Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD Jericho. And the LORD showed him all had commanded Moses. the land of Gilead as far as Dan,

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But since then there has not arisen in

2 Israel a prophet like Moses, whom the aII Naphtali and the land of Ephraim

and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as LORD knew face to face, far as the Western Sea,

1 1 n all the signs and wonders which the

b LORD sent him to do in the land of the South, and the plain of the Valley of

Jericho, the city of palm trees, as far as Egypt, before Pharaoh, before all his

Zoar. servants, and in all his land,

1 2

4 and by all that mighty power and all Then the LORD said to him, "This is the

land of which I swore to give Abraham, the great terror which Moses performed

Isaac, and Jacob, saying, "I will give it to in the sight of all Israel. your descendants.' I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not

cross over there."

# Israel Enters the Promised Land

8This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate

1 in it day and night, that you may observe After the death of Moses the servant

to do according to all that is written in it.

of the LORD, it came to pass that the For then you will make your way

LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, prosperous, and then you will have good

Moses' assistant, saying: success.

2 Moses My servant is dead. Now 'Have I not commanded you? Be strong

therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you

and of good courage; do not be afraid,

and all this people, to the land which I

nor be dismayed, for the LORD your

am giving to them--the children of Israel. God is with you wherever you go."

3Every place that the sole of your foot 10Then Joshua commanded the officers will tread upon I have given you, as I of the people, saying,



said to Moses.

1 1 'Pass through the camp and command

4From the wilderness and this Lebanon the people, saying, "Prepare provisions

as far as the great river, the River for yourselves, for within three days you

Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, will cross over this Jordan, to go in to

and to the Great Sea toward the going

possess the land which the LORD your

down of the sun, shall be your territory.

God is giving you to possess.'

5No man shall be able to stand before 2And to the Reubenites, the Gadites,

1

you all the days of your life; as I was

and half the tribe of Manasseh Joshua

with Moses, so I will be with you. I will

spoke, saying,

not leave you nor forsake you.

1 3 Remember the word which Moses the

6Be strong and of good courage, for to servant of the LORD commanded you,

this people you shall divide as an

saying, "The LORD your God is giving  
inheritance the land which I swore to  
you rest and is giving you this land.'  
their fathers to give them.

14

7 Your wives, your little ones, and your

Only be strong and very courageous, livestock shall remain in the land  
which

that you may observe to do according to Moses gave you on this side  
of the

all the law which Moses My servant

Jordan. But you shall pass before your  
commanded you; do not turn from it to

brethren armed, all your mighty men of  
the right hand or to the left, that you may

valor, and help them,  
prosper wherever you go.

1 4 5 until the LORD has given your Then the woman took the two men  
and

brethren rest, as He gave you, and they hid them. So she said, "Yes,  
the men

also have taken possession of the land came to me, but I did not know  
where

which the LORD your God is giving they were from. them. Then you  
shall return to the land

of your possession and enjoy it, which 5 And it happened as the gate  
was being Moses the LORD's servant gave you on shut, when it was  
dark, that the men

this side of the Jordan toward the west went out. Where the men went I do not

sunrise." know; pursue them quickly, for you may  
overtake them."

16

So they answered Joshua, saying, "All  
that you command us we will do, and 6 (But she had brought them up  
to the wherever you send us we will go. roof and hidden them with  
the stalks of  
flax, which she had laid in order on the  
17 roof.)

Just as we heeded Moses in all things,  
so we will heed you. Only the LORD  
your God be with you, as He was with 7 Then the men pursued them by  
the Moses. road to the Jordan, to the fords. And as  
soon as those who pursued them had

18 Whoever rebels against your command, they shut the gate.  
command and does not heed your  
words, in all that you command him, 8 Now before they lay down, she  
came shall be put to death. Only be strong up to them on the roof, and  
of good courage."

'and said to the men: "I know that the LORD has given you the land,  
that the  
2 Now Joshua the son of Nun sent out scouts of you has fallen on us,  
and that  
two men from Acacia Grove to spy all the inhabitants of the land are  
secretly, saying, "Go, view the land, fainthearted because of you.

especially Jericho." So they went, and 0For we have heard how the LORD

came to the house of a harlot named <sup>1</sup> Rahab, and lodged there. dried up the water of the Red Sea for

you when you came out of Egypt, and

<sup>2</sup> what you did to the two kings of the And it was told the king of Jericho,

saying, "Behold, men have come here Amorites who were on the other side of

tonight from the children of Israel to the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you

search out the country." utterly destroyed.

3 <sup>1</sup> And as soon as we heard these things,

So the king of Jericho sent to Rahab,

saying, "Bring out the men who have our hearts melted; neither did there

come to you, who have entered your remain any more courage in anyone

house, for they have come to search out because of you, for the LORD your God,

all the country."

He is God in heaven above and on earth head, and we will be guiltless. And

beneath. whoever is with you in the house, his

blood shall be on our head if a hand is

<sup>12</sup> laid on him.

Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me

by the LORD, since I have shown you

20

kindness, that you also will show And if you tell this business of ours,  
kindness to my father's house, and give then we will be free from your  
oath

me a true token, which you made us swear."

h 2 and spare my father, my mother, my 1 Then she said, "According to  
your

brothers, my sisters, and all that they words, so be it." And she sent  
them

have, and deliver our lives from death." away, and they departed. And  
she

bound the scarlet cord in the window.

14

So the men answered her, "Our lives

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for yours, if none of you tell this They departed and went to the

business of ours. And it shall be, when mountain, and stayed there  
three days

the LORD has given us the land, that we until the pursuers returned.  
The will deal kindly and truly with you." pursuers sought them all  
along the way,

but did not find them.

15 Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her  
house was 2 3 So the two men returned, descended on the city wall; she  
dwelt on the wall. from the mountain, and crossed over;

and they came to Joshua the son of Nun,

16 and told him all that had befallen them.

And she said to them, "Get to the  
mountain, lest the pursuers meet you.

2 4

Hide there three days, until the pursuers And they said to Joshua,  
"Truly the

have returned. Afterward you may go LORD has delivered all the land  
into our

your way." hands, for indeed all the inhabitants of

the country are fainthearted because of

1 » 7

So the men said to her: "We will be  
blameless of this oath of yours which  
you have made us swear,

3Then Joshua rose early in the

18 unless, when we come into the land, morning; and they set out  
from Acacia

you bind this line of scarlet cord in the Grove and came to the Jordan,  
he and

window through which you let us down, all the children of Israel, and  
lodged

and unless you bring your father, your there before they crossed over.  
mother, your brothers, and all your

father's household to your own home. 2 So it was, after three days,  
that the 1 officers went through the camp;

' So it shall be that whoever goes

outside the doors of your house into the h and they commanded the

people, street, his blood shall be on his own saying, "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and Perizzites and the Girgashites and the

the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then Amorites and the Jebusites: you shall set out from your place and go

after it. 1 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the

Lord of all the earth is crossing over

4 Yet there shall be a space between you before you into the Jordan. and it, about two thousand cubits by

measure. Do not come near it, that you 1 2 Now therefore, take for yourselves may know the way by which you must twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one

go, for you have not passed this way man from every tribe. before."

1 3 And it shall come to pass, as soon as

5 And Joshua said to the people, the soles of the feet of the priests who

"Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all

LORD will do wonders among you." the earth, shall rest in the waters of the

Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan

6 Then Joshua spoke to the priests, shall be cut off, the waters that come

saying, "Take up the ark of the covenant down from upstream, and they shall

and cross over before the people." So stand as a heap." they took up the ark of the covenant and

went before the people. 14 So it was, when the people set out

from their camp to cross over the Jordan,

7 And the LORD said to Joshua, "This with the priests bearing the ark of the

day I will begin to exalt you in the sight covenant before the people,  
of all Israel, that they may know that, as

I was with Moses, so I will be with you. <sup>1</sup> 5and as those who bore the  
ark came

to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests

<sup>8</sup>You shall command the priests who bore the ark dipped in the  
edge of

bear the ark of the covenant, saying, the water (for the Jordan  
overflows all its

"When you have come to the edge of banks during the whole time of  
harvest),

the water of the Jordan, you shall stand

in the Jordan." <sup>16</sup>that the waters which came down from

upstream stood still, and rose in a heap

'So Joshua said to the children of Israel, very far away at Adam, the  
city that is

"Come here, and hear the words of the beside Zaretan. So the waters  
that went

LORD your God." down into the Sea of the Arabah, the

Salt Sea, failed, and were cut off; and

<sup>10</sup> the people crossed over opposite

And Joshua said, "By this you shall

know that the living God is among you, Jericho. and that He will  
without fail drive out

from before you the Canaanites and the <sup>1</sup> 7Then the priests who bore  
the ark of Hittites and the Hivites and the the covenant of the LORD  
stood firm on

dry ground in the midst of the Jordan;

and all Israel crossed over on dry these stones shall be for a memorial



to

ground, until all the people had crossed the children of Israel forever." completely over the Jordan.

8And the children of Israel did so, just as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve

4And it came to pass, when all the stones from the midst of the Jordan, as

the LORD had spoken to Joshua,

people had completely crossed over the

according to the number of the tribes of

Jordan, that the LORD spoke to Joshua,

the children of Israel, and carried them

saying:

over with them to the place where they

2 lodged, and laid them down there.

Take for yourselves twelve men from

the people, one man from every tribe, 9 Then Joshua set up twelve stones in

h the midst of the Jordan, in the place and command them, saying, "Take for where the feet of the priests who bore yourselves twelve stones from here, out the ark of the covenant stood; and they of the midst of the Jordan, from the are there to this day. place where the priests' feet stood firm.

You shall carry them over with you and 10

So the priests who bore the ark stood

leave them in the lodging place where

in the midst of the Jordan until

you lodge tonight."

everything was finished that the LORD

4 had commanded Joshua to speak to the

Then Joshua called the twelve men people, according to all that Moses had

whom he had appointed from the commanded Joshua; and the people children of Israel, one man from every hurried and crossed over. tribe;

1 Then it came to pass, when all the

sand Joshua said to them: "Cross over people had completely crossed over,

before the ark of the LORD your God that the ark of the LORD and the priests

into the midst of the Jordan, and each crossed over in the presence of the

one of you take up a stone on his people. shoulder, according to the number of the

tribes of the children of Israel, 1 2

And the men of Reuben, the men of

6 Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh

that this may be a sign among you crossed over armed before the children

when your children ask in time to come, of Israel, as Moses had spoken to them.

saying, "What do these stones mean to

you?' 1 3About forty thousand prepared for war 7 crossed over before

the LORD for battle,

Then you shall answer them that the to the plains of Jericho.

waters of the Jordan were cut off before

the ark of the covenant of the LORD; <sup>1</sup> 4On that day the LORD exalted Joshua when it crossed over the Jordan, the in the sight of all Israel; and they feared waters of the Jordan were cut off. And him, as they had feared Moses, all the your God did to the Red Sea, which He

days of his life. dried up before us until we had crossed

over,

<sup>15</sup>Then the LORD spoke to Joshua,

<sup>2</sup> 4

saying, that all the peoples of the earth may

know the hand of the LORD, that it is

<sup>16</sup> Command the priests who bear the mighty, that you may fear the LORD

ark of the Testimony to come up from your God forever." the Jordan."

<sup>17</sup>Joshua therefore commanded the <sup>5</sup>So it was, when all the kings of the

priests, saying, "Come up from the Amorites who were on the west side of

Jordan." the Jordan, and all the kings of the

<sup>1</sup> that the LORD had dried up the waters

<sup>8</sup>And it came to pass, when the priests Canaanites who were by the sea, heard

who bore the ark of the covenant of the of the Jordan from before the

children of

LORD had come from the midst of the Israel until we had crossed over, that

Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet their heart melted; and there was no

touched the dry land, that the waters of spirit in them any longer because of the

the Jordan returned to their place and children of Israel. overflowed all its banks as before.

2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua,

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Now the people came up from the "Make flint knives for yourself, and

Jordan on the tenth day of the first circumcise the sons of Israel again the

month, and they camped in Gilgal on the second time." east border of Jericho.

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So Joshua made flint knives for himself,

20

And those twelve stones which they and circumcised the sons of Israel at the

took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up in hill of the foreskins. Gilgal.

4 And this is the reason why Joshua

21 Then he spoke to the children of Israel, circumcised them: All the people who

saying: "When your children ask their came out of Egypt who were males, all

fathers in time to come, saying, "What the men of war, had died in the

are these stones?' wilderness on the way, after they had

come out of Egypt.

22 Then you shall let your children know, saying, "Israel crossed over this Jordan 5For all the people who came out had on dry land; been circumcised, but all the people

born in the wilderness, on the way as

23 or the LORD your God dried up the they came out of Egypt, had not been

waters of the Jordan before you until circumcised. you had crossed over, as the LORD

61 For the children of Israel walked forty 3And it came to pass, when Joshua years in the wilderness, till all the people was by Jericho, that he lifted his eyes

who were men of war, who came out of and looked, and behold, a Man stood

Egypt, were consumed, because they opposite him with His sword drawn in

did not obey the voice of the LORD--to His hand. And Joshua went to Him and

whom the LORD swore that He would said to Him, "Are You for us or for our

not show them the land which the LORD adversaries?" had sworn to their fathers that He would

give us, "a land flowing with milk and 1 4

So He said, "No, but as Commander of

honey." the army of the LORD I have now

come." And Joshua fell on his face to

7Then Joshua circumcised their sons the earth and worshiped, and said to

whom He raised up in their place; for Him, "What does my Lord say to

His

they were uncircumcised, because they servant?" had not been circumcised on the way.

1 5

Then the Commander of the LORD's

8So it was, when they had finished army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal

circumcising all the people, that they off your foot, for the place where you

stayed in their places in the camp till stand is holy." And Joshua did so. they were healed.

Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This 6Now Jericho was securely shut up

day I have rolled away the reproach of

because of the children of Israel; none

Egypt from you." Therefore the name of

went out, and none came in.

the place is called Gilgal to this day.

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0Now the children of Israel camped in 2 And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I

have given Jericho into your hand, its

Gilgal, and kept the Passover on the

king, and the mighty men of valor.

fourteenth day of the month at twilight

on the plains of Jericho. 3You shall march around the city, all you 1  
men of war; you shall go all around the 1

And they ate of the produce of the land

city once. This you shall do six days.

on the day after the Passover,

unleavened bread and parched grain, 4 on the very same day. And  
seven priests shall bear seven

trumpets of rams' horns before the ark.

1 But the seventh day you shall march 2

Then the manna ceased on the day

around the city seven times, and the

after they had eaten the produce of the

priests shall blow the trumpets.

land; and the children of Israel no longer

had manna, but they ate the food of the 5It shall come to pass, when  
they make land of Canaan that year. a long blast with the ram's horn,  
and

when you hear the sound of the trumpet,

that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the  
city will 13Then seven priests bearing seven fall down flat. And the  
people shall go up trumpets of rams' horns before the ark

every man straight before him." of the LORD went on continually and

blew with the trumpets. And the armed

6 men went before them. But the rear Then Joshua the son of Nun  
called the

priests and said to them, "Take up the guard came after the ark of the LORD,

ark of the covenant, and let seven while the priests continued blowing the

priests bear seven trumpets of rams' trumpets. horns before the ark of the LORD."

1 4And the second day they marched

7 around the city once and returned to the And he said to the people, "Proceed,

and march around the city, and let him camp. So they did six days. who is armed advance before the ark of

the LORD." 15But it came to pass on the seventh day

that they rose early, about the dawning

'So it was, when Joshua had spoken to of the day, and marched around the city

the people, that the seven priests seven times in the same manner. On

bearing the seven trumpets of rams' that day only they marched around the

horns before the LORD advanced and city seven times. blew the trumpets, and the ark of the

covenant of the LORD followed them. 1 6And the seventh time it happened,

when the priests blew the trumpets, that

"The armed men went before the priests Joshua said to the people: "Shout, for

who blew the trumpets, and the rear the LORD has given you the city! guard came after the ark, while the

1 7

priests continued blowing the trumpets. Now the city shall be doomed by the



LORD to destruction, it and all who are

<sup>10</sup>Now Joshua had commanded the in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall  
live,

people, saying, "You shall not shout or she and all who are with her in  
the

make any noise with your voice, nor house, because she hid the  
messengers

shall a word proceed out of your mouth, that we sent. until the day I  
say to you, "Shout!" Then

you shall shout." <sup>1</sup> 8

And you, by all means abstain from

the accursed things, lest you become

<sup>11</sup> accursed when you take of the accursed

So he had the ark of the LORD circle

the city, going around it once. Then they things, and make the camp  
of Israel a

came into the camp and lodged in the curse, and trouble it. camp.

<sup>1</sup> ' But all the silver and gold, and vessels

<sup>12</sup>And Joshua rose early in the morning, of bronze and iron, are  
consecrated to

and the priests took up the ark of the the LORD; they shall come into  
the

LORD. treasury of the LORD."

<sup>20</sup>So the people shouted when the with his firstborn, and with his  
youngest

priests blew the trumpets. And it he shall set up its gates." happened  
when the people heard the

sound of the trumpet, and the people <sup>2</sup> 7

So the LORD was with Joshua, and

shouted with a great shout, that the wall his fame spread throughout  
all the

fell down flat. Then the people went up country. into the city, every  
man straight before

him, and they took the city.

2 7But the children of Israel committed a 1And they utterly destroyed  
all that was

in the city, both man and woman, young trespass regarding the  
accursed things,

and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with for Achan the son of Carmi,  
the son of

the edge of the sword. Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of

Judah, took of the accursed things; so

2 the anger of the LORD burned against 2

But Joshua had said to the two men

the children of Israel.

who had spied out the country, "Go into

the harlot's house, and from there bring 2 Now Joshua sent men from  
Jericho to out the woman and all that she has, as Ai, which is beside  
Beth Aven, on the you swore to her." east side of Bethel, and spoke to  
them,

2 saying, "Go up and spy out the country." 3And the young men who  
had been

So the men went up and spied out Ai.

spies went in and brought out Rahab,

her father, her mother, her brothers, and <sup>3</sup>And they returned to Joshua and said all that she had. So they brought out all to him, "Do not let all the people go up, her relatives and left them outside the but let about two or three thousand men camp of Israel. go up and attack Ai. Do not weary all the <sup>2</sup> people there, for the people of Ai are <sup>4</sup>

But they burned the city and all that few."

was in it with fire. Only the silver and

gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, <sup>4</sup> they put into the treasury of the house of So about three thousand men went up

the LORD. there from the people, but they fled

before the men of Ai.

<sup>25</sup>

And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, <sup>5</sup>

her father's household, and all that she And the men of Ai struck down about

had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, thirty-six men, for they chased them

because she hid the messengers whom from before the gate as far as Shebarim,

Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. and struck them down on the descent;

therefore the hearts of the people

<sup>2</sup> melted and became like water. <sup>6</sup>Then Joshua charged them at that

time, saying, "Cursed be the man before <sup>6</sup> Then Joshua tore his clothes, and fell the LORD who rises up and builds this to the earth on his face before the ark of city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation the LORD

until evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust on before  
your enemies until you take away

their heads. the accursed thing from among you."

7 1 And Joshua said, "Alas, Lord GOD, 4 n the morning therefore you  
shall be why have You brought this people over brought according to  
your tribes. And it

the Jordan at all--to deliver us into the shall be that the tribe which  
the LORD

hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? Oh, takes shall come according to  
families;

that we had been content, and dwelt on and the family which the  
LORD takes

the other side of the Jordan! shall come by households; and the

household which the LORD takes shall

'O Lord, what shall I say when Israel come man by man. turns its back  
before its enemies?

15

Then it shall be that he who is taken

'For the Canaanites and all the with the accursed thing shall be burned

inhabitants of the land will hear it, and with fire, he and all that he  
has, because

surround us, and cut off our name from he has transgressed the  
covenant of the

the earth. Then what will You do for LORD, and because he has done  
a

Your great name?" disgraceful thing in Israel."

1 1 6So Joshua rose early in the morning 0So the LORD said to Joshua:

"Get up! Why do you lie thus on your face? and brought Israel by their tribes, and

the tribe of Judah was taken.

1 1 srael has sinned, and they have also

1 7He brought the clan of Judah, and he transgressed My covenant which I

commanded them. For they have even took the family of the Zarhites; and he

taken some of the accursed things, and brought the family of the Zarhites man

have both stolen and deceived; and they by man, and Zabdi was taken.

have also put it among their own stuff. 8Then he brought his household man

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12Therefore the children of Israel could by man, and Achan the son of Carmi,

not stand before their enemies, but the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of

turned their backs before their enemies, the tribe of Judah, was taken. because they have become doomed to

destruction. Neither will I be with you 1' Now Joshua said to Achan, "My son, I anymore, unless you destroy the beg you, give glory to the LORD God of

accursed from among you. Israel, and make confession to Him, and

tell me now what you have done; do not

13 hide it from me."

Get up, sanctify the people, and say,

"Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow,

because thus says the LORD God of 2 0And Achan answered Joshua and said, Israel: "There is an accursed thing in "Indeed I have sinned against the LORD

your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand God of Israel, and this is what I have

done:

21

When I saw among the spoils a hand the king of Ai, his people, his city,

beautiful Babylonian garment, two and his land. hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge

of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted 2 And you shall do to Ai and its king as them and took them. And there they are, you did to Jericho and its king. Only its

hidden in the earth in the midst of my spoil and its cattle you shall take as

tent, with the silver under it." booty for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it."

22

So Joshua sent messengers, and they

ran to the tent; and there it was, hidden 3So Joshua arose, and all the people of in his tent, with the silver under it. war, to go up against Ai; and Joshua

chose thirty thousand mighty men of

23

And they took them from the midst of valor and sent them away by night.

the tent, brought them to Joshua and to

all the children of Israel, and laid them <sup>4</sup>And he commanded them, saying: out before the LORD. "Behold, you shall lie in ambush against

the city, behind the city. Do not go very

24

Then Joshua, and all Israel with him, far from the city, but all of you be ready.

took Achan the son of Zerah, the silver,

the garment, the wedge of gold, his <sup>5</sup>Then I and all the people who are with sons, his daughters, his oxen, his me will approach the city; and it will

donkeys, his sheep, his tent, and all that come about, when they come out

he had, and they brought them to the against us as at the first, that we shall

Valley of Achor. flee before them.

26 <sup>5</sup>And Joshua said, "Why have you

For they will come out after us till we

troubled us? The LORD will trouble you have drawn them from the city, for they

this day." So all Israel stoned him with will say, "They are fleeing before us as

stones; and they burned them with fire at the first.' Therefore we will flee before after they had stoned them with stones. them.

27 <sup>6</sup>Then they raised over him a great

Then you shall rise from the ambush

heap of stones, still there to this day. So and seize the city, for the LORD your

the LORD turned from the fierceness of God will deliver it into your hand. His anger. Therefore the name of that

place has been called the Valley of 'And it will be, when you have taken the

Achor to this day. city, that you shall set the city on fire.

According to the commandment of the

LORD you shall do. See, I have

8Now the LORD said to Joshua: "Do commanded you."

not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all

the people of war with you, and arise, go 'Joshua therefore sent them out; and

up to Ai. See, I have given into your they went to lie in ambush, and stayed



between Bethel and Ai, on the west side There was not a man left in Ai or

of Ai; but Joshua lodged that night Bethel who did not go out after Israel.

among the people. So they left the city open and pursued  
Israel.

10

Then Joshua rose up early in the

1 8

morning and mustered the people, and Then the LORD said to Joshua, went up, he and the elders of Israel, "Stretch out the spear that is in your

before the people to Ai. hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your

hand." And Joshua stretched out the

11And all the people of war who were spear that was in his hand toward the

with him went up and drew near; and city. they came before the city and camped

on the north side of Ai. Now a valley lay 1' So those in ambush arose quickly out between them and Ai. of their place; they ran as soon as he

had stretched out his hand, and they

12 entered the city and took it, and hurried

So he took about five thousand men

and set them in ambush between Bethel to set the city on fire. and Ai, on the west side of the city.

And when the men of Ai looked behind

13And when they had set the people, all them, they saw, and behold,  
the smoke

the army that was on the north of the of the city ascended to heaven.  
So they

city, and its rear guard on the west of had no power to flee this way or  
that

the city, Joshua went that night into the way, and the people who had  
fled to the

midst of the valley. wilderness turned back on the pursuers.

121 4Now when Joshua and all Israel saw Now it happened, when the  
king of Ai saw it, that the men of the city hurried that the ambush had  
taken the city and

and rose early and went out against that the smoke of the city  
ascended,

Israel to battle, he and all his people, at they turned back and struck  
down the

an appointed place before the plain. But men of Ai. he did not know  
that there was an

ambush against him behind the city. 2 Then the others came out of the  
city

against them; so they were caught in the

15And Joshua and all Israel made as if midst of Israel, some on this  
side and

they were beaten before them, and fled some on that side. And they  
struck them

by the way of the wilderness. down, so that they let none of them

remain or escape.

16 So all the people who were in Ai were <sup>2</sup> called together to pursue them. And <sup>3</sup> But the king of Ai they took alive, and

they pursued Joshua and were drawn brought him to Joshua. away from the city.

<sup>24</sup>

And it came to pass when Israel had

made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the  
<sup>32</sup> And there, in the presence of the

wilderness where they pursued them, children of Israel, he wrote on the

and when they all had fallen by the edge stones a copy of the law of Moses,

of the sword until they were consumed, which he had written. that all the Israelites returned to Ai and

struck it with the edge of the sword. <sup>33</sup> Then all Israel, with their elders and

officers and judges, stood on either side

<sup>25</sup>

So it was that all who fell that day, of the ark before the priests, the Levites,

both men and women, were twelve who bore the ark of the covenant of the

thousand--all the people of Ai. LORD, the stranger as well as he who

was born among them. Half of them

<sup>26</sup> For Joshua did not draw back his hand, were in front of Mount Gerizim and half

with which he stretched out the spear, of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses

until he had utterly destroyed all the the servant of the LORD had  
inhabitants of Ai. commanded before, that they should  
bless the people of Israel.

27

Only the livestock and the spoil of that 34And afterward he read all  
the words of

city Israel took as booty for themselves,

according to the word of the LORD the law, the blessings and the  
cursings,

which He had commanded Joshua. according to all that is written in  
the

Book of the Law.

28 So Joshua burned Ai and made it a 3 heap forever, a desolation to  
this day. 5There was not a word of all that Moses

had commanded which Joshua did not

2 read before all the assembly of Israel, '

And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree

with the women, the little ones, and the

until evening. And as soon as the sun

strangers who were living among them.

was down, Joshua commanded that

they should take his corpse down from

the tree, cast it at the entrance of the

gate of the city, and raise over it a great 9And it came to pass when all  
the heap of stones that remains to this day. kings who were on this  
side of the

30 Now Joshua built an altar to the LORD Jordan, in the hills and in the lowland

and in all the coasts of the Great Sea

God of Israel in Mount Ebal, toward Lebanon--the Hittite, the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite,

31 and the Jebusite--heard about it, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the children of Israel,

as it is written in the Book of the Law of <sup>2</sup>that they gathered together to fight with Moses: "an altar of whole stones over Joshua and Israel with one accord. which no man has wielded an iron tool."

And they offered on it burnt offerings to <sup>3</sup>But when the inhabitants of Gibeon

the LORD, and sacrificed peace heard what Joshua had done to Jericho

offerings. and Ai, <sup>4</sup>they worked craftily, and went and to them, "We are your servants; now

pretended to be ambassadors. And they therefore, make a covenant with us."

took old sacks on their donkeys, old

wineskins torn and mended, <sup>12</sup>

This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day

<sup>50</sup>Id and patched sandals on their feet, we departed to come to you. But now

and old garments on themselves; and all look, it is dry and moldy. the bread of their provision was dry and

moldy. <sup>1</sup> 3

And these wineskins which we filled

were new, and see, they are torn; and

6And they went to Joshua, to the camp these our garments and our sandals

at Gilgal, and said to him and to the men have become old because of the very

of Israel, "We have come from a far long journey." country; now therefore, make a covenant with us." 1 4

Then the men of Israel took some of  
their provisions; but they did not ask

7Then the men of Israel said to the counsel of the LORD. Hivites,  
"Perhaps you dwell among us;

so how can we make a covenant with 15So Joshua made peace with them, you?" and made a covenant with them to let

them live; and the rulers of the

8But they said to Joshua, "We are your congregation swore to them. servants." And Joshua said to them,

"Who are you, and where do you come 1 6

And it happened at the end of three  
from?" days, after they had made a covenant

with them, that they heard that they

'So they said to him: "From a very far were their neighbors who dwelt near

country your servants have come, them. because of the name of the LORD your

God; for we have heard of His fame, 1 7Then the children of Israel journeyed and all that He did in Egypt, and came to their cities on the third day.

Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah,

and all that He did to the two kings of Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim.

the Amorites who were beyond the

Jordan--to Sihon king of Heshbon, and <sup>1</sup> But the children of Israel did not attack Og king of Bashan, who was at them, because the rulers of the

Ashtaroeth. congregation had sworn to them by the

<sup>1</sup> congregation complained against the

1 Therefore our elders and all the LORD God of Israel. And all the

inhabitants of our country spoke to us, rulers. saying, "Take provisions with you for the

journey, and go to meet them, and say <sup>1</sup> Then all the rulers said to all the

congregation, "We have sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel;  
now congregation and for the altar of the

therefore, we may not touch them. LORD, in the place which He would

choose, even to this day.

<sup>20</sup> This we will do to them: We will let them live, lest wrath be upon us

because of the oath which we swore to <sup>1</sup> O Now it came to pass when Adoni- them." Zedek king of Jerusalem heard how

<sup>2</sup> Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly

<sup>1</sup> And the rulers said to them, "Let them destroyed it--as he had done to Jericho

live, but let them be woodcutters and and its king, so he had done to Ai and

water carriers for all the congregation, its king--and how the inhabitants of

as the rulers had promised them." Gibeon had made peace with Israel

and

were among them,

22Then Joshua called for them, and he

spoke to them, saying, "Why have you 2that they feared greatly,  
because deceived us, saying, "We are very far Gibeon was a great city,  
like one of the

from you,' when you dwell near us? royal cities, and because it was  
greater

than Ai, and all its men were mighty.

23Now therefore, you are cursed, and none of you shall be freed from  
being 3Therefore Adoni-Zedek king of

slaves--woodcutters and water carriers Jerusalem sent to Hoham king  
of

for the house of my God." Hebron, Piram king of Jarmuth, Japhia

king of Lachish, and Debir king of Eglon,

24 So they answered Joshua and said, saying, "Because your servants  
were clearly

told 4 that the LORD your God Come up to me and help me, that we  
commanded His servant Moses to give may attack Gibeon, for it has  
made

you all the land, and to destroy all the peace with Joshua and with the  
children

inhabitants of the land from before you; of Israel." therefore we were  
very much afraid for

our lives because of you, and have done 5Therefore the five kings of  
the Amorites, this thing. the king of Jerusalem, the king of

2 Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of 5And now, here we are, in  
your hands;

Lachish, and the king of Eglon, gathered



do with us as it seems good and right to together and went up, they  
and all their

do to us." armies, and camped before Gibeon and

made war against it.

26

So he did to them, and delivered them

out of the hand of the children of Israel, 6And the men of Gibeon sent  
to Joshua so that they did not kill them. at the camp at Gilgal, saying,  
"Do not

forsake your servants; come up to us

27And that day Joshua made them quickly, save us and help us, for all  
the

woodcutters and water carriers for the kings of the Amorites who  
dwell in the

mountains have gathered together still in the midst of heaven, and did  
not

against us." hasten to go down for about a whole

day.

7So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he

1 4

and all the people of war with him, and And there has been no day  
like that,

all the mighty men of valor. before it or after it, that the LORD

heeded the voice of a man; for the

8 LORD fought for Israel. And the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not

fear them, for I have delivered them into 5Then Joshua returned, and  
all Israel

your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you." with him, to the camp at Gilgal.

16

'Joshua therefore came upon them But these five kings had fled and suddenly, having marched all night from hidden themselves in a cave at Gilgal. Makkedah.

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So the LORD routed them before And it was told Joshua, saying, "The Israel, killed them with a great slaughter five kings have been found hidden in the at Gibeon, chased them along the road cave at Makkedah." that goes to Beth Horon, and struck them down as far as Azekah and 18 So Joshua said, "Roll large stones Makkedah. against the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to guard them.

11

And it happened, as they fled before Israel and were on the descent of Beth 1 ' And do not stay there yourselves, but Horon, that the LORD cast down large pursue your enemies, and attack their hailstones from heaven on them as far rear guard. Do not allow them to enter as Azekah, and they died. There were their cities, for the LORD your God has more who died from the hailstones than delivered them into your

hand." the children of Israel killed with the  
sword. 2 0Then it happened, while Joshua and

1 the children of Israel made an end of 2 Then Joshua spoke to the  
LORD in slaying them with a very great slaughter,

the day when the LORD delivered up till they had finished, that those  
who

the Amorites before the children of escaped entered fortified cities.  
Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel:

"Sun, stand still over Gibeon; And Moon, 21

And all the people returned to the  
in the Valley of Aijalon."

camp, to Joshua at Makkedah, in peace.

1 No one moved his tongue against any of 3 So the sun stood still, And  
the moon the children of Israel.

stopped, Till the people had revenge

Upon their enemies. Is this not written in

the Book of Jasher? So the sun stood

22

Then Joshua said, "Open the mouth of Makkedah as he had done to  
the king of

the cave, and bring out those five kings Jericho. to me from the cave."

2 ' Then Joshua passed from Makkedah,

23

And they did so, and brought out those and all Israel with him, to  
Libnah; and

five kings to him from the cave: the king they fought against Libnah.  
of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the

king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and 30 And the LORD also  
delivered it and its the king of Eglon. king into the hand of Israel; he  
struck it

and all the people who were in it with

24

So it was, when they brought out those the edge of the sword. He  
let none

kings to Joshua, that Joshua called for remain in it, but did to its king  
as he had

all the men of Israel, and said to the done to the king of Jericho.  
captains of the men of war who went

with him, "Come near, put your feet on 3 1

Then Joshua passed from Libnah, and

the necks of these kings." And they all Israel with him, to Lachish; and  
they

drew near and put their feet on their encamped against it and fought  
against

necks. j

25Then Joshua said to them, "Do not be 32And the LORD delivered  
Lachish into

afraid, nor be dismayed; be strong and the hand of Israel, who took it  
on the

of good courage, for thus the LORD will second day, and struck it and  
all the

do to all your enemies against whom people who were in it with the  
edge of

you fight." the sword, according to all that he had

done to Libnah.

26And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged  
them on five 33Then Hiram king of Gezer came up to

trees; and they were hanging on the hill at Lachish; and Joshua struck  
him

trees until evening. and his people, until he left him none

remaining.

27

So it was at the time of the going down

of the sun that Joshua commanded, and 34From Lachish Joshua  
passed to Eglon,

they took them down from the trees, and all Israel with him; and they

cast them into the cave where they had encamped against it and  
fought against

been hidden, and laid large stones ; against the cave's mouth, which  
remain

until this very day. 35

They took it on that day and struck it

2 with the edge of the sword; all the 8 On that day Joshua took  
Makkedah, people who were in it he utterly

and struck it and its king with the edge destroyed that day, according  
to all that

of the sword. He utterly destroyed them he had done to Lachish.--all  
the people who were in it. He let

none remain. He also did to the king of 36So Joshua went up from  
Eglon, and all

Israel with him, to Hebron; and they 1 1 And it came to pass,  
when Jabin fought against it. king of Hazor heard these things, that

37 he sent to Jobab king of Madon, to the And they took it and struck it with the king of Shimron, to the king of Achshaph,

edge of the sword--its king, all its cities,

and all the people who were in it; he left 2 and to the kings who were from the none remaining, according to all that he

north, in the mountains, in the plain

had done to Eglon, but utterly destroyed south of Chinneroth, in the lowland, and

it and all the people who were in it. in the heights of Dor on the west,

38Then Joshua returned, and all Israel 3 the Canaanites in the east and in the

with him, to Debir; and they fought west, the Amorite, the Hittite, the against it. Perizzite, the Jebusite in the mountains,

and the Hivite below Hermon in the land

3' And he took it and its king and all its of Mizpah. cities; they struck them with the edge of

the sword and utterly destroyed all the 4

So they went out, they and all their people who were in it. He left none

armies with them, as many people as remaining; as he had done to Hebron,

the sand that is on the seashore in so he did to Debir and its king, as he

multitude, with very many horses and had done also to Libnah and its king.

chariots.

40

So Joshua conquered all the land: the <sup>5</sup>

And when all these kings had met  
mountain country and the South and the

together, they came and camped  
lowland and the wilderness slopes, and

together at the waters of Merom to fight  
all their kings; he left none remaining,

against Israel.

but utterly destroyed all that breathed,

as the LORD God of Israel had <sup>6</sup> But the LORD said to Joshua, "Do not  
commanded. be afraid because of them, for tomorrow <sup>41</sup> about this  
time I will deliver all of them

And Joshua conquered them from

slain before Israel. You shall hamstring

Kadesh Barnea as far as Gaza, and all

their horses and burn their chariots with  
the country of Goshen, even as far as

fire."

Gibeon.

<sup>4</sup> So Joshua and all the people of war

27

All these kings and their land Joshua  
with him came against them suddenly  
took at one time, because the LORD  
by the waters of Merom, and they  
God of Israel fought for Israel.  
attacked them.

43Then Joshua returned, and all Israel  
8 And the LORD delivered them into the  
with him, to the camp at Gilgal.  
hand of Israel, who defeated them and  
chased them to Greater Sidon, to the Brook Misrephoth, and to the  
Valley of 16Thus Joshua took all this land: the Mizpah eastward; they  
attacked them mountain country, all the South, all the  
until they left none of them remaining. land of Goshen, the lowland,  
and the  
Jordan plain --the mountains of Israel  
'So Joshua did to them as the LORD and its lowlands,

had told him: he hamstrung their horses 7 rom Mount Halak and the  
ascent to

and burned their chariots with fire. 1

Seir, even as far as Baal Gad in the  
10 Valley of Lebanon below Mount Hermon.

Joshua turned back at that time and  
took Hazor, and struck its king with the He captured all their kings,  
and struck



sword; for Hazor was formerly the head them down and killed them.  
of all those kingdoms.

18

Joshua made war a long time with all

11And they struck all the people who those kings.

were in it with the edge of the sword,

utterly destroying them. There was none 1 ' There was not a city that  
made peace left breathing. Then he burned Hazor with the children of  
Israel, except the

with fire. Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon. All

the others they took in battle.

12

So all the cities of those kings, and all 0For it was of the LORD to  
harden their

their kings, Joshua took and struck with 2 the edge of the sword. He  
utterly hearts, that they should come against

destroyed them, as Moses the servant Israel in battle, that He might  
utterly

of the LORD had commanded. destroy them, and that they might

receive no mercy, but that He might

13 destroy them, as the LORD had

But as for the cities that stood on their

mounds, Israel burned none of them, commanded Moses.

except Hazor only, which Joshua 1And at that time Joshua came and  
cut

burned. 2

off the Anakim from the mountains: from

14And all the spoil of these cities and the Hebron, from Debir, from  
Anab, from all

livestock, the children of Israel took as the mountains of Judah, and  
from all the

booty for themselves; but they struck mountains of Israel; Joshua  
utterly

every man with the edge of the sword destroyed them with their  
cities. until they had destroyed them, and they

left none breathing. 2 None of the Anakim were left in the

land of the children of Israel; they

15 remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in

As the LORD had commanded Moses

his servant, so Moses commanded Ashdod. Joshua, and so Joshua did.  
He left

2 3

nothing undone of all that the LORD had So Joshua took the whole  
land,

commanded Moses. according to all that the LORD had said

to Moses; and Joshua gave it as an inheritance to Israel according to  
their to the Reubenites, the Gadites, and half

divisions by their tribes. Then the land the tribe of Manasseh. rested  
from war.

7And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children  
of Israel

1 2 conquered on this side of the Jordan, on These are the kings of  
the land

whom the children of Israel defeated, the west, from Baal Gad in the  
Valley of

Lebanon as far as Mount Halak and the

and whose land they possessed on the

ascent to Seir, which Joshua gave to the

other side of the Jordan toward the

rising of the sun, from the River Arnon to tribes of Israel as a  
possession

according to their divisions,

Mount Hermon, and all the eastern

Jordan plain: <sup>1</sup>in the mountain country, in the lowlands, <sup>2</sup>in the  
Jordan plain, in the slopes, in the

One king was Sihon king of the

wilderness, and in the South--the Hittites,

Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon and

the Amorites, the Canaanites, the

ruled half of Gilead, from Aroer, which is

Perizzites, the Hivites, and the

on the bank of the River Arnon, from the

Jebusites:

middle of that river, even as far as the

River Jabbok, which is the border of the

Ammonites, 'the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai,

which is beside Bethel, one;

hand the eastern Jordan plain from the <sup>1</sup>0 Sea of Chinneroth as far as  
the Sea of the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of

the Arabah (the Salt Sea), the road to Hebron, one; Beth Jeshimoth,

and southward below

the slopes of Pisgah. <sup>1</sup> the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of

Lachish, one;

<sup>4</sup>The other king was Og king of Bashan and his territory, who was of  
the <sup>1</sup> 2

the king of Eglon, one; the king of

remnant of the giants, who dwelt at Gezer, one; Ashtaroth and at  
Edrei,

<sup>1</sup> 3

the king of Debir, one; the king of

sand reigned over Mount Hermon, over Geder, one; Salcah, over all  
Bashan, as far as the

border of the Geshurites and the <sup>1</sup> 4the king of Hormah, one; the king  
of Maachathites, and over half of Gilead to Arad, one; the border of  
Sihon king of Heshbon.

<sup>1</sup> 5

<sup>6</sup> the king of Libnah, one; the king of

These Moses the servant of the LORD Adullam, one;

and the children of Israel had conquered; and Moses the servant of <sup>1</sup> 6

the king of Makkedah, one; the king of

the LORD had given it as a possession

Bethel, one;

<sup>17</sup> he king of Tappuah, one; the king of

Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the

Hepher, one; Avites;

<sup>14</sup> ' the king of Aphek, one; the king of from the south, all the land of

the Lasharon, one; Canaanites, and Mearah that belongs to

the Sidonians as far as Aphek, to the

<sup>1</sup> border of the Amorites; ' the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

the land of the Gebalites, and all

<sup>20</sup> he king of Shimron Meron, one; the Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal

king of Achshaph, one; Gad below Mount Hermon as far as the

entrance to Hamath;

<sup>21</sup> he king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; <sup>6</sup> all the inhabitants of the mountains

from Lebanon as far as the Brook

<sup>22</sup> he king of Kedesh, one; the king of Misrephoth, and all the Sidonians--them

I will drive out from before the children

Jokneam in Carmel, one;

of Israel; only divide it by lot to Israel as

<sup>2</sup> an inheritance, as I have commanded <sup>3</sup> he king of Dor in the heights of Dor,

you.

one; the king of the people of Gilgal,

one; <sup>7</sup>

Now therefore, divide this land as an

<sup>2</sup> inheritance to the nine tribes and half <sup>4</sup> he king of Tirzah, one--all the kings,

thirty-one.

8 With the other half-tribe the Reubenites and the Gadites received  
their

1 3Now Joshua was old, advanced in inheritance, which Moses had  
given

years. And the LORD said to him: "You them, beyond the Jordan  
eastward, as

are old, advanced in years, and there Moses the servant of the LORD  
had

remains very much land yet to be given them: possessed.

9 from Aroer which is on the bank of the

2 River Arnon, and the town that is in the This is the land that yet  
remains: all the

territory of the Philistines and all that of midst of the ravine, and all  
the plain of

the Geshurites, Medeba as far as Dibon;

3from Sihor, which is east of Egypt, as 10aII the cities of Sihon king of  
the far as the border of Ekron northward Amorites, who reigned in  
Heshbon, as

(which is counted as Canaanite); the far as the border of the children  
of

five lords of the Philistines--the Gazites, Ammon; the Ashdodites, the  
Ashkelonites, the 1 2 1 1Gilead, and the border of the aII the cities of  
the plain and all the

Geshurites and Maachathites, all Mount kingdom of Sihon king of the  
Amorites,

Hermon, and all Bashan as far as who reigned in Heshbon, whom

Moses

Salcah; had struck with the princes of Midian:

Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, who

<sup>12</sup> were princes of Sihon dwelling in the

all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, who

reigned in Ashtaroth and Edrei, who country.

remained of the remnant of the giants; <sup>2</sup>The children of Israel also killed with

for Moses had defeated and cast out <sup>2</sup> these. the sword Balaam the son of Beor, the

soothsayer, among those who were

<sup>13</sup> killed by them.

Nevertheless the children of Israel did

not drive out the Geshurites or the <sup>3</sup>And the border of the children of Maachathites, but the Geshurites and <sup>2</sup> the Maachathites dwell among the Reuben was the bank of the Jordan.

Israelites until this day. This was the inheritance of the children

of Reuben according to their families,

<sup>14</sup> the cities and their villages.

Only to the tribe of Levi he had given

no inheritance; the sacrifices of the

LORD God of Israel made by fire are <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>Moses also had given an inheritance their inheritance, as He said to them. to the tribe of Gad, to the children of

Gad according to their families.

15And Moses had given to the tribe of the children of Reuben an inheritance 2 5Their territory was Jazer, and all the according to their families. cities of Gilead, and half the land of the

Ammonites as far as Aroer, which is

16Their territory was from Aroer, which is before Rabbah,  
on the bank of the River Arnon, and the  
city that is in the midst of the ravine, and 2 6

and from Heshbon to Ramath Mizpah  
all the plain by Medeba; and Betonim, and from Mahanaim to the  
border of Debir,

17  
Heshbon and all its cities that are in  
the plain: Dibon, Bamoth Baal, Beth 2 7  
and in the valley Beth Haram, Beth  
Baal Meon, Nimrah, Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest  
of the kingdom of Sihon king of

18Jahaza, Kedemoth, Mephaath,  
Heshbon, with the Jordan as its border,  
as far as the edge of the Sea of

1 Chinnereth, on the other side of the ' Kirjathaim, Sibmah, Zereth  
Shahar on

the mountain of the valley, Jordan eastward.

2 ' This is the inheritance of the children

0Beth Peor, the slopes of Pisgah, and 2

Beth Jeshimoth-- of Gad according to their families, the



cities and their villages.

<sup>29</sup>Moses also had given an inheritance Levites he had given no inheritance

to half the tribe of Manasseh; it was for among them. half the tribe of the children of

Manasseh according to their families: <sup>4</sup>For the children of Joseph were two

tribes: Manasseh and Ephraim. And

<sup>30</sup>

Their territory was from Mahanaim, all they gave no part to the Levites in the

Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of land, except cities to dwell in, with their

Bashan, and all the towns of Jair which common-lands for their livestock and

are in Bashan, sixty cities; their property.

<sup>31</sup> <sup>5</sup>

half of Gilead, and Ashtaroth and Edrei, As the LORD had commanded Moses,

cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, so the children of Israel did; and they

were for the children of Machir the son divided the land. of Manasseh, for half of the children of

Machir according to their families. <sup>6</sup>Then the children of Judah came to

Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of

<sup>32</sup>

These are the areas which Moses had Jephunneh the Kenizzite said

to him:

distributed as an inheritance in the "You know the word which the LORD

plains of Moab on the other side of the said to Moses the man of God Jordan, by Jericho eastward. concerning you and me in Kadesh

Barnea.

33But to the tribe of Levi Moses had

given no inheritance; the LORD God of <sup>7</sup>1 was forty years old when Moses the Israel was their inheritance, as He had servant of the LORD sent me from

said to them. Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and

I brought back word to him as it was in  
my heart.

1 4These are the areas which the <sup>8</sup>Nevertheless my brethren who went up children of Israel inherited in the land of with me made the heart of the people Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, melt, but I wholly followed the LORD my Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads God. of the fathers of the tribes of the children

of Israel distributed as an inheritance to <sup>9</sup> So Moses swore on that day, saying, them.

"Surely the land where your foot has

<sup>2</sup> trodden shall be your inheritance and

Their inheritance was by lot, as the

your children's forever, because you

LORD had commanded by the hand of

have wholly followed the LORD my

Moses, for the nine tribes and the half- God.' tribe.

3For Moses had given the inheritance of <sup>1</sup> 0And now, behold, the LORD has kept

me alive, as He said, these forty-five

the two tribes and the half-tribe on the

other side of the Jordan; but to the years, ever since the LORD spoke this

word to Moses while Israel wandered in <sup>2</sup>And their southern border began at the the wilderness; and now, here I am this shore of the Salt Sea, from the bay that

day, eighty-five years old. faces southward.

<sup>11</sup> 3Then it went out to the southern side of

As yet I am as strong this day as on

the day that Moses sent me; just as my the Ascent of Akrabbim, passed along to

strength was then, so now is my Zin, ascended on the south side of

strength for war, both for going out and Kadesh Barnea, passed along to

for coming in. Hezron, went up to Adar, and went

around to Karkaa.

<sup>12</sup>Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke in that day; for <sup>4</sup>From there it passed toward Azmon you heard in that day how the Anakim and went out to the Brook of Egypt; and

were there, and that the cities were the border ended at the sea. This shall

great and fortified. It may be that the be your southern border. LORD will be with me, and I shall be

able to drive them out as the LORD 5 The east border was the Salt Sea as far said." as the mouth of the Jordan. And the

border on the northern quarter began at

13And Joshua blessed him, and gave the bay of the sea at the mouth of the

Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh Jordan. as an inheritance.

6 The border went up to Beth Hoglah and

14Hebron therefore became the passed north of Beth Arabah; and the inheritance of Caleb the son of border went up to the stone of Bohan Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, the son of Reuben. because he wholly followed the LORD

God of Israel. 7Then the border went up toward Debir

from the Valley of Achor, and it turned

15And the name of Hebron formerly was northward toward Gilgal, which is before

Kirjath Arba (Arba was the greatest man the Ascent of Adummim, which is on the

among the Anakim). Then the land had south side of the valley. The border

rest from war. continued toward the waters of En

Shemesh and ended at En Roget.

1 8 And the border went up by the Valley of 5So this was the lot of the tribe of

the Son of Hinnom to the southern slope

the children of Judah according to their

of the Jebusite city (which is Jerusalem).

families: The border of Edom at the

The border went up to the top of the  
Wilderness of Zin southward was the

mountain that lies before the Valley of  
extreme southern boundary.

Hinnom westward, which is at the end of  
the Valley of Rephaim northward.

"Then the border went around from the So Othniel the son of Kenaz, the

top of the hill to the fountain of the water brother of Caleb, took it; and he gave

of Nephtoah, and extended to the cities him Achsah his daughter as wife. of Mount Ephron. And the border went

around to Baalah (which is Kirjath <sup>1</sup> 8Now it was so, when she came to him, Jearim). that she persuaded him to ask her father

<sup>1</sup> donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do

OThen the border turned westward from for a field. So she dismounted from her

Baalah to Mount Seir, passed along to you wish?" the side of Mount Jearim on the north

(which is Chesalon), went down to Beth <sup>1</sup> ' She answered, "Give me a blessing; Shemesh, and passed on to Timnah. since you have given me land in the

South, give me also springs of water."

<sup>11</sup>

And the border went out to the side of So he gave her the upper springs and

Ekron northward. Then the border went the lower springs. around to Shicron, passed along to

Mount Baalah, and extended to Jabneel; <sup>2</sup> 0

This was the inheritance of the tribe of

and the border ended at the sea. the children of Judah according to their

families:

<sup>12</sup>The west border was the coastline of the Great Sea. This is the boundary of <sup>2</sup> 1

The cities at the limits of the tribe of

the children of Judah all around the children of Judah, toward the border

according to their families. of Edom in the South, were Kabzeel,

Eder, Jagur,

<sup>13</sup>Now to Caleb the son of Jephunneh

he gave a share among the children of <sup>22</sup>Kinah, Dimonah, Adadah, Judah, according to the commandment

of the LORD to Joshua, namely, Kirjath <sup>2</sup> 3Kedesh, Hazor, Ithnan, Arba, which is Hebron (Arba was the

father of Anak). <sup>2</sup> 4Ziph, Telem, Bealoth,

<sup>14</sup> Caleb drove out the three sons of <sup>2</sup> Anak from there: Sheshai, Ahiman, and <sup>5</sup>Hazor, Hadattah, Kerioth, Hezron

(which is Hazor),

Talmai, the children of Anak.

<sup>2</sup> 6

<sup>15</sup> Amam, Shema, Moladah,

Then he went up from there to the

inhabitants of Debir (formerly the name <sup>2</sup> 7Hazar Gaddah, Heshmon, Beth Pelet, of Debir was Kirjath Sepher).

6And Caleb said, "He who attacks <sup>2</sup> 8Hazar Shual, Beersheba,  
Bizjothjah,

Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will

give Achsah my daughter as wife." <sup>2</sup>' BaaIah, Ijim, Ezem, <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup> 7 OEItolad,  
Chesil, Hormah,

Ashdod with its towns and villages,

Gaza with its towns and villages--as far

<sup>31</sup> as the Brook of Egypt and the Great

ZikIag, Madmannah, Sansannah,

Sea with its coastline.

32Lebaoth, Shilhim, Ain, and Rimmon: all <sup>4</sup> 8 And in the mountain  
country: Shamir, the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages. Jattir,  
Sochoh,

33 n the lowland: Eshtaol, Zorah, Ashnah, <sup>4</sup>' Dannah, Kirjath Sannah  
(which is

Debir),

34Zanoah, En Gannim, Tappuah, Enam, <sup>50</sup>Anab, Eshtemoh, Anim,

35Jarmuth, Adullam, Socoh, Azekah, <sup>51</sup>Goshen, Holon, and Giloh:  
eleven

<sup>36</sup>Sharaim, Adithaim, Gederah, and cities with their villages;

Gederothaim: fourteen cities with their



villages; Arab, Dumah, Eshean,

37Zenan, Hadashah, Migdal Gad, 53Janum, Beth Tappuah, Aphekah,

3' DiIean, Mizpah, Joktheel, 54Humtah, Kirjath Arba (which is

Hebron), and Zior: nine cities with their

39Lachish, Bozkath, Eglon, villages;

4 55 0Cabbon, Lahmas, Kithlish,

Maon, Carmel, Ziph, Juttah,

4

1Gederoth, Beth Dagon, Naamah, and 56Jezreel, Jokdeam, Zanoah,

Makkedah: sixteen cities with their

villages; Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah: ten cities 57

with their villages;

42Libnah, Ether, Ashan,

58HalhuI, Beth Zur, Gedor,

43Jiphtah, Ashnah, Nezib,

5' Maarath, Beth Anoth, and Eltekon: six

44Keilah, Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages;  
cities with their villages;

6 0Kirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Jearim)

45Ekron, with its towns and villages;

and Rabbah: two cities with their

villages.

46from Ekron to the sea, all that lay near

61 n the wilderness: Beth Arabah, Middin,

Ashdod, with their villages;

Secacah, 6 8 2Nibshan, the City of  
Salt, and En Gedi: The border went  
out from Tappuah

six cities with their villages. westward to the Brook Kanah, and it

ended at the sea. This was the

63As for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of inheritance of the tribe of the  
children of

Jerusalem, the children of Judah could Ephraim according to their  
families. not drive them out; but the Jebusites

dwelt with the children of Judah at "The separate cities for the  
children of

Jerusalem to this day. Ephraim were among the inheritance of

the children of Manasseh, all the cities  
with their villages.

1 6The lot fell to the children of 1 0And they did not drive out the  
Joseph from the Jordan, by Jericho, to

the waters of Jericho on the east, to the Canaanites who dwelt in  
Gezer; but the

wilderness that goes up from Jericho Canaanites dwell among the

through the mountains to Bethel, Ephraimites to this day and have

become forced laborers.

2then went out from Bethel to Luz, passed along to the border of the

Archites at Ataroth, 1 7 There was also a lot for the tribe

of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of

h Joseph: namely for Machir the firstborn and went down westward to the

boundary of the Japhletites, as far as of Manasseh, the father of Gilead,

the boundary of Lower Beth Horon to because he was a man of war; therefore

Gezer; and it ended at the sea. he was given Gilead and Bashan.

4 2 And there was a lot for the rest of the So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. children of Manasseh according to their

families: for the children of Abiezer, the

5 children of Helek, the children of Asriel, The border of the children of Ephraim,

according to their families, was thus: the children of Shechem, the children of

The border of their inheritance on the Hephher, and the children of Shemida;

east side was Ataroth Addar as far as these were the male children of

Upper Beth Horon. Manasseh the son of Joseph according

to their families.

6And the border went out toward the sea 3 on the north side of Michmethath; then But Zelophehad the son of Hephher, the

the border went around eastward to son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son

Taanath Shiloh, and passed by it on the of Manasseh, had no sons, but only

east of Janohah. daughters. And these are the names of

his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah,

7 Milcah, and Tirzah.

Then it went down from Janohah to

Ataroth and Naarah, reached to Jericho,

and came out at the Jordan.

4And they came near before Eleazar the towns, Ibleam and its towns, the

priest, before Joshua the son of Nun, inhabitants of Dor and its towns, the

and before the rulers, saying, "The inhabitants of En Dor and its towns, the

LORD commanded Moses to give us an inhabitants of Taanach and its towns,

inheritance among our brothers." and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its Therefore, according to the towns--three hilly regions. commandment of the LORD, he gave

them an inheritance among their father's 1 2 et the children of Manasseh could brothers. not drive out the inhabitants of those

cities, but the Canaanites were

5Ten shares fell to Manasseh, besides determined to dwell in that land. the land of Gilead and Bashan, which

were on the other side of the Jordan, 13

And it happened, when the children of

Israel grew strong, that they put the

6because the daughters of Manasseh Canaanites to forced labor, but did not

received an inheritance among his sons; utterly drive them out. and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the

land of Gilead. <sup>14</sup>

Then the children of Joseph spoke to

Joshua, saying, "Why have you given us

<sup>7</sup>And the territory of Manasseh was from only one lot and one share to inherit,

Asher to Michmethath, that lies east of since we are a great people, inasmuch

Shechem; and the border went along as the LORD has blessed us until now?"

south to the inhabitants of En Tappuah.

<sup>1</sup> 5

So Joshua answered them, "If you are

'Manasseh had the land of Tappuah, a great people, then go up to the forest

but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh country and clear a place for yourself

belonged to the children of Ephraim. there in the land of the Perizzites and

the giants, since the mountains of

'And the border descended to the Brook Ephraim are too confined for you." Kanah, southward to the brook. These

cities of Ephraim are among the cities of <sup>16</sup>But the children of Joseph said, "The Manasseh. The border of Manasseh mountain country is not enough for us;

was on the north side of the brook; and and all the Canaanites who dwell in the

it ended at the sea. land of the valley have chariots of iron,

both those who are of Beth Shean and

10Southward it was Ephraim's, its towns and those who are of the  
northward it was Manasseh's, and the Valley of Jezreel." sea was its  
border. Manasseh's territory

was adjoining Asher on the north and 17And Joshua spoke to the  
house of Issachar on the east. Joseph--to Ephraim and Manasseh--

saying, "You are a great people and

11And in Issachar and in Asher, have great power; you shall not have  
Manasseh had Beth Shean and its only one lot, 1' but the mountain  
country shall be received their inheritance beyond the

yours. Although it is wooded, you shall Jordan on the east, which  
Moses the

cut it down, and its farthest extent shall servant of the LORD gave  
them." be yours; for you shall drive out the

Canaanites, though they have iron 8Then the men arose to go away;  
and chariots and are strong." Joshua charged those who went to

survey the land, saying, "Go, walk

through the land, survey it, and come

1 back to me, that I may cast lots for you 8Now the whole  
congregation of

the children of Israel assembled here before the LORD in Shiloh."  
together at Shiloh, and set up the

tabernacle of meeting there. And the 'So the men went, passed  
through the

land was subdued before them. land, and wrote the survey in a book  
in

seven parts by cities; and they came to

2 Joshua at the camp in Shiloh. But there remained among the  
children

of Israel seven tribes which had not yet <sup>10</sup>Then Joshua cast lots for them in received their inheritance.

Shiloh before the LORD, and there

<sup>3</sup>Then Joshua said to the children of Israel divided the land to the children

of Israel according to their divisions.

Israel: "How long will you neglect to go

and possess the land which the LORD <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup>Now the lot of the tribe of the children God of your fathers has given you?

of Benjamin came up according to their

<sup>4</sup> families, and the territory of their lot

Pick out from among you three men for

each tribe, and I will send them; they came out between the children of Judah

shall rise and go through the land, and the children of Joseph.

survey it according to their inheritance, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Their border on the north side began and come back to me.

at the Jordan, and the border went up to

<sup>5</sup> the side of Jericho on the north, and And they shall divide it into seven parts.

Judah shall remain in their territory on went up through the mountains

the south, and the house of Joseph shall westward; it ended at the Wilderness of

remain in their territory on the north. Beth Aven.

6 The border went over from there You shall therefore survey the land in

seven parts and bring the survey here to toward Luz, to the side of Luz (which is

me, that I may cast lots for you here Bethel) southward; and the border

before the LORD our God. descended to Ataroth Addar, near the

hill that lies on the south side of Lower

7 Beth Horon.

But the Levites have no part among

you, for the priesthood of the LORD is <sup>1</sup> 4 their inheritance. And Gad, Reuben, and Then the border extended around the

half the tribe of Manasseh have west side to the south, from the hill that

lies before Beth Horon southward; and it families, were Jericho, Beth Hoglah,

ended at Kirjath Baal (which is Kirjath Emek Keziz, Jearim), a city of the children of Judah.

This was the west side. <sup>2</sup> Beth Arabah, Zemaraim, Bethel,

<sup>15</sup> The south side began at the end of <sup>23</sup>

Avim, Parah, Ophrah,

Kirjath Jearim, and the border extended

on the west and went out to the spring <sup>24</sup> Chephar Haammoni, Ophni, and of the waters of Nephtoah. Gaba: twelve cities with their villages;

<sup>16</sup> Then the border came down to the end <sup>5</sup> Gibeon, <sup>2</sup> Ramah, Beeroth, of the mountain that lies before the



Valley of the Son of Hinnom, which is in <sup>2</sup> 6 Mizpah, Chephirah, Mozah, the Valley of the Rephaim on the north,

descended to the Valley of Hinnom, to <sup>7</sup> Rekem, Irpeel, Taralah, the side of the Jebusite city on the south, <sup>2</sup> and descended to En Roget.

<sup>2</sup> ' Zelah, Eleph, Jebus (which is

<sup>17</sup> Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kirjath:

And it went around from the north,

went out to En Shemesh, and extended fourteen cities with their villages. This

toward Geliloth, which is before the was the inheritance of the children of

Ascent of Adummim, and descended to Benjamin according to their families.

the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben.

<sup>18</sup> Then it passed along toward the north <sup>1</sup> <sup>9</sup> The second lot came out for side of Arabah, and went down to Simeon, for the tribe of the children of

Arabah. Simeon according to their families. And

their inheritance was within the

<sup>1</sup> ' And the border passed along to the inheritance of the children of Judah. north side of Beth Hoglah; then the

border ended at the north bay at the Salt <sup>2</sup> They had in their inheritance Sea, at the south end of the Jordan. Beersheba (Sheba), Moladah, This was the southern boundary.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Hazar Shual, Balah, Ezem, <sup>0</sup> The Jordan was its border on the east

side. This was the inheritance of the 4

Eltoiad, Bethul, Hormah,

children of Benjamin, according to its

boundaries all around, according to their 5 families. Ziklag, Beth  
Marcaboth, Hazar Susah,

2 6Beth Lebaoth, and Sharuhem: thirteen 1Now the cities of the tribe of  
the

children of Benjamin, according to their cities and their villages;

7 15

Ain, Rimmon, Ether, and Ashan: four ncluded were Kattath, Nahallal,  
cities and their villages; Shimron, Idalah, and Bethlehem: twelve

cities with their villages.

sand all the villages that were all around

1 6

these cities as far as Baalath Beer, This was the inheritance of the

Ramah of the South. This was the children of Zebulun according to  
their

inheritance of the tribe of the children of families, these cities with  
their villages.

Simeon according to their families.

1 7

The fourth lot came out to Issachar, for

"The inheritance of the children of the children of Issachar according  
to

Simeon was included in the share of the their families. children of  
Judah, for the share of the

children of Judah was too much for <sup>1</sup> ' And their territory went to Jezreel, and them. Therefore the children of Simeon included Chesulloth, Shunem, had their inheritance within the inheritance of that people. <sup>1</sup>

' Haphraim, Shion, Anaharath,

<sup>10</sup> ORabbith, Kishion, Abez, The third lot came out for the children <sup>2</sup>  
of Zebulun according to their families,

and the border of their inheritance was <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Remeth, En Gannim, En Haddah, and as far as Sarid. Beth Pазzez.

<sup>11</sup> Their border went toward the west and

<sup>2</sup> And the border reached to Tabor,  
to Maralah, went to Dabbasheth, and

Shahazimah, and Beth Shemesh; their  
extended along the brook that is east of

border ended at the Jordan: sixteen  
Jokneam.

cities with their villages.

<sup>12</sup> Then from Sarid it went eastward

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> This was the inheritance of the tribe of  
toward the sunrise along the border of  
Chisloth Tabor, and went out toward the children of Issachar  
according to

their families, the cities and their villages.

Daberath, bypassing Japhia.

<sup>1</sup> The fifth lot came out for the tribe of

3And from there it passed along on the <sup>2</sup> 4

east of Gath Hepher, toward Eth Kazin, the children of Asher according to their

and extended to Rimmon, which borders families.

on Neah. <sup>25</sup>And their territory included Helkath, <sup>14</sup> Hali, Beten, Achshaph,

Then the border went around it on the

north side of Hannathon, and it ended in <sup>2</sup> 6Alammelech, Amad, and Mishal; it the Valley of Jiphthah El.

reached to Mount Carmel westward,

along the Brook Shihor Libnath.

<sup>2</sup> 7 turned toward the sunrise to Beth <sup>37</sup>Kedesh, Edrei, En Hazor, Dagon; and it reached to Zebulun and to

the Valley of Jiphthah El, then northward <sup>38</sup> ron, Migdal El, Horem, Beth Anath,

beyond Beth Emek and Neiel, and Beth Shemesh: nineteen cities with bypassing Cabul which was on the left, their villages.

<sup>2</sup> ' including Ebron, Rehob, Hammon, and <sup>3</sup>' This was the inheritance of the tribe of

Kanah, as far as Greater Sidon. the children of Naphtali according to

their families, the cities and their villages.

2 ' And the border turned to Ramah and to the fortified city of Tyre;  
then the 40The seventh lot came out for the tribe border turned to  
Hosah, and ended at of the children of Dan according to their

the sea by the region of Achzib. families.

3 4 0Also Ummah, Aphek, and Rehob were 1And the territory of their  
inheritance included: twenty-two cities with their was Zorah, Eshtaol,  
lr Shemesh, villages.

4 2Shaalabbin, Aijalon, Jethlah,

1

3 This was the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher  
according to their 4 3

Elon, Timnah, Ekron,

families, these cities with their villages.

4 4Eltekeh, Gibbethon, Baalath,

32

The sixth lot came out to the children

of Naphtali, for the children of Naphtali 4 5Jehud, Bene Berak, Gath  
Rimmon, according to their families.

33 4 6

Me Jarkon, and Rakkon, with the

And their border began at Heleph,  
enclosing the territory from the terebinth region near Joppa.

tree in Zaanannim, Adami Nekeb, and 4 7And the border of the children of Dan Jabneel, as far as Lakkum; it ended at the Jordan. went beyond these, because the

children of Dan went up to fight against

34From Heleph the border extended Leshem and took it; and they struck it with the edge of the sword, took westward to Aznoth Tabor, and went out possession of it, and dwelt in it. They from there toward Hukkok; it adjoined called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Zebulun on the south side and Asher on Dan their father. the west side, and ended at Judah by

the Jordan toward the sunrise. 4 ' This is the inheritance of the tribe of

35And the fortified cities are Ziddim, Zer, the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages. Hammath, Rakkath, Chinnereth,

36Adamah, Ramah, Hazor, 4 5 9When they had made an end of Then if the avenger of blood pursues

dividing the land as an inheritance him, they shall not deliver the slayer into

according to their borders, the children his hand, because he struck his

of Israel gave an inheritance among neighbor unintentionally, but did not

them to Joshua the son of Nun. hate him beforehand.

5 6 0According to the word of the LORD And he shall dwell in that city until he

they gave him the city which he asked stands before the congregation for

for, Timnath Serah in the mountains of judgment, and until the death of the one

Ephraim; and he built the city and dwelt who is high priest in those days. Then

in it. the slayer may return and come to his

own city and his own house, to the city

51 from which he fled." These were the inheritances which Eleazar the priest, Joshua the son of

Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the 7So they appointed Kedesh in Galilee, in tribes of the children of Israel divided as the mountains of Naphtali, Shechem in

an inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the the mountains of Ephraim, and Kirjath

LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of Arba (which is Hebron) in the mountains

meeting. So they made an end of of Judah. dividing the country.

8And on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer

20 in the wilderness on the plain, from the The LORD also spoke to Joshua,

saying, tribe of Reuben, Ramoth in Gilead, from

the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan,

2 from the tribe of Manasseh.

Speak to the children of Israel, saying:

"Appoint for yourselves cities of refuge, 9 These were the cities appointed for all of which I spoke to you through Moses, the children of Israel and for the

3that the slayer who kills a person stranger who dwelt among them,  
that

whoever killed a person accidentally

accidentally or unintentionally may flee might flee there, and not die  
by the hand

there; and they shall be your refuge

of the avenger of blood until he stood

from the avenger of blood. before the congregation.

4 And when he flees to one of those cities, and stands at the entrance  
of the

gate of the city, and declares his case in 2 1 Then the heads of the  
fathers'

the hearing of the elders of that city, houses of the Levites came near  
to

they shall take him into the city as one Eleazar the priest, to Joshua  
the son of

of them, and give him a place, that he Nun, and to the heads of the  
fathers'

may dwell among them. houses of the tribes of the children of

Israel.

2And they spoke to them at Shiloh in the the children of Simeon these  
cities

land of Canaan, saying, "The LORD which are designated by name,  
commanded through Moses to give us

cities to dwell in, with their common- 10which were for the children of  
Aaron, lands for our livestock." one of the families of the Kohathites,

who were of the children of Levi; for the



So the children of Israel gave to the lot was theirs first.

Levites from their inheritance, at the

commandment of the LORD, these <sup>1</sup> And they gave them Kirjath Arba (Arba cities and their common-lands: was the father of Anak), which is Hebron,

in the mountains of Judah, with the

<sup>4</sup>Now the lot came out for the families of common-land surrounding it. the Kohathites. And the children of

Aaron the priest, who were of the <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>But the fields of the city and its villages Levites, had thirteen cities by lot from they gave to Caleb the son of

the tribe of Judah, from the tribe of Jephunneh as his possession. Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Thus to the children of Aaron the priest

<sup>5</sup>The rest of the children of Kohath had they gave Hebron with its common-land

ten cities by lot from the families of the (a city of refuge for the slayer), Libnah

tribe of Ephraim, from the tribe of Dan, with its common-land, and from the half-tribe of Manasseh.

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Jattir with its common-land, Eshtemoa

And the children of Gershon had with its common-land,

thirteen cities by lot from the families of

the tribe of Issachar, from the tribe of <sup>15</sup>

HoI on with its common-land, Debir

Asher, from the tribe of Naphtali, and

with its common-land,

from the half-tribe of Manasseh in

Bashan. <sup>16</sup>Ain with its common-land, Juttah with <sup>7</sup> its common-land,  
and Beth Shemesh

The children of Merari according to

with its common-land: nine cities from

their families had twelve cities from the

those two tribes;

tribe of Reuben, from the tribe of Gad,

and from the tribe of Zebulun. <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>and from the tribe of Benjamin,  
Gibeon <sup>8</sup> with its common-land, Geba with its

And the children of Israel gave these

common-land,

cities with their common-lands by lot to

the Levites, as the LORD had <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>Anathoth with its common-land, and  
commanded by the hand of Moses. Almon with its common-land: four  
cities.

So they gave from the tribe of the <sup>1</sup>

' All the cities of the children of Aaron,

children of Judah and from the tribe of

the priests, were thirteen cities with their

common-lands.

220 And the families of the children of 'Jarmuth with its common-  
land, and En

Kohath, the Levites, the rest of the Gannim with its common-land:  
four

children of Kohath, even they had the cities; cities of their lot from the  
tribe of

Ephraim. 30 and from the tribe of Asher, Mishal

with its common-land, Abdon with its

21

For they gave them Shechem with its common-land,  
common-land in the mountains of

Ephraim (a city of refuge for the slayer), 31 Helkath with its common-  
land, and

Gezer with its common-land, Rehob with its common-land: four cities;

22 Kibzaim with its common-land, and 32

and from the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh

Beth Horon with its common-land: four in Galilee with its common-  
land (a city of

cities; refuge for the slayer), Hammoth Dor

with its common-land, and Kartan with

23

and from the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with its common-land: three  
cities.

its common-land, Gibbethon with its

common-land, 33 All the cities of the Gershonites

according to their families were thirteen

<sup>24</sup>Aijalon with its common-land, and cities with their common-lands.

Gath Rimmon with its common-land:

four cities; <sup>34</sup>And to the families of the children of

Merari, the rest of the Levites, from the

<sup>25</sup>

and from the half-tribe of Manasseh, tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam  
with its

Tanach with its common-land and Gath common-land, Kartah with its  
common-

Rimmon with its common-land: two land, cities.

<sup>35</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Nahalal with its common-land: four

<sup>6</sup>All the ten cities with their common- Dimnah with its common-land,  
and

lands were for the rest of the families of cities; the children of Kohath.

<sup>36</sup>

<sup>2</sup> with its common-land, Jahaz with its

<sup>7</sup>Also to the children of Gershon, of the and from the tribe of Reuben,  
Bezer

families of the Levites, from the other common-land, half-tribe of  
Manasseh, they gave Golan

in Bashan with its common-land (a city <sup>37</sup>Kedemoth with its common-  
land, and

of refuge for the slayer), and Be Mephaath with its common-land: four

Eshterah with its common-land: two cities; cities;

<sup>2</sup> and from the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in <sup>8</sup> <sup>38</sup>

and from the tribe of Issachar, Kishion Gilead with its common-land  
(a city of

with its common-land, Daberath with its refuge for the slayer),  
Mahanaim with its

common-land, common-land, 39Heshbon with its common-land, and  
3You have not left your brethren these

Jazer with its common-land: four cities many days, up to this day, but  
have kept

in all. the charge of the commandment of the

LORD your God.

40

So all the cities for the children of

Merari according to their families, the 4And now the LORD your God  
has given rest of the families of the Levites, were rest to your  
brethren, as He promised

by their lot twelve cities. them; now therefore, return and go to

your tents and to the land of your

41All the cities of the Levites within the possession, which Moses the  
servant of

possession of the children of Israel were the LORD gave you on the  
other side of

forty-eight cities with their common- the Jordan. lands.

5But take careful heed to do the

42 commandment and the law which

Every one of these cities had its

common-land surrounding it; thus were Moses the servant of the  
LORD

all these cities. commanded you, to love the LORD your

God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His

43So the LORD gave to Israel all the commandments, to hold fast to Him, and

land of which He had sworn to give to to serve Him with all your heart and with

all your soul."

their fathers, and they took possession

of it and dwelt in it. 6 So Joshua blessed them and sent them 44 away, and they went to their tents.

The LORD gave them rest all around,

according to all that He had sworn to 7Now to half the tribe of Manasseh their fathers. And not a man of all their enemies stood against them; the LORD Moses had given a possession in

delivered all their enemies into their Bashan, but to the other half of it Joshua

hand. gave a possession among their brethren

on this side of the Jordan, westward.

45Not a word failed of any good thing And indeed, when Joshua sent them

away to their tents, he blessed them,

which the LORD had spoken to the

house of Israel. All came to pass. 8and spoke to them, saying, "Return

with much riches to your tents, with very

22 Then Joshua called the with bronze, with iron, and with very much livestock, with silver, with gold,

Reubenites, the Gadites, and half the much clothing. Divide the spoil of your

tribe of Manasseh, enemies with your brethren."

29 and said to them: "You have kept all So the children of Reuben, the children that Moses the servant of the LORD of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh

commanded you, and have obeyed my returned, and departed from the children

voice in all that I commanded you. of Israel at Shiloh, which is in the land of

Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, 164" Thus says the whole congregation of to the land of their possession, which the LORD: "What treachery is this that

they had obtained according to the word you have committed against the God of

of the LORD by the hand of Moses. Israel, to turn away this day from

following the LORD, in that you have

10 built for yourselves an altar, that you

And when they came to the region of

the Jordan which is in the land of might rebel this day against the LORD?

Canaan, the children of Reuben, the

children of Gad, and half the tribe of 17 s the iniquity of Peor not enough for Manasseh built an altar there by the us, from which we are not cleansed till

Jordan--a great, impressive altar. this day, although there was a plague in

11

Now the children of Israel heard

18

someone say, "Behold, the children of but that you must turn away  
this day

Reuben, the children of Gad, and half from following the LORD? And  
it shall

the tribe of Manasseh have built an altar be, if you rebel today against  
the LORD,

on the frontier of the land of Canaan, in that tomorrow He will be  
angry with the

the region of the Jordan--on the children whole congregation of Israel.  
of Israel's side."

1 ' Nevertheless, if the land of your

12And when the children of Israel heard possession is unclean, then  
cross over

of it, the whole congregation of the to the land of the possession of the  
children of Israel gathered together at LORD, where the LORD's  
tabernacle

Shiloh to go to war against them. stands, and take possession among  
us;

but do not rebel against the LORD, nor

13Then the children of Israel sent rebel against us, by building  
yourselves

Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest an altar besides the altar of the  
LORD

to the children of Reuben, to the our God. children of Gad, and to half  
the tribe of



Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, <sup>2</sup> 0Did not Achan the son of Zerah

commit a trespass in the accursed thing,

<sup>14</sup> and wrath fell on all the congregation of

and with him ten rulers, one ruler each

from the chief house of every tribe of Israel? And that man did not perish

Israel; and each one was the head of alone in his iniquity."

the house of his father among the <sup>1</sup>Then the children of Reuben, the divisions of Israel. <sup>2</sup>

children of Gad, and half the tribe of

<sup>15</sup>Then they came to the children of Manasseh answered and said to the

Reuben, to the children of Gad, and to heads of the divisions of Israel: half the tribe of Manasseh, to the land of

<sup>24</sup>

Gilead, and they spoke with them, "The LORD God of gods, the LORD saying, God of gods, He knows, and let Israel

itself know--if it is in rebellion, or if in treachery against the LORD, do not <sup>2</sup> ' Far be it from us that we should rebel save us this day. against the LORD, and turn from

following the LORD this day, to build an

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> we have built ourselves an altar to altar for burnt offerings, for grain

turn from following the LORD, or if to offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the

offer on it burnt offerings or grain altar of the LORD our God which is offerings, or if to offer peace offerings on before His tabernacle."

it, let the LORD Himself require an account. when Phinehas the priest and the

rulers of the congregation, the heads of

24But in fact we have done it for fear, for the divisions of Israel who were with him,

a reason, saying, "In time to come you heard the words that the children of descendants Reuben, the children of Gad, and the may speak to our

descendants, saying, "What have you to children of Manasseh spoke, it pleased

do with the LORD God of Israel? them.

231 5Then Phinehas the son of Eleazar the For the LORD has made the Jordan a border between you and us, you priest said to the children of Reuben, the

children of Reuben and children of Gad. children of Gad, and the children of

You have no part in the LORD." So your Manasseh, "This day we perceive that

descendants the LORD is among us, because you would make our

descendants cease fearing the LORD.' have not committed this treachery

against the LORD. Now you have

2 delivered the children of Israel out of the 6Therefore we said, "Let us now

hand of the LORD."

prepare to build ourselves an altar, not

for burnt offering nor for sacrifice, 32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the 27 priest, and the rulers, returned from the

but that it may be a witness between

you and us and our generations after us, children of Reuben and the children of

Gad, from the land of Gilead to the land

that we may perform the service of the

of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and

LORD before Him with our burnt

offerings, with our sacrifices, and with brought back word to them.

our peace offerings; that your 33 So the thing pleased the children of descendants may not say to our descendants in time to come, "You have Israel, and the children of Israel blessed

no part in the LORD." God; they spoke no more of going

against them in battle, to destroy the

2 land where the children of Reuben and 8Therefore we said that it will be, when

Gad dwelt.

they say this to us or to our generations

in time to come, that we may say, "Here 34The children of Reuben and the is the replica of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, though not for children of Gad called the altar, Witness,

burnt offerings nor for sacrifices; but it is "For it is a witness between us that the

a witness between you and us.' LORD is God."

9For the LORD has driven out from

2 before you great and strong nations; but 3Now it came to pass, a long time

as for you, no one has been able to  
after the LORD had given rest to Israel

stand against you to this day.  
from all their enemies round about, that

Joshua was old, advanced in age. 1 0One man of you shall chase a  
2 thousand, for the LORD your God is He And Joshua called for all  
Israel, for their

who fights for you, as He promised you.  
elders, for their heads, for their judges,

and for their officers, and said to them: "I 1 1Therefore take careful  
heed to am old, advanced in age.

yourselves, that you love the LORD your  
3 God.

You have seen all that the LORD your

God has done to all these nations 1 2Or else, if indeed you do go back,  
and because of you, for the LORD your God is He who has fought for  
you. cling to the remnant of these nations--

these that remain among you--and  
4 make marriages with them, and go in to  
See, I have divided to you by lot these

them and they to you,  
nations that remain, to be an inheritance

for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all <sup>13</sup>know for certain that the LORD your the nations that I have cut off, as far as the Great Sea westward. God will no longer drive out these

nations from before you. But they shall

<sup>5</sup> be snares and traps to you, and

And the LORD your God will expel

scourges on your sides and thorns in

them from before you and drive them

your eyes, until you perish from this

out of your sight. So you shall possess

good land which the LORD your God

their land, as the LORD your God

has given you.

promised you.

<sup>14</sup> 'Behold, this day I am going the way of

<sup>6</sup>Therefore be very courageous to keep

all the earth. And you know in all your

and to do all that is written in the Book

hearts and in all your souls that not one

of the Law of Moses, lest you turn aside

thing has failed of all the good things

from it to the right hand or to the left,

which the LORD your God spoke

7 concerning you. All have come to pass

and lest you go among these nations, for you; not one word of them has failed.

these who remain among you. You shall

not make mention of the name of their 1 5Therefore it shall come to pass, that as gods, nor cause anyone to swear by

all the good things have come upon you  
them; you shall not serve them nor bow

which the LORD your God promised you,  
down to them,

so the LORD will bring upon you all  
8 harmful things, until He has destroyed

but you shall hold fast to the LORD you from this good land which the LORD

your God, as you have done to this day. your God has given you.

16When you have transgressed the Egyptians pursued your fathers  
with

covenant of the LORD your God, which chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea.

He commanded you, and have gone

and served other gods, and bowed 7So they cried out to the LORD; and He down to them, then the anger of the put darkness between you and the

LORD will burn against you, and you Egyptians, brought the sea upon them,

shall perish quickly from the good land and covered them. And your eyes saw

which He has given you." what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in

the wilderness a long time.

24 Then Joshua gathered all the <sup>s</sup>And I brought you into the land of the tribes of Israel to Shechem and called Amorites, who dwelt on the other side of

for the elders of Israel, for their heads, the Jordan, and they fought with you.

for their judges, and for their officers; But I gave them into your hand, that you

and they presented themselves before might possess their land, and I God. destroyed them from before you.

<sup>2</sup> Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of And Joshua said to all the people,

"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Moab, arose to make war against Israel,

"Your fathers, including Terah, the father and sent and called Balaam the son of

of Abraham and the father of Nahor, Beor to curse you. dwelt on the other side of the River in

old times; and they served other gods. <sup>1</sup> 0 But I would not listen to Balaam;

therefore he continued to bless you. So I

3 Then I took your father Abraham from delivered you out of his hand.

the other side of the River, led him <sup>1</sup> Then you went over the Jordan and

throughout all the land of Canaan, and <sup>1</sup> multiplied his descendants and gave came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho

him Isaac. fought against you--also the Amorites,

the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the

<sup>4</sup> Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and To Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. To

Esau I gave the mountains of Seir to the Jebusites. But I delivered them into

possess, but Jacob and his children your hand. went down to Egypt.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2a</sup> sent the hornet before you which

<sup>5</sup> drove them out from before you, also Also I sent Moses and Aaron, and I

plagued Egypt, according to what I did the two kings of the Amorites, but not

among them. Afterward I brought you with your sword or with your bow. out.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> have given you a land for which you

<sup>6</sup> Then I brought your fathers out of did not labor, and cities which you did

Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the not build, and you dwell in them; you eat

of the vineyards and olive groves which you harm and consume you, after He

you did not plant.' has done you good."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve <sup>1</sup>

And the people said to Joshua, "No,

Him in sincerity and in truth, and put but we will serve the LORD!" away the gods which your fathers



served on the other side of the River 2 So Joshua said to the people,  
"You and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! are witnesses against yourselves  
that

1 yourselves, to serve Him." And they said,

5 And if it seems evil to you to serve the you have chosen the LORD for  
LORD, choose for yourselves this day "We are witnesses!" whom you  
will serve, whether the gods

which your fathers served that were on 2 3 Now therefore," he said,  
"put away the other side of the River, or the gods the foreign gods  
which are among you,

of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. and incline your heart to  
the LORD God

But as for me and my house, we will of Israel." serve the LORD."

1 And the people said to Joshua, "The 6 24

So the people answered and said: "Far LORD our God we will serve,  
and His

be it from us that we should forsake the voice we will obey!" LORD to  
serve other gods;

2 5

1 So Joshua made a covenant with the 7 or the LORD our God is He  
who

people that day, and made for them a

brought us and our fathers up out of the statute and an ordinance in  
Shechem.

land of Egypt, from the house of

bondage, who did those great signs in 2 6

Then Joshua wrote these words in the

our sight, and preserved us in all the

Book of the Law of God. And he took a way that we went and among all the

large stone, and set it up there under people through whom we passed.

the oak that was by the sanctuary of the  
1 LORD.

' And the LORD drove out from before

us all the people, including the Amorites 2 7And Joshua said to all the people, who dwelt in the land. We also will serve

"Behold, this stone shall be a witness to the LORD, for He is our God."

us, for it has heard all the words of the  
1 LORD which He spoke to us. It shall

' But Joshua said to the people, "You therefore be a witness to you, lest you

cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy deny your God." God. He is a jealous God; He will not

forgive your transgressions nor your 2 8So Joshua let the people depart, each sins.

to his own inheritance.

20 you forsake the LORD and serve

2 ' Now it came to pass after these things foreign gods, then He will turn and do

that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant

of the LORD, died, being one hundred The bones of Joseph, which the  
and ten years old. children of Israel had brought up out of

Egypt, they buried at Shechem, in the

30And they buried him within the border plot of ground which Jacob  
had bought

of his inheritance at Timnath Serah, from the sons of Hamor the father  
of

which is in the mountains of Ephraim, on Shechem for one hundred  
pieces of

the north side of Mount Gaash. silver, and which had become an

inheritance of the children of Joseph.

31 srael served the LORD all the days of

Joshua, and all the days of the elders 33And Eleazar the son of Aaron  
died.

who outlived Joshua, who had known all They buried him in a hill  
belonging to

the works of the LORD which He had Phinehas his son, which was  
given to

done for Israel. him in the mountains of Ephraim.

# The Judges of Israel

8 Now the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem and took it; they

1 struck it with the edge of the sword and Now after the death of Joshua it

set the city on fire.

came to pass that the children of Israel

asked the LORD, saying, "Who shall be 'And afterward the children of Judah

first to go up for us against the

went down to fight against the

Canaanites to fight against them?"

Canaanites who dwelt in the mountains,

2 in the South, and in the lowland.

And the LORD said, "Judah shall go up.

Indeed I have delivered the land into his 1 0Then Judah went against the hand."

Canaanites who dwelt in Hebron. (Now

3 the name of Hebron was formerly Kirjath So Judah said to Simeon his brother, Arba.) And they killed Sheshai, Ahiman, "Come up with me to my allotted and Talmai. territory, that we may fight against the

Canaanites; and I will likewise go with <sup>11</sup> you to your allotted territory." And From there they went against the

Simeon went with him. inhabitants of Debir. (The name of Debir

was formerly Kirjath Sepher.)

<sup>4</sup> Then Judah went up, and the LORD <sup>2</sup> delivered the Canaanites and the <sup>1</sup> Then Caleb said, "Whoever attacks

Kirjath Sepher and takes it, to him I will

Perizzites into their hand; and they killed

ten thousand men at Bezek. give my daughter Achsah as wife."

<sup>13</sup> And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's

<sup>5</sup> And they found Adoni-Bezek in Bezek,

younger brother, took it; so he gave him

and fought against him; and they

defeated the Canaanites and the his daughter Achsah as wife.

Perizzites. <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> Now it happened, when she came to <sup>6</sup> him, that she urged him to ask her father

Then Adoni-Bezek fled, and they

for a field. And she dismounted from her

pursued him and caught him and cut off

donkey, and Caleb said to her, "What do

his thumbs and big toes.

you wish?"

<sup>7</sup>And Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings <sup>5</sup> with their thumbs and big toes cut off <sup>1</sup> So she said to him, "Give me a

used to gather scraps under my table; blessing; since you have given me land

as I have done, so God has repaid me." in the South, give me also springs of

Then they brought him to Jerusalem, water." And Caleb gave her the upper

and there he died. springs and the lower springs. <sup>16</sup>Now the children of the Kenite, Moses' "Please show us the entrance to the city,

father-in-law, went up from the City of and we will show you mercy." Palms with the children of Judah into the

Wilderness of Judah, which lies in the <sup>2</sup> 5

So he showed them the entrance to

South near Arad; and they went and the city, and they struck the city with the

dwelt among the people. edge of the sword; but they let the man

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>7</sup>And Judah went with his brother and all his family go.

Simeon, <sup>2</sup> 6 and they attacked the

And the man went to the land of the

Canaanites who inhabited Zephath, and Hittites, built a city, and called its name

utterly destroyed it. So the name of the Luz, which is its name to this day. city was called Hormah.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>However, Manasseh did not drive out

<sup>1</sup> Also Judah took Gaza with its territory, the inhabitants of Beth

Shean and its

Ashkelon with its territory, and Ekron villages, or Taanach and its villages, or

with its territory. the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, or

the inhabitants of Ibleam and its villages,

<sup>1</sup> ' So the LORD was with Judah. And or the inhabitants of Megiddo and its

they drove out the mountaineers, but villages; for the Canaanites were

they could not drive out the inhabitants determined to dwell in that land. of the lowland, because they had

chariots of iron. <sup>2</sup> 8And it came to pass, when Israel was

strong, that they put the Canaanites

<sup>20</sup>And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as under tribute, but did not completely

Moses had said. Then he expelled from drive them out. there the three sons of Anak.

<sup>2</sup> ' Nor did Ephraim drive out the

<sup>21</sup>But the children of Benjamin did not Canaanites who dwelt in Gezer; so the

drive out the Jebusites who inhabited Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

Jerusalem; so the Jebusites dwell with

the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem to <sup>30</sup>Nor did Zebulun drive out the

this day. inhabitants of Kitron or the inhabitants of

Nahalol; so the Canaanites dwelt among

<sup>22</sup>

And the house of Joseph also went up them, and were put under

tribute.

against Bethel, and the LORD was with

them. 31Nor did Asher drive out the inhabitants

of Acco or the inhabitants of Sidon, or of

23 So the house of Joseph sent men to Ahlab, Achzib, Helbah, Aphik,  
or Rehob.

spy out Bethel. (The name of the city

was formerly Luz.) 32So the Asherites dwelt among the

Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land;

24And when the spies saw a man for they did not drive them out.

coming out of the city, they said to him, 33Nor did Naphtali drive out  
the 4So it was, when the Angel of the LORD inhabitants of Beth  
Shemesh or the spoke these words to all the children of

inhabitants of Beth Anath; but they dwelt Israel, that the people lifted  
up their

among the Canaanites, the inhabitants voices and wept. of the land.  
Nevertheless the inhabitants

of Beth Shemesh and Beth Anath were 5Then they called the name of  
that place put under tribute to them. Bochim; and they sacrificed  
there to the

34And the Amorites forced the children LORD. of Dan into the  
mountains, for they 6 And when Joshua had dismissed the would not  
allow them to come down to people, the children of Israel went each

the valley; to his own inheritance to possess the

land.

35

and the Amorites were determined to



dwelt in Mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in 7So the people served the LORD all the Shaalbim; yet when the strength of the days of Joshua, and all the days of the

house of Joseph became greater, they elders who outlived Joshua, who had

were put under tribute. seen all the great works of the LORD

which He had done for Israel.

36Now the boundary of the Amorites was

from the Ascent of Akrabbim, from Sela, 8Now Joshua the son of Nun, the and upward. servant of the LORD, died when he was

one hundred and ten years old.

2Then the Angel of the LORD came 'And they buried him within the border

up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said: "I of his inheritance at Timnath Heres, in

led you up from Egypt and brought you the mountains of Ephraim, on the north

to the land of which I swore to your side of Mount Gaash.

fathers; and I said, "I will never break My 0When all that generation had been

covenant with you. 1

gathered to their fathers, another

2 generation arose after them who did not And you shall make no covenant with

the inhabitants of this land; you shall know the LORD nor the work which He

tear down their altars.' But you have not had done for Israel. obeyed

My voice. Why have you done

this? <sup>1</sup> Then the children of Israel did evil in

the sight of the LORD, and served the

<sup>3</sup>Therefore I also said, "I will not drive Baals; them out before you; but they shall be

<sup>12</sup>

thorns in your side, and their gods shall and they forsook the LORD  
God of

be a snare to you." their fathers, who had brought them out

of the land of Egypt; and they followed

other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around  
them, and behaved more corruptly than their

they bowed down to them; and they fathers, by following other gods,  
to serve

provoked the LORD to anger. them and bow down to them. They did

not cease from their own doings nor

<sup>13</sup> from their stubborn way.

They forsook the LORD and served

Baal and the Ashtoreths.

<sup>20</sup>

Then the anger of the LORD was hot

<sup>14</sup> against Israel; and He said, "Because

And the anger of the LORD was hot

against Israel. So He delivered them this nation has transgressed My  
into the hands of plunderers who covenant which I commanded their  
despoiled them; and He sold them into fathers, and has not heeded My  
voice,

the hands of their enemies all around,

so that they could no longer stand 2 1a also will no longer drive out  
before before their enemies. them any of the nations which Joshua

left when he died,

15Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for  
calamity, 2 so that through them I may test Israel, as the LORD had  
said, and as the whether they will keep the ways of the

LORD had sworn to them. And they LORD, to walk in them as their  
fathers

were greatly distressed. kept them, or not."

1 2 6Nevertheless, the LORD raised up 3Therefore the LORD left those  
nations, judges who delivered them out of the without driving them  
out immediately;

hand of those who plundered them. nor did He deliver them into the  
hand of

Joshua.

17

Yet they would not listen to their  
judges, but they played the harlot with

other gods, and bowed down to them. 3Now these are the nations  
which the

They turned quickly from the way in

LORD left, that He might test Israel by  
which their fathers walked, in obeying

them, that is, all who had not known any  
the commandments of the LORD; they

of the wars in Canaan

did not do so.

<sup>2</sup> (this was only so that the generations of

<sup>1</sup> And when the LORD raised up judges

the children of Israel might be taught to

for them, the LORD was with the judge know war, at least those who had not

and delivered them out of the hand of formerly known it), their enemies all the days of the judge;

for the LORD was moved to pity by their <sup>3</sup>namely, five lords of the Philistines, all

groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the

Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon,

<sup>1</sup> from Mount Baal Hermon to the '

And it came to pass, when the judge entrance of Hamath.

was dead, that they reverted and <sup>4</sup> <sup>12</sup>

And they were left, that He might test And the children of Israel again did evil

Israel by them, to know whether they in the sight of the LORD. So the LORD

would obey the commandments of the strengthened Eglon king of Moab

LORD, which He had commanded their against Israel, because they had done

fathers by the hand of Moses. evil in the sight of the LORD.

Thus the children of Israel dwelt among them. Then he gathered to himself the

the Canaanites, the Hittites, the people of Ammon and Amalek, went Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and he defeated Israel, and took the Jebusites, possession of the City of Palms.

And they took their daughters to be wives. So the children of Israel served Eglon

their wives, and gave their daughters to king of Moab eighteen years. their sons; and they served their gods.

15 But when the children of Israel cried

7 So the children of Israel did evil in the out to the LORD, the LORD raised up a

sight of the LORD. They forgot the deliverer for them: Ehud the son of Gera,

LORD their God, and served the Baals the Benjamite, a left-handed man. By

and Asherahs. him the children of Israel sent tribute to

Eglon king of Moab.

8 Therefore the anger of the LORD was 6 Now Ehud made himself a dagger (it

hot against Israel, and He sold them into 1 the hand of Cushan-Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel fastened it under his

clothes on his

served Cushan-Rishathaim eight years. right thigh.

'When the children of Israel cried out to <sup>1</sup> 7

So he brought the tribute to Eglon king  
the LORD, the LORD raised up a of Moab. (Now Eglon was a very fat  
deliverer for the children of Israel, who man.) delivered them: Othniel  
the son of

Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. <sup>1</sup> ' And when he had finished  
presenting

<sup>1</sup> had carried the tribute. 0The Spirit of the LORD came upon him, the  
tribute, he sent away the people who

and he judged Israel. He went out to war,

and the LORD delivered Cushan- <sup>1</sup> ' But he himself turned back from  
the Rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his stone images that were  
at Gilgal, and

hand; and his hand prevailed over said, "I have a secret message for  
you, Cushan-Rishathaim. O king." He said, "Keep silence!" And all

who attended him went out from him.

<sup>11</sup>

So the land had rest for forty years.

Then Othniel the son of Kenaz died. <sup>2</sup> 0

So Ehud came to him (now he was  
sitting upstairs in his cool private  
chamber). Then Ehud said, "I have a message from God for you." So he  
went down after him, seized the fords of  
arose from his seat. the Jordan leading to Moab, and did not  
allow anyone to cross over.

Then Ehud reached with his left hand,  
 took the dagger from his right thigh, and 2 ' And at that time they  
 killed about ten thrust it into his belly. thousand men of Moab, all  
 stout men of  
 valor; not a man escaped.

Even the hilt went in after the blade,  
 30

and the fat closed over the blade, for he So Moab was subdued that  
 day under  
 did not draw the dagger out of his belly; the hand of Israel. And the  
 land had rest  
 and his entrails came out. for eighty years.

2 3 31After him was Shamgar the son of Then Ehud went out through  
 the porch and shut the doors of the upper room Anath, who killed six  
 hundred men of

behind him and locked them. the Philistines with an ox goad; and he  
 also delivered Israel.

When he had gone out, Eglon's  
 servants came to look, and to their  
 surprise, the doors of the upper room 4When Ehud was dead, the  
 children of  
 were locked. So they said, "He is Israel again did evil in the sight of  
 the  
 probably attending to his needs in the LORD. cool chamber."

2 So they waited till they were of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in

5 2So the LORD sold them into the hand

embarrassed, and still he had not Hazor. The commander of his army was

opened the doors of the upper room. Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth  
Therefore they took the key and opened Hagoyim. them. And there was their master, fallen

dead on the floor. 3And the children of Israel cried out to

2 the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred 6But Ehud had escaped while they

chariots of iron, and for twenty years he

delayed, and passed beyond the stone had harshly oppressed the children of

images and escaped to Seirah. Israel.

27And it happened, when he arrived, that 4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of he blew the trumpet in the mountains of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that time.

Ephraim, and the children of Israel went

down with him from the mountains; and 5

And she would sit under the palm tree

he led them.

of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel



2 in the mountains of Ephraim. And the 8Then he said to them,  
"Follow me, for

children of Israel came up to her for

the LORD has delivered your enemies judgment. the Moabites into  
your hand." So they 6Then she sent and called for Barak the and all the  
people who were with him,

son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, from Harosheth Hagoyim to  
the River

and said to him, "Has not the LORD Kishon. God of Israel commanded,  
"Go and

deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with 1 4Then Deborah said to  
Barak, "Up! For you ten thousand men of the sons of this is the day in  
which the LORD has

Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; delivered Sisera into your hand.  
Has not

the LORD gone out before you?" So

7and against you I will deploy Sisera, the Barak went down from  
Mount Tabor with

commander of Jabin's army, with his ten thousand men following him.  
chariots and his multitude at the River

Kishon; and I will deliver him into your 1 5And the LORD routed  
Sisera and all hand?" his chariots and all his army with the

edge of the sword before Barak; and

8And Barak said to her, "If you will go Sisera alighted from his chariot  
and fled

with me, then I will go; but if you will not away on foot. go with me, I  
will not go!"

But Barak pursued the chariots and

'So she said, "I will surely go with you; the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim,

nevertheless there will be no glory for and all the army of Sisera fell by the

you in the journey you are taking, for the edge of the sword; not a man was left.

LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a

woman." Then Deborah arose and went <sup>1</sup> 7However, Sisera had fled away on foot with Barak to Kadesh. to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the

<sup>1</sup> Jabin king of Hazor and the house of

0And Barak called Zebulun and Kenite; for there was peace between Naphtali to Kadesh; he went up with ten Heber the Kenite. thousand men under his command, and

Deborah went up with him. <sup>1</sup> 8And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and

said to him, "Turn aside, my lord, turn

<sup>1</sup>1

Now Heber the Kenite, of the children aside to me; do not fear." And when he

of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had turned aside with her into the tent,

had separated himself from the Kenites she covered him with a blanket. and pitched his tent near the terebinth

tree at Zaanaim, which is beside <sup>1</sup> ' Then he said to her, "Please give me a Kadesh. little water to drink, for I am thirsty." So

<sup>1</sup> drink, and covered him.

2And they reported to Sisera that Barak she opened a jug of milk, gave

him a

the son of Abinoam had gone up to

Mount Tabor. <sup>2</sup> 0And he said to her, "Stand at the door

of the tent, and if any man comes and

<sup>13</sup>

So Sisera gathered together all his inquires of you, and says, "Is there any

chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, man here?' you shall say, "No."

<sup>25</sup> 1

Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a tent The mountains gushed before the

peg and took a hammer in her hand, LORD, This Sinai, before the LORD

and went softly to him and drove the God of Israel. peg into his temple, and it went down

into the ground; for he was fast asleep <sup>6</sup> In the days of Shamgar, son of Anath, and weary. So he died. In the days of Jael, The highways were

deserted, And the travelers walked

<sup>22</sup> And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, along the byways.

Jael came out to meet him, and said to

him, "Come, I will show you the man <sup>7</sup> Village life ceased, it ceased in Israel, whom you seek." And when he went into Until I, Deborah, arose, Arose a mother

her tent, there lay Sisera, dead with the in Israel. peg in his temple.

<sup>2</sup> So on that day God subdued Jabin war in the gates; Not a shield or spear

<sup>38</sup> They chose new gods; Then there was

king of Canaan in the presence of the was seen among forty thousand  
in Israel.

children of Israel.

2 My heart is with the rulers of Israel Who 4 And the hand of the  
children of Israel offered themselves willingly with the

grew stronger and stronger against people. Bless the LORD! Jabin king  
of Canaan, until they had

destroyed Jabin king of Canaan. 10 Speak, you who ride on white

donkeys, Who sit in judges' attire, And

who walk along the road.

5 Then Deborah and Barak the son of

Abinoam sang on that day, saying: 1 Far from the noise of the archers,

among the watering places, There they

2 shall recount the righteous acts of the When leaders lead in Israel,  
When the

people willingly offer themselves, Bless LORD, The righteous acts for  
His

the LORD! villagers in Israel; Then the people of

the LORD shall go down to the gates.

3 "Hear, O kings! Give ear, O princes! I, 1 2 'Awake, awake, Deborah!  
Awake, even I, will sing to the LORD; I will sing praise to the LORD  
God of Israel. awake, sing a song! Arise, Barak, and

lead your captives away, O son of

4 Abinoam! LORD, when You went out from Seir,

When You marched from the field of 1 34 'Then the survivors came down, the Edom, The earth trembled and the heavens poured, The clouds also people against the nobles; The LORD

poured water; came down for me against the mighty.

14

From Ephraim were those whose roots  
were in Amalek. After you, Benjamin, with your peoples, From Machir  
rulers Because they did not come to the help  
came down, And from Zebulun those of the LORD, To the help of the  
LORD  
who bear the recruiter's staff. against the mighty.'

1 2 5 4 Most blessed among women is Jael,

And the princes of Issachar were with

Deborah; As Issachar, so was Barak The wife of Heber the Kenite;  
Blessed is

Sent into the valley under his command; she among women in tents.  
Among the divisions of Reuben There

were great resolves of heart. 2 5

He asked for water, she gave milk;

1

6Why did you sit among the sheepfolds, She brought out cream in a  
lordly bowl.

To hear the pipings for the flocks? The 2 6

She stretched her hand to the tent peg,  
divisions of Reuben have great Her right hand to the workmen's  
searchings of heart. hammer; She pounded Sisera, she

pierced his head, She split and struck

17

Gilead stayed beyond the Jordan, And through his temple.

why did Dan remain on ships? Asher

continued at the seashore, And stayed 27

At her feet he sank, he fell, he lay still;

by his inlets. At her feet he sank, he fell; Where he

sank, there he fell dead.

1' ZebuIun is a people who jeopardized their lives to the point of death, Naphtali 284'The mother of Sisera looked through also, on the heights of the battlefield. the window, And cried out through the

lattice, "Why is his chariot so long in

1 '" The kings came and fought, Then the coming? Why tarries the clatter of his

kings of Canaan fought In Taanach, by chariots?' the waters of Megiddo; They took no

spoils of silver. 2 ' Her wisest ladies answered her, Yes,

2

0They fought from the heavens; The she answered herself,

stars from their courses fought against 30 'Are they not finding and dividing the Sisera. spoil: To every man a girl or two; For

Sisera, plunder of dyed garments,

21

The torrent of Kishon swept them Plunder of garments embroidered and

away, That ancient torrent, the torrent of dyed, Two pieces of dyed embroidery

Kishon. O my soul, march on in for the neck of the footer?' strength!

22

Then the horses' hooves pounded, LORD! But let those who love  
Him be

The galloping, galloping of his steeds. like the sun When it comes out  
in full

strength." So the land had rest for forty

23 Curse Meroz,' said the angel of the years. LORD, "Curse its  
inhabitants bitterly,

9 and I delivered you out of the hand of

6Then the children of Israel did evil in the Egyptians and out of the  
hand of all

the sight of the LORD. So the LORD who oppressed you, and drove  
them out

before you and gave you their land.

delivered them into the hand of Midian

for seven years, 1 0Also I said to you, "I am the LORD

2 your God; do not fear the gods of the and the hand of Midian  
prevailed

Amorites, in whose land you dwell." But

against Israel. Because of the Midianites, you have not obeyed My  
voice." the children of Israel made for

themselves the dens, the caves, and the 11Now the Angel of the LORD  
came and strongholds which are in the mountains.

sat under the terebinth tree which was in

3 Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the

So it was, whenever Israel had sown,  
Midianites Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed would come up;  
also  
wheat in the winepress, in order to hide  
Amalekites and the people of the East  
it from the Midianites.  
would come up against them.

12

4 And the Angel of the LORD appeared  
Then they would encamp against them  
to him, and said to him, "The LORD is  
and destroy the produce of the earth as  
far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance with you, you mighty man of  
valor!"

for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor 13Gideon said to Him, "O my lord,  
if the donkey.

LORD is with us, why then has all this  
5 happened to us? And where are all His For they would come up with  
their  
livestock and their tents, coming in as miracles which our fathers told  
us about,  
numerous as locusts; both they and saying, "Did not the LORD bring  
us up  
their camels were without number; and from Egypt?' But now the  
LORD has  
they would enter the land to destroy it. forsaken us and delivered us  
into the



hands of the Midianites."

6So Israel was greatly impoverished 4 because of the Midianites, and  
the 1 Then the LORD turned to him and said,

children of Israel cried out to the LORD. "Go in this might of yours,  
and you shall

save Israel from the hand of the

7 Midianites. Have I not sent you?"

And it came to pass, when the children

of Israel cried out to the LORD because 1 5So he said to Him, "O my  
Lord, how of the Midianites, can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the 8  
weakest in Manasseh, and I am the

that the LORD sent a prophet to the least in my father's house."

children of Israel, who said to them,

"Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "I 1 6And the LORD said to him,  
"Surely I brought you up from Egypt and brought

you out of the house of bondage; will be with you, and you shall  
defeat the

Midianites as one man."

1 2 7 5Now it came to pass the same night Then he said to Him, "If  
now I have

found favor in Your sight, then show me that the LORD said to him,  
"Take your

a sign that it is You who talk with me. father's young bull, the second  
bull of

seven years old, and tear down the altar

1 of Baal that your father has, and cut ' Do not depart from here, I pray, until I

come to You and bring out my offering down the wooden image that is beside

and set it before You." And He said, "I it; will wait until you come back."

2 6

and build an altar to the LORD your

1 God on top of this rock in the proper ' So Gideon went in and prepared a

young goat, and unleavened bread from arrangement, and take the second bull

an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood

basket, and he put the broth in a pot; of the image which you shall cut down."

and he brought them out to Him under

2 7

the terebinth tree and presented them. So Gideon took ten men from among

his servants and did as the LORD had

20 said to him. But because he feared his

The Angel of God said to him, "Take

the meat and the unleavened bread and father's household and the men of the

lay them on this rock, and pour out the city too much to do it by day, he did it by

broth." And he did so. night.

22 ' And when the men of the city arose 1Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that was in His hand, early in the morning, there was the altar

and touched the meat and the of Baal, torn down; and the wooden unleavened bread; and fire rose out of image that was beside it was cut down,

the rock and consumed the meat and and the second bull was being offered

the unleavened bread. And the Angel of on the altar which had been built. the LORD departed out of his sight.

2 ' So they said to one another, "Who has

22 done this thing?" And when they had

Now Gideon perceived that He was

the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, inquired and asked, they said, "Gideon

"Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the the son of Joash has done this thing."

Angel of the LORD face to face."

3 0

Then the men of the city said to Joash,

23 "Bring out your son, that he may die,

Then the LORD said to him, "Peace be

with you; do not fear, you shall not die." because he has torn down the altar of

Baal, and because he has cut down the

24 wooden image that was beside it."

So Gideon built an altar there to the

LORD, and called it The-LORD-1s- 31But Joash said to all who stood  
Peace. To this day it is still in Ophrah of  
the Abiezrites. against him, "Would you plead for Baal?

Would you save him? Let the one who  
would plead for him be put to death by  
morning! If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because his altar has  
been torn only on the fleece, but on all the ground  
down!" let there be dew."

3 4 2Therefore on that day he called him 0And God did so that night. It  
was dry Jerubbaal, saying, "Let Baal plead on the fleece only, but  
there was dew on  
against him, because he has torn down all the ground. his altar."

33Then all the Midianites and Amalekites, 7Then Jerubbaal (that is,  
Gideon) and

the people of the East, gathered

all the people who were with him rose  
together; and they crossed over and

early and encamped beside the well of  
encamped in the Valley of Jezreel.

Harod, so that the camp of the

34But the Spirit of the LORD came upon Midianites was on the north  
side of them

by the hill of Moreh in the valley.

Gideon; then he blew the trumpet, and

the Abiezrites gathered behind him. 2

And the LORD said to Gideon, "The

35 And he sent messengers throughout people who are with you are too many

for Me to give the Midianites into their

all Manasseh, who also gathered behind hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself

him. He also sent messengers to Asher, against Me, saying, "My own hand has

Zebulun, and Naphtali; and they came saved me.' up to meet them.

36 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing 3

So Gideon said to God, "If You will of the people, saying, "Whoever is

save Israel by my hand as You have fearful and afraid, let him turn and

said-- depart at once from Mount Gilead.'" And

twenty-two thousand of the people

37 ook, I shall put a fleece of wool on the returned, and ten thousand remained.

threshing floor; if there is dew on the

fleece only, and it is dry on all the 4 But the LORD said to Gideon, "The ground, then I shall know that You will people are still too many; bring them

save Israel by my hand, as You have down to the water, and I will test them

said." for you there. Then it will be, that of

38 And it was so. When he rose early the whom I say to you, "This one shall go

with you,' the same shall go with you;

next morning and squeezed the fleece and of whomever I say to you, "This one

together, he wrung the dew out of the shall not go with you,' the same shall not

fleece, a bowlful of water. go."

35 9 Then Gideon said to God, "Do not be So he brought the people down to the

angry with me, but let me speak just water. And the LORD said to Gideon,

once more: Let me test, I pray, just once "Everyone who laps from the water with

more with the fleece; let it now be dry his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set

apart by himself; likewise everyone who 13 And when Gideon had come, there gets down on his knees to drink." was a man telling a dream to his

companion. He said, "I have had a

6 dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley And the number of those who lapped,

putting their hand to their mouth, was bread tumbled into the camp of Midian;

three hundred men; but all the rest of it came to a tent and struck it so that it

the people got down on their knees to fell and overturned, and the tent

drink water. collapsed."

1 4Then his companion answered and

7Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who  
lapped I will said, "This is nothing else but the sword

save you, and deliver the Midianites into of Gideon the son of Joash, a  
man of

your hand. Let all the other people go, Israel! Into his hand God has  
delivered

every man to his place." Midian and the whole camp."

'So the people took provisions and their And so it was, when Gideon  
heard the 1 5

trumpets in their hands. And he sent telling of the dream and its  
interpretation,

away all the rest of Israel, every man to that he worshiped. He  
returned to the

his tent, and retained those three camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for  
the

hundred men. Now the camp of Midian LORD has delivered the camp  
of Midian

was below him in the valley. into your hand."

1 6Then he divided the three hundred

'It happened on the same night that the

LORD said to him, "Arise, go down men into three companies, and he  
put a

against the camp, for I have delivered it trumpet into every man's  
hand, with

into your hand. empty pitchers, and torches inside the

pitchers.

<sup>10</sup>But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah  
your And he said to them, "Look at me and <sup>17</sup>

servant, do likewise; watch, and when I come to

the edge of the camp you shall do as I

<sup>11</sup> do:

and you shall hear what they say; and

afterward your hands shall be <sup>18</sup>When I blow the trumpet, I and all  
who strengthened to go down against the camp." Then he went down  
with Purah are with me, then you also blow the

his servant to the outpost of the armed trumpets on every side of the  
whole

men who were in the camp. camp, and say, "The sword of the LORD

and of Gideon!"

<sup>12</sup>Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were  
lying in the <sup>1</sup>' So Gideon and the hundred men who

valley as numerous as locusts; and their were with him came to the  
outpost of the

camels were without number, as the camp at the beginning of the  
middle

sand by the seashore in multitude. watch, just as they had posted the

watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in  
their

hands. <sup>8</sup>Now the men of Ephraim said to him,

<sup>2</sup> "Why have you done this to us by not <sup>0</sup>Then the three companies



blew the

calling us when you went to fight with

trumpets and broke the pitchers--they the Midianites?" And they reprimanded

held the torches in their left hands and him sharply. the trumpets in their right hands for

blowing--and they cried, "The sword of 2

So he said to them, "What have I done

the LORD and of Gideon!"

now in comparison with you? Is not the

2 gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better 1And every man stood in his place all

than the vintage of Abiezer?

around the camp; and the whole army

ran and cried out and fled. 3

God has delivered into your hands the

2 princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb. And 2 When the three hundred blew the what was I able to do in comparison with trumpets, the LORD set every man's you?" Then their anger toward him

sword against his companion throughout subsided when he said that. the whole camp; and the army fled to

Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as 4

When Gideon came to the Jordan, he

the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

and the three hundred men who were

2 with him crossed over, exhausted but 3 And the men of Israel gathered

still in pursuit.

together from Naphtali, Asher, and all

Manasseh, and pursued the Midianites. 5

Then he said to the men of Succoth,

2 "Please give loaves of bread to the 4 Then Gideon sent messengers people who follow me, for they are

throughout all the mountains of Ephraim, exhausted, and I am pursuing Zebah

saying, "Come down against the and Zalmunna, kings of Midian." Midianites, and seize from them the

watering places as far as Beth Barah 6 And the leaders of Succoth said, "Are and the Jordan." Then all the men of the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now

Ephraim gathered together and seized in your hand, that we should give bread

the watering places as far as Beth to your army?" Barah and the Jordan.

7 So Gideon said, "For this cause, when

25 And they captured two princes of the the LORD has delivered Zebah and

Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb. They killed Zalmunna into my hand, then I will tear

Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they your flesh with the thorns of the

killed at the winepress of Zeeb. They wilderness and with briers!"  
pursued Midian and brought the heads

of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the 8

Then he went up from there to Penuel  
other side of the Jordan.

and spoke to them in the same way.

And the men of Penuel answered him 16And he took the elders of the  
city, and as the men of Succoth had answered. thorns of the  
wilderness and briers, and

with them he taught the men of Succoth.

'So he also spoke to the men of Penuel,

1 7

saying, "When I come back in peace, I Then he tore down the tower of  
Penuel

will tear down this tower!" and killed the men of the city.

1 1 08

Now Zebah and Zalmunna were at And he said to Zebah and  
Zalmunna,

Karkor, and their armies with them, "What kind of men were they  
whom you

about fifteen thousand, all who were left killed at Tabor?" So they  
answered, "As

of all the army of the people of the East; you are, so were they; each  
one

for one hundred and twenty thousand resembled the son of a king."  
men who drew the sword had fallen.

1 ' Then he said, "They were my brothers,

Then Gideon went up by the road of the sons of my mother. As the LORD

those who dwell in tents on the east of lives, if you had let them live, I would not

Nobah and Jogbehah; and he attacked kill you." the army while the camp felt secure.

2 0 And he said to Jether his firstborn,

12 When Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he "Rise, kill them!" But the youth would not

pursued them; and he took the two draw his sword; for he was afraid, kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, because he was still a youth. and routed the whole army.

2 1

So Zebah and Zalmunna said, "Rise

13 Then Gideon the son of Joash yourself, and kill us; for as a man is, so

returned from battle, from the Ascent of is his strength." So Gideon arose and

Heres. killed Zebah and Zalmunna, and took

the crescent ornaments that were on

14 And he caught a young man of the their camels' necks.

men of Succoth and interrogated him; 2 Then the men of Israel said to Gideon,

and he wrote down for him the leaders 2 of Succoth and its elders, seventy-seven "Rule over us, both you and your son,

men. and your grandson also; for you have

delivered us from the hand of Midian."

15Then he came to the men of Succoth and said, "Here are Zebah and  
23But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule Zalmunna, about whom  
you ridiculed over you, nor shall my son rule over

me, saying, "Are the hands of Zebah you; the LORD shall rule over  
you." and Zalmunna now in your hand, that

we should give bread to your weary 2 4Then Gideon said to them, "I  
would men?" like to make a request of you, that each

of you would give me the earrings from his plunder." For they had  
golden 33So it was, as soon as Gideon was

earrings, because they were Ishmaelites. dead, that the children of  
Israel again

played the harlot with the Baals, and

25 made Baal-Berith their god.

So they answered, "We will gladly give  
them." And they spread out a garment,

3 4

and each man threw into it the earrings Thus the children of Israel did  
not

from his plunder. remember the LORD their God, who

had delivered them from the hands of all

26 their enemies on every side;

Now the weight of the gold earrings

that he requested was one thousand 35nor did they show kindness to  
the

seven hundred shekels of gold, besides

the crescent ornaments, pendants, and house of Jerubbaal (Gideon) in

purple robes which were on the kings of accordance with the good he had done

Midian, and besides the chains that for Israel. were around their camels' necks.

27 Then Gideon made it into an ephod 9Then Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal

and set it up in his city, Ophrah. And all went to Shechem, to his mother's

Israel played the harlot with it there. It

brothers, and spoke with them and with

became a snare to Gideon and to his

all the family of the house of his

house. mother's father, saying,

28Thus Midian was subdued before the

2 Please speak in the hearing of all the

children of Israel, so that they lifted their men of Shechem: "Which is better for

heads no more. And the country was you, that all seventy of the sons of

quiet for forty years in the days of Jerubbaal reign over you, or that one

Gideon. reign over you?' Remember that I am

your own flesh and bone."

2 ' Then Jerubbaal the son of Joash went

and dwelt in his own house. 3And his mother's brothers spoke all

<sup>3</sup> these words concerning him in the 0 Gideon had seventy sons who were hearing of all the men of Shechem; and

his own offspring, for he had many their heart was inclined to follow wives. Abimelech, for they said, "He is our  
brother."

31 And his concubine who was in

Shechem also bore him a son, whose <sup>4</sup> So they gave him seventy shekels of silver from the temple of Baal-Berith, name he called Abimelech.

32 Now Gideon the son of Joash died at a with which Abimelech hired worthless

and reckless men; and they followed good old age, and was buried in the him. tomb of Joash his father, in Ophrah of  
the Abiezrites.

<sup>5</sup> 1 44 Then he went to his father's house at 'Then all the trees said to the  
Ophrah and killed his brothers, the "You come and reign over us!"  
seventy sons of Jerubbaal, on one stone.

But Jotham the youngest son of <sup>15</sup> And the bramble said to the trees, "If in Jerubbaal was left, because he hid truth you anoint me as king over you,  
himself. Then come and take shelter in my

shade; But if not, let fire come out of the  
<sup>6</sup> And all the men of Shechem gathered bramble And devour the cedars of

together, all of Beth Millo, and they went Lebanon!' and made Abimelech king beside the

terebinth tree at the pillar that was in <sup>1</sup> 6 Now therefore, if you have acted in Shechem. truth and sincerity in making Abimelech

king, and if you have dealt well with

<sup>7</sup>Now when they told Jotham, he went Jerubbaal and his house, and have

and stood on top of Mount Gerizim, and done to him as he deserves--lifted his voice and cried out. And he

said to them: "Listen to me, you men of <sup>17</sup> or my father fought for you, risked his Shechem, That God may listen to you! life, and delivered you out of the hand of

Midian;

"The trees once went forth to anoint a

king over them. And they said to the <sup>18</sup>but you have risen up against my olive tree, "Reign over us!" father's house this day, and killed his

seventy sons on one stone, and made

'But the olive tree said to them, "Should Abimelech, the son of his female

I cease giving my oil, With which they servant, king over the men of Shechem,

honor God and men, And go to sway because he is your brother--over trees?'

<sup>1</sup> ' if then you have acted in truth and

<sup>1</sup> 0§ 'Then

the trees said to the fig tree, sincerity with Jerubbaal and with his

"You come and reign over us!" house this day, then rejoice in

Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in

<sup>11</sup> you.

But the fig tree said to them, "Should I



cease my sweetness and my good fruit,

And go to sway over trees?' 2 0But if not, let fire come from Abimelech  
and devour the men of Shechem and

1 2§ "Then the trees said to the vine, "You Beth Millo; and let fire come  
from the

come and reign over us!' men of Shechem and from Beth Millo

and devour Abimelech!"

13But the vine said to them, "Should I

2 1And Jotham ran away and fled; and he

cease my new wine, Which cheers both

God and men, And go to sway over went to Beer and dwelt there, for  
fear of

trees?' Abimelech his brother.

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After Abimelech had reigned over Abimelech." So he said to  
Abimelech,

Israel three years, "Increase your army and come out!"

2 3 3 God sent a spirit of ill will between 0When Zebul, the ruler of  
the city,

Abimelech and the men of Shechem; heard the words of Gaal the son  
of Ebed,

and the men of Shechem dealt his anger was aroused. treacherously  
with Abimelech,

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2 secretly, saying, "Take note! Gaal the

4 hat the crime done to the seventy And he sent messengers to

Abimelech

sons of Jerubbaal might be settled and son of Ebed and his brothers have come

their blood be laid on Abimelech their to Shechem; and here they are, brother, who killed them, and on the fortifying the city against you. men of Shechem, who aided him in the

killing of his brothers. 32 Now therefore, get up by night, you

2 in wait in the field. 5 And the men of Shechem set men in and the people who are with you, and lie

ambush against him on the tops of the

mountains, and they robbed all who 33 And it shall be, as soon as the sun is

passed by them along that way; and it up in the morning, that you shall rise

was told Abimelech. early and rush upon the city; and when

2 come out against you, you may then do

6 Now Gaal the son of Ebed came with he and the people who are with him

his brothers and went over to Shechem; to them as you find opportunity." and the men of Shechem put their

confidence in him. 34 So Abimelech and all the people who

were with him rose by night, and lay in

27

So they went out into the fields, and wait against Shechem in four companies.

gathered grapes from their vineyards

and trod them, and made merry. And <sup>3</sup> 5When Gaal the son of Ebed went out they went into the house of their god, and stood in the entrance to the city

and ate and drank, and cursed gate, Abimelech and the people who Abimelech. were with him rose from lying in wait.

<sup>2</sup> Then Gaal the son of Ebed said, "Who <sup>36</sup>And when Gaal saw the people, he

is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that said to Zebul, "Look, people are coming

we should serve him? Is he not the son down from the tops of the mountains!"

of Jerubbaal, and is not Zebul his But Zebul said to him, "You see the officer? Serve the men of Hamor the shadows of the mountains as if they

father of Shechem; but why should we were men." serve him?

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<sup>2</sup> So Gaal spoke again and said, "See, ' If only this people were under my people are coming down from the center

authority! Then I would remove of the land, and another company is coming from the Diviners' Terebinth <sup>4</sup> 6Now when all the men of the tower of Tree." Shechem had heard that, they entered

the stronghold of the temple of the god

<sup>3</sup> Then Zebul said to him, "Where Berith. indeed is your mouth now, with which

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you said, "Who is Abimelech, that we And it was told Abimelech that all the

should serve him?' Are not these the men of the tower of Shechem were

people whom you despised? Go out, if gathered together. you will, and fight with them now."

4 ' Then Abimelech went up to Mount

39

So Gaal went out, leading the men of Zalmon, he and all the people who were

Shechem, and fought with Abimelech. with him. And Abimelech took an ax in

his hand and cut down a bough from the

40And Abimelech chased him, and he trees, and took it and laid it on his

fled from him; and many fell wounded, shoulder; then he said to the people

to the very entrance of the gate. who were with him, "What you have

seen me do, make haste and do as I

41 have done." Then Abimelech dwelt at Arumah, and

Zebul drove out Gaal and his brothers, 4 ' So each of the people likewise cut so that they would not dwell in Shechem.

down his own bough and followed

42 Abimelech, put them against the

And it came about on the next day that

the people went out into the field, and stronghold, and set the stronghold on

fire above them, so that all the people of

they told Abimelech.

the tower of Shechem died, about a

4 thousand men and women. 3 So he took his people, divided them

into three companies, and lay in wait in 50Then Abimelech went to Thebez, and the field. And he looked, and there were

he encamped against Thebez and took  
the people, coming out of the city; and  
he rose against them and attacked them. it.

4 51 4Then Abimelech and the company that But there was a strong  
tower in the city,  
was with him rushed forward and stood and all the men and women--  
all the

people of the city--fled there and shut  
at the entrance of the gate of the city;  
themselves in; then they went up to the  
and the other two companies rushed

top of the tower.  
upon all who were in the fields and killed

them. 52So Abimelech came as far as the

4 tower and fought against it; and he drew 5So Abimelech fought  
against the city

near the door of the tower to burn it with  
all that day; he took the city and killed  
the people who were in it; and he fire. demolished the city and sowed  
it with  
salt.

53But a certain woman dropped an 6Then the children of Israel again did

upper millstone on Abimelech's head evil in the sight of the LORD,  
and served

and crushed his skull. the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods

of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of

54 Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon,

Then he called quickly to the young

man, his armorbearer, and said to him, and the gods of the Philistines;  
and they

"Draw your sword and kill me, lest men forsook the LORD and did not  
serve

say of me, "A woman killed him." So his Him. young man thrust him  
through, and he

died. 7So the anger of the LORD was hot

against Israel; and He sold them into the

55And when the men of Israel saw that hands of the Philistines and  
into the

Abimelech was dead, they departed, hands of the people of Ammon.  
every man to his place.

8 From that year they harassed and

56Thus God repaid the wickedness of oppressed the children of Israel  
for

Abimelech, which he had done to his eighteen years--all the children  
of Israel

father by killing his seventy brothers. who were on the other side of  
the

Jordan in the land of the Amorites, in

57 Gilead.

And all the evil of the men of Shechem

God returned on their own heads, and

on them came the curse of Jotham the 'Moreover the people of  
Ammon

son of Jerubbaal. crossed over the Jordan to fight against

Judah also, against Benjamin, and

against the house of Ephraim, so that

Israel was severely distressed.

1 OAfter Abimelech there arose to

save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the 10And the children of Israel cried  
out to son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he the LORD, saying, "We  
have sinned

dwelt in Shamir in the mountains of against You, because we have  
both Ephraim. forsaken our God and served the

Baals!"

2He judged Israel twenty-three years;

and he died and was buried in Shamir. 1 So the LORD said to the  
children of

3After him arose Jair, a Gileadite; and he Israel, "Did I not deliver you  
from the

Egyptians and from the Amorites and

judged Israel twenty-two years. from the people of Ammon and from  
the

Philistines?

4Now he had thirty sons who rode on thirty donkeys; they also had  
thirty 12

Also the Sidonians and Amalekites

towns, which are called "Havoth Jair" to and Maonites oppressed you;  
and you

this day, which are in the land of Gilead. cried out to Me, and I  
delivered you from

their hand.

5And Jair died and was buried in Camon.

13Yet you have forsaken Me and served worthless men banded  
together with

other gods. Therefore I will deliver you Jephthah and went out raiding  
with him.

no more.

4 It came to pass after a time that the

14

Go and cry out to the gods which you people of Ammon made war  
against

have chosen; let them deliver you in Israel. your time of distress."

5And so it was, when the people of

15

And the children of Israel said to the Ammon made war against  
Israel, that

LORD, "We have sinned! Do to us the elders of Gilead went to get  
whatever seems best to You; only Jephthah from the land of Tob.  
deliver us this day, we pray."

6 Then they said to Jephthah, "Come and

16

So they put away the foreign gods be our commander, that we may  
fight

from among them and served the LORD. against the people of



Ammon." And His soul could no longer endure the

misery of Israel. 7So Jephthah said to the elders of

Gilead, "Did you not hate me, and expel

17

Then the people of Ammon gathered me from my father's house?  
Why have

together and encamped in Gilead. And you come to me now when you  
are in

the children of Israel assembled distress?" together and encamped in  
Mizpah.

8And the elders of Gilead said to

1' And the people, the leaders of Gilead, Jephthah, "That is why we  
have turned

said to one another, "Who is the man again to you now, that you may  
go with

who will begin the fight against the us and fight against the people of  
people of Ammon? He shall be head Ammon, and be our head over all  
the

over all the inhabitants of Gilead." inhabitants of Gilead."

'So Jephthah said to the elders of

1 1 Gilead, "If you take me back home to Now Jephthah the  
Gileadite was a

fight against the people of Ammon, and

mighty man of valor, but he was the son

of a harlot; and Gilead begot Jephthah. the LORD delivers them to me,  
shall I

be your head?"

2Gilead's wife bore sons; and when his 0And the elders of Gilead said  
to

1

wife's sons grew up, they drove

Jephthah, "The LORD will be a witness

Jephthah out, and said to him, "You

shall have no inheritance in our father's between us, if we do not do  
according to

your words."

house, for you are the son of another

woman." 1 1Then Jephthah went with the elders of

3Then Jephthah fled from his brothers Gilead, and the people made  
him head

and dwelt in the land of Tob; and and commander over them; and  
Jephthah spoke all his words before the of Moab, for the Arnon was  
the border of

LORD in Mizpah. Moab.

1 1 2

Now Jephthah sent messengers to the ' Then Israel sent messengers  
to Sihon

king of the people of Ammon, saying, king of the Amorites, king of  
Heshbon;

"What do you have against me, that you and Israel said to him, "Please  
let us

have come to fight against me in my pass through your land into our  
place."

land?"

2 0

1 through his territory. So Sihon gathered

3And the king of the people of Ammon But Sihon did not trust Israel to pass

answered the messengers of Jephthah, all his people together, encamped in

"Because Israel took away my land Jahaz, and fought against Israel. when they came up out of Egypt, from

the Arnon as far as the Jabbok, and to 2 1And the LORD God of Israel delivered the Jordan. Now therefore, restore those Sihon and all his people into the hand of

lands peaceably." Israel, and they defeated them. Thus

Israel gained possession of all the land

14

So Jephthah again sent messengers of the Amorites, who inhabited that

to the king of the people of Ammon, country.

1 2 5and said to him, "Thus says Jephthah: They took possession of all the

"Israel did not take away the land of territory of the Amorites, from the Arnon

Moab, nor the land of the people of to the Jabbok and from the wilderness

Ammon; to the Jordan.

1 2 3 6 or when Israel came up from Egypt, 'And now the LORD God of Israel has they walked through the wilderness as dispossessed the

Amorites from before

far as the Red Sea and came to Kadesh. His people Israel; should you then

possess it?

<sup>17</sup>Then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, "Please let me <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>Will you not possess whatever pass through your land." But the king of Chemosh your god gives you to

Edom would not heed. And in like possess? So whatever the LORD our manner they sent to the king of Moab, God takes possession of before us, we

but he would not consent. So Israel will possess. remained in Kadesh.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>

And now, are you any better than

<sup>1</sup>' And they went along through the Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab?

wilderness and bypassed the land of Did he ever strive against Israel? Did he

Edom and the land of Moab, came to ever fight against them? the east side of the land of Moab, and

encamped on the other side of the <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>While Israel dwelt in Heshbon and its Arnon. But they did not enter the border villages, in Aroer and its villages, and in

all the cities along the banks of the When Jephthah came to his house  
at

Arnon, for three hundred years, why did Mizpah, there was his  
daughter, coming

you not recover them within that time? out to meet him with timbrels  
and

dancing; and she was his only child.

27Therefore I have not sinned against Besides her he had neither son  
nor

you, but you wronged me by fighting daughter. against me. May the  
LORD, the Judge,

render judgment this day between the 35And it came to pass, when he  
saw her,

children of Israel and the people of that he tore his clothes, and said,  
"Alas,

Ammon.' my daughter! You have brought me very

low! You are among those who trouble

28However, the king of the people of me! For I have given my word to  
the

Ammon did not heed the words which LORD, and I cannot go back on  
it." Jephthah sent him.

So she said to him, "My father, if you

2' Then have given your word to the LORD, do the Spirit of the LORD  
came

upon Jephthah, and he passed through to me according to what has  
gone out of

Gilead and Manasseh, and passed your mouth, because the LORD has through Mizpah of Gilead; and from avenged you of your enemies, the Mizpah of Gilead he advanced toward people of Ammon." the people of Ammon.

3 7Then she said to her father, "Let this

30And Jephthah made a vow to the thing be done for me: let me alone for

LORD, and said, "If You will indeed two months, that I may go and wander

deliver the people of Ammon into my on the mountains and bewail my

hands, virginity, my friends and I."

31 hen it will be that whatever comes out 38So he said, "Go." And he sent her

of the doors of my house to meet me, away for two months; and she went with

when I return in peace from the people her friends, and bewailed her virginity on

of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, the mountains. and I will offer it up as a burnt offering."

32 3' And it was so at the end of two months

So Jephthah advanced toward the that she returned to her father, and he

people of Ammon to fight against them, carried out his vow with her which he

and the LORD delivered them into his had vowed. She knew no man. And it

hands. became a custom in Israel

33And he defeated them from Aroer as 4 0that the daughters of Israel  
went four

far as Minnith--twenty cities--and to Abel days each year to lament the  
daughter

Keramim, with a very great slaughter. of Jephthah the Gileadite. Thus  
the people of Ammon were

subdued before the children of Israel.

fell at that time forty-two thousand

1 Ephraimites. 2Then the men of Ephraim

gathered together, crossed over toward 7And Jephthah judged Israel  
six years. Zaphon, and said to Jephthah, "Why did you cross over to  
fight against the Then Jephthah the Gileadite died and

people of Ammon, and did not call us to was buried among the cities  
of Gilead.

go with you? We will burn your house

down on you with fire!" 8 After him, Ibzan of Bethlehem judged

Israel.

2And Jephthah said to them, "My people and I were in a great struggle  
with the 9He had thirty sons. And he gave away people of Ammon;  
and when I called thirty daughters in marriage, and

you, you did not deliver me out of their brought in thirty daughters  
from hands. elsewhere for his sons. He judged Israel

seven years.

3

So when I saw that you would not 0Then Ibzan died and was buried  
at

deliver me, I took my life in my hands 1 and crossed over against the

people of Bethlehem. Ammon; and the LORD delivered them

into my hand. Why then have you come <sup>1</sup> 1After him, Eton the Zebulunite judged up to me this day to fight against me?" Israel. He judged Israel ten years.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> Now Jephthah gathered together all the <sup>2</sup> And Eton the Zebulunite died and was men of Gilead and fought against buried at Aijalon in the country of

Ephraim. And the men of Gilead Zebulun. defeated Ephraim, because they said,

"You Gileadites are fugitives of Ephraim <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> After him, Abdon the son of Hillel the among the Ephraimites and among the

Pirathonite judged Israel.

Manassites."

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>5</sup> He had forty sons and thirty grandsons,

The Gileadites seized the fords of the

who rode on seventy young donkeys.

Jordan before the Ephraimites arrived.

He judged Israel eight years.

And when any Ephraimite who escaped

said, "Let me cross over," the men of <sup>15</sup> Then Abdon the son of Hillel the Gilead would say to him, "Are you an

Ephraimite?" If he said, "No," Pirathonite died and was buried in

Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the

<sup>6</sup> mountains of the Amalekites.



then they would say to him, "Then say,

"Shibboleth'!" And he would say,

"Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce

it right. Then they would take him and 1 3Again the children of Israel did evil

kill him at the fords of the Jordan. There in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD

delivered them into the hand of the and teach us what we shall do for the

Philistines for forty years. child who will be born."

2 9 Now there was a certain man from And God listened to the voice of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, Manoah, and the Angel of God came to

whose name was Manoah; and his wife the woman again as she was sitting in

was barren and had no children. the field; but Manoah her husband was

not with her.

3

And the Angel of the LORD appeared 0Then the woman ran in haste and told

to the woman and said to her, "Indeed 1 now, you are barren and have borne no her husband, and said to him, "Look, the

children, but you shall conceive and Man who came to me the other day has

bear a son. just now appeared to me!"

4 1 Now therefore, please be careful not to So Manoah arose and

followed his drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat wife. When he came to the Man, he said

anything unclean. to Him, "Are You the Man who spoke to

this woman?" And He said, "I am."

5For behold, you shall conceive and

12

bear a son. And no razor shall come Manoah said, "Now let Your words

upon his head, for the child shall be a come to pass! What will be the boy's

Nazirite to God from the womb; and he rule of life, and his work?" shall begin to deliver Israel out of the

hand of the Philistines." 1 3So the Angel of the LORD said to

Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman

6So the woman came and told her let her be careful. husband, saying, "A Man of God came

to me, and His countenance was like the 1 4She may not eat anything that comes countenance of the Angel of God, very from the vine, nor may she drink wine or

awesome; but I did not ask Him where similar drink, nor eat anything unclean.

He was from, and He did not tell me His All that I commanded her let her

name. observe."

7 1 And He said to me, "Behold, you shall 5Then Manoah said to the Angel of the conceive and bear a son. Now drink no LORD, "Please let us detain You, and

wine or similar drink, nor eat anything we will prepare a young goat for You."

unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite

to God from the womb to the day of his <sup>1</sup> 6 And the Angel of the LORD  
said to death." Manoah, "Though you detain Me, I will

not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt

"Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and offering, you must offer it to  
the LORD."

said, "O my Lord, please let the Man of (For Manoah did not know He  
was the

God whom You sent come to us again Angel of the LORD.)

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> 5 And the Spirit of the LORD began to Then Manoah said to the  
Angel of the

LORD, "What is Your name, that when move upon him at Mahaneh  
Dan

Your words come to pass we may honor between Zorah and Eshtaol.  
You?"

<sup>1</sup>' And the Angel of the LORD said to him, <sup>1</sup> 4 Now Samson went  
down to

"Why do you ask My name, seeing it is Timnah, and saw a woman in  
Timnah of

wonderful?"

the daughters of the Philistines.

<sup>1</sup>' So Manoah took the young goat with

<sup>2</sup> So he went up and told his father and

the grain offering, and offered it upon

mother, saying, "I have seen a woman

the rock to the LORD. And He did a

in Timnah of the daughters of the  
wondrous thing while Manoah and his  
Philistines; now therefore, get her for me  
wife looked on--  
as a wife."

20it happened as the flame went up 3Then his father and mother said  
to him,  
toward heaven from the altar--the Angel  
"1s there no woman among the  
of the LORD ascended in the flame of  
daughters of your brethren, or among all  
the altar! When Manoah and his wife  
my people, that you must go and get a  
saw this, they fell on their faces to the  
wife from the uncircumcised  
ground.

Philistines?" And Samson said to his  
2 father, "Get her for me, for she pleases 1When the Angel of the LORD  
me well."

appeared no more to Manoah and his  
wife, then Manoah knew that He was 4  
But his father and mother did not know  
the Angel of the LORD. that it was of the LORD--that He was

2 seeking an occasion to move against 2And Manoah said to his wife,  
"We shall

the Philistines. For at that time the  
surely die, because we have seen God!" Philistines had dominion over  
Israel.

2 5 3But his wife said to him, "If the LORD

So Samson went down to Timnah with  
had desired to kill us, He would not have his father and mother, and  
came to the

accepted a burnt offering and a grain vineyards of Timnah. Now to his  
offering from our hands, nor would He surprise, a young lion came  
roaring

have shown us all these things, nor against him. would He have told  
us such things as

these at this time." 6And the Spirit of the LORD came

2 mightily upon him, and he tore the lion 4 So the woman bore a son  
and called apart as one would have torn apart a

his name Samson; and the child grew, young goat, though he had  
nothing in

and the LORD blessed him. his hand. But he did not tell his father or

his mother what he had done.

7 1 Then he went down and talked with the 5But it came to pass on the  
seventh day woman; and she pleased Samson well. that they said to  
Samson's wife, "Entice

your husband, that he may explain the

8 riddle to us, or else we will burn you and After some time, when he returned to

get her, he turned aside to see the your father's house with fire. Have you

carcass of the lion. And behold, a invited us in order to take what is ours?

swarm of bees and honey were in the Is that not so?" carcass of the lion.

16Then Samson's wife wept on him, and

'He took some of it in his hands and said, "You only hate me! You do not

went along, eating. When he came to love me! You have posed a riddle to the

his father and mother, he gave some to sons of my people, but you have not

them, and they also ate. But he did not explained it to me." And he said to her,

tell them that he had taken the honey "Look, I have not explained it to my

out of the carcass of the lion. father or my mother; so should I explain it to you?"

10 So his father went down to the woman. 1 And Samson gave a feast there, for 7Now she had wept on him the seven

young men used to do so. days while their feast lasted. And it

happened on the seventh day that he

11 told her, because she pressed him so

And it happened, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to much. Then she explained the

riddle to

be with him. the sons of her people.

1 ' So the men of the city said to him on Then Samson said to them,  
"Let me

2 1

pose a riddle to you. If you can correctly the seventh day before the  
sun went

solve and explain it to me within the down: "What is sweeter than  
honey?

seven days of the feast, then I will give And what is stronger than a  
lion?" And

you thirty linen garments and thirty he said to them: "If you had not  
plowed

changes of clothing. with my heifer, You would not have

solved my riddle!"

13 But if you cannot explain it to me, then

1 ' Then the Spirit of the LORD came

you shall give me thirty linen garments

and thirty changes of clothing." And they upon him mightily, and he  
went down to

said to him, "Pose your riddle, that we Ashkelon and killed thirty of  
their men,

may hear it." took their apparel, and gave the

changes of clothing to those who had

1 explained the riddle. So his anger was 4

So he said to them: "Out of the eater

aroused, and he went back up to his

came something to eat, And out of the father's house. strong came something sweet." Now for

three days they could not explain the <sup>20</sup> And Samson's wife was given to his riddle. companion, who had been his best man.

So he attacked them hip and thigh with

1 a great slaughter; then he went down <sup>5</sup> After a while, in the time of wheat

and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

harvest, it happened that Samson

visited his wife with a young goat. And

he said, "Let me go in to my wife, into 'Now the Philistines went up, encamped

her room." But her father would not in Judah, and deployed themselves

permit him to go in. against Lehi.

<sup>21</sup> <sup>0</sup> And the men of Judah said, "Why have Her father said, "I really thought that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I you come up against us?" So they

gave her to your companion. Is not her answered, "We have come up to arrest

younger sister better than she? Please, Samson, to do to him as he has done to

take her instead." us."

<sup>3</sup> And Samson said to them, "This time I <sup>1</sup> Then three thousand men of Judah shall be blameless regarding the went down to the cleft of the



rock of

Philistines if I harm them!" Etam, and said to Samson, "Do you not

know that the Philistines rule over us?

4 What is this you have done to us?" And

Then Samson went and caught three

he said to them, "As they did to me, so I

hundred foxes; and he took torches,

turned the foxes tail to tail, and put a have done to them."

torch between each pair of tails. 1 2But they said to him, "We have  
come 5 down to arrest you, that we may deliver

When he had set the torches on fire, he

let the foxes go into the standing grain you into the hand of the  
Philistines."

of the Philistines, and burned up both Then Samson said to them,  
"Swear to

the shocks and the standing grain, as me that you will not kill me  
yourselves."

well as the vineyards and olive groves. 1 3So they spoke to him,  
saying, "No, but

6 we will tie you securely and deliver you Then the Philistines said,  
"Who has

done this?" And they answered, into their hand; but we will surely not  
kill

"Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, you." And they bound him  
with two new

because he has taken his wife and ropes and brought him up from the

rock.

given her to his companion." So the

1 4

Philistines came up and burned her and When he came to Lehi, the  
Philistines

her father with fire. came shouting against him. Then the

Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon

7 him; and the ropes that were on his Samson said to them, "Since you  
would

do a thing like this, I will surely take arms became like flax that is  
burned

revenge on you, and after that I will with fire, and his bonds broke  
loose from

cease." his hands.

15He found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, doors of the gate of the city  
and the two

reached out his hand and took it, and gateposts, pulled them up, bar  
and all,

killed a thousand men with it. put them on his shoulders, and carried

them to the top of the hill that faces

16 Hebron.

Then Samson said: "With the jawbone

of a donkey, Heaps upon heaps, With

the jawbone of a donkey I have slain a 4Afterward it happened that he  
loved a thousand men!" woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose

name was Delilah.

17And so it was, when he had finished speaking, that he threw the  
jawbone 5And the lords of the Philistines came up from his hand, and

called that place to her and said to her, "Entice him, and

Ramath Lehi. find out where his great strength lies,

and by what means we may overpower

18Then he became very thirsty; so he him, that we may bind him to  
afflict him;

cried out to the LORD and said, "You and every one of us will give you  
eleven

have given this great deliverance by the hundred pieces of silver."  
hand of Your servant; and now shall I

die of thirst and fall into the hand of the 6 So Delilah said to Samson,  
"Please tell uncircumcised?" me where your great strength lies, and

with what you may be bound to afflict

1 you." ' So God split the hollow place that is in Lehi, and water came  
out, and he drank;

and his spirit returned, and he revived. 7And Samson said to her, "If  
they bind Therefore he called its name En me with seven fresh  
bowstrings, not yet

Hakkore, which is in Lehi to this day. dried, then I shall become  
weak, and be

like any other man."

20And he judged Israel twenty years in the days of the Philistines. 8So  
the lords of the Philistines brought

up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not

yet dried, and she bound him with them.

1 6Now Samson went to Gaza and 9Now men were lying in wait,  
staying saw a harlot there, and went in to her. with her in the room.  
And she said to

2 him, "The Philistines are upon you,

When the Gazites were told, "Samson Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings

has come here!" they surrounded the as a strand of yarn breaks when it

place and lay in wait for him all night at touches fire. So the secret of his

the gate of the city. They were quiet all strength was not known. night, saying, "In the morning, when it is

daylight, we will kill him." <sup>1</sup> 0Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look,

3And Samson lay low till midnight; then you have mocked me and told me lies.

he arose at midnight, took hold of the Now, please tell me what you may be shaven, then my strength will leave me,

bound with." and I shall become weak, and be like

any other man."

<sup>1</sup>1

So he said to her, "If they bind me

<sup>1</sup> 8

securely with new ropes that have never When Delilah saw that he had told her

been used, then I shall become weak, all his heart, she sent and called for the

and be like any other man." lords of the Philistines, saying, "Come

up once more, for he has told me all his

<sup>1</sup>2Therefore Delilah took new ropes and heart." So the lords of the Philistines

bound him with them, and said to him, came up to her and brought the money

"The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" in their hand. And men were lying in wait, staying in

the room. But he broke them off his <sup>1</sup> Then she lulled him to sleep on her arms like a thread. knees, and called for a man and had

him shave off the seven locks of his

<sup>13</sup>Delilah said to Samson, "Until now you head. Then she began to torment him,

have mocked me and told me lies. Tell and his strength left him. me what you may be bound with." And

<sup>2</sup> 0

he said to her, "If you weave the seven And she said, "The Philistines are

locks of my head into the web of the upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from

loom"-- his sleep, and said, "I will go out as

before, at other times, and shake myself

<sup>14</sup> free!" But he did not know that the

So she wove it tightly with the batten

of the loom, and said to him, "The LORD had departed from him. Philistines are upon you, Samson!" But

<sup>21</sup>

he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out Then the Philistines took him and put

the batten and the web from the loom. out his eyes, and brought him down to

Gaza. They bound him with bronze

<sup>15</sup>Then she said to him, "How can you fetters, and he became a

say, "I love you," when your heart is not prison. with me? You have mocked me these

three times, and have not told me where <sup>2</sup> 2However, the hair of his head began to your great strength lies." grow again after it had been shaven.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>3</sup>Now the lords of the Philistines And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and gathered together to offer a great

pressed him, so that his soul was vexed sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to

to death, rejoice. And they said: "Our god has

delivered into our hands Samson our

<sup>17</sup> hat he told her all his heart, and said enemy!" to her, "No razor has ever come upon

<sup>24</sup>

my head, for I have been a Nazirite to When the people saw him, they God from my mother's womb. If I am praised their god; for they said: "Our god

has delivered into our hands our enemy, <sup>31</sup>And his brothers and all his father's

The destroyer of our land, And the one household came down and took him,

who multiplied our dead." and brought him up and buried him

between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb

<sup>25</sup> of his father Manoah. He had judged

So it happened, when their hearts

were merry, that they said, "Call for Israel twenty years. Samson, that

he may perform for us."

So they called for Samson from the

prison, and he performed for them. And 1 7Now there was a man  
from the

they stationed him between the pillars. mountains of Ephraim, whose  
name

2 was Micah. 6Then Samson said to the lad who held

him by the hand, "Let me feel the pillars 2 And he said to his mother,  
"The eleven which support the temple, so that I can hundred shekels  
of silver that were

lean on them."

taken from you, and on which you put a

2 curse, even saying it in my ears--here is

7 Now the temple was full of men and the silver with me; I took it."  
And his

women. All the lords of the Philistines mother said, "May you be  
blessed by

were there--about three thousand men the LORD, my son!" and  
women on the roof watching while

Samson performed. 3

So when he had returned the eleven

2 hundred shekels of silver to his mother, 8Then Samson called to the  
LORD,

his mother said, "I had wholly dedicated

saying, "O Lord GOD, remember me, I the silver from my hand to the  
LORD for

pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this my son, to make a carved image and a

once, O God, that I may with one blow molded image; now therefore, I will

take vengeance on the Philistines for my return it to you." two eyes!"

2

9And Samson took hold of the two 4 Thus he returned the silver to his

mother. Then his mother took two

middle pillars which supported the hundred shekels of silver and gave them

temple, and he braced himself against to the silversmith, and he made it into a

them, one on his right and the other on carved image and a molded image; and

his left. they were in the house of Micah.

3 5 0 Then Samson said, "Let me die with The man Micah had a shrine, and the Philistines!" And he pushed with all made an ephod and household idols;

his might, and the temple fell on the and he consecrated one of his sons,

lords and all the people who were in it. who became his priest. So the dead that he killed at his death

were more than he had killed in his life. 6 In those days there was no king in

Israel; everyone did what was right in

his own eyes.

7 2 Now there was a young man from So the children of Dan sent five men of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of their family from their



territory, men of

Judah; he was a Levite, and was staying valor from Zorah and Eshtaol, to spy out

there. the land and search it. They said to

them, "Go, search the land." So they

8 went to the mountains of Ephraim, to the The man departed from the city of

Bethlehem in Judah to stay wherever he house of Micah, and lodged there.

could find a place. Then he came to the 3While mountains of Ephraim, to the house of they were at the house of Micah,

Micah, as he journeyed. they recognized the voice of the young

Levite. They turned aside and said to

'And Micah said to him, "Where do you him, "Who brought you here? What are

come from?" So he said to him, "I am a you doing in this place? What do you

Levite from Bethlehem in Judah, and I have here?" am on my way to find a place to stay."

4 He said to them, "Thus and so Micah

10 did for me. He has hired me, and I have

Micah said to him, "Dwell with me, and

be a father and a priest to me, and I will become his priest." give you ten shekels of silver per year, a

suit of clothes, and your sustenance." 5So they said to him, "Please inquire of So the Levite went in. God, that we may know whether the

journey on which we go will be

11Then the Levite was content to dwell prosperous."

with the man; and the young man

became like one of his sons to him. 6And the priest said to them, "Go in

peace. The presence of the LORD be

12 with you on your way."

So Micah consecrated the Levite, and

the young man became his priest, and

lived in the house of Micah. 7So the five men departed and went to

Laish. They saw the people who were

13Then Micah said, "Now I know that the there, how they dwelt safely, in the

LORD will be good to me, since I have a manner of the Sidonians, quiet and

Levite as priest!" secure. There were no rulers in the land

who might put them to shame for

anything. They were far from the

1 8In those days there was no king in anyone. Sidonians, and they had no ties with

Israel. And in those days the tribe of the

Danites was seeking an inheritance for 8

Then the spies came back to their

itself to dwell in; for until that day their brethren at Zorah and Eshtaol, and their

inheritance among the tribes of Israel brethren said to them, "What is your

had not fallen to them. report?"

'So they said, "Arise, let us go up Then the five men who had gone to  
against them. For we have seen the spy out the land went up. Entering  
there,

land, and indeed it is very good. Would they took the carved image,  
the ephod,

you do nothing? Do not hesitate to go, the household idols, and the  
molded

and enter to possess the land. image. The priest stood at the entrance

of the gate with the six hundred men

10 who were armed with weapons of war.

When you go, you will come to a  
secure people and a large land. For God

has given it into your hands, a place When these went into Micah's  
house 1 8

where there is no lack of anything that is and took the carved image,  
the ephod,

on the earth." the household idols, and the molded

image, the priest said to them, "What

11 are you doing?"

And six hundred men of the family of  
the Danites went from there, from Zorah

and Eshtaol, armed with weapons of 1 ' And they said to him, "Be  
quiet, put war. your hand over your mouth, and come

with us; be a father and a priest to us. Is

12 it better for you to be a priest to the

Then they went up and encamped in

Kirjath Jearim in Judah. (Therefore they household of one man, or that you be a

call that place Mahaneh Dan to this day. priest to a tribe and a family in Israel?"

There it is, west of Kirjath Jearim.)

2 0So the priest's heart was glad; and he

13And they passed from there to the took the ephod, the household idols,

mountains of Ephraim, and came to the and the carved image, and took his

house of Micah. place among the people.

1 Then they turned and departed, and

4Then the five men who had gone to 21

spy out the country of Laish answered put the little ones, the livestock, and the

and said to their brethren, "Do you know goods in front of them. that there are in these houses an ephod,

household idols, a carved image, and a 2 When they were a good way from the molded image? Now therefore, consider house of Micah, the men who were in

what you should do." the houses near Micah's house

gathered together and overtook the

15 children of Dan.

So they turned aside there, and came to the house of the young Levite man--to

the house of Micah--and greeted him. And they called out to the children of

Dan. So they turned around and said to

16The six hundred men armed with their Micah, "What ails you, that you have

weapons of war, who were of the gathered such a company?" children of Dan, stood by the entrance

24

of the gate. So he said, "You have taken away my

gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. Now what more

do I have? How can you say to me, 1 9And it came to pass in those days, "What ails you?" when there was no king in Israel, that

2 there was a certain Levite staying in the 5 And the children of Dan said to him, remote mountains of Ephraim. He took

"Do not let your voice be heard among for himself a concubine from Bethlehem

us, lest angry men fall upon you, and in Judah. you lose your life, with the lives of your

household!" 2

But his concubine played the harlot

2 against him, and went away from him to 6Then the children of Dan went their

her father's house at Bethlehem in

way. And when Micah saw that they Judah, and was there four whole were too strong for him, he turned and months. went back to his house.

2 3Then her husband arose and went after 7 So they took the things Micah had her, to speak kindly to her and bring her

made, and the priest who had belonged back, having his servant and a couple of

to him, and went to Laish, to a people donkeys with him. So she brought him

quiet and secure; and they struck them into her father's house; and when the

with the edge of the sword and burned father of the young woman saw him, he

the city with fire. was glad to meet him.

2 4 8There was no deliverer, because it

Now his father-in-law, the young

was far from Sidon, and they had no ties woman's father, detained him; and he

with anyone. It was in the valley that stayed with him three days. So they ate

belongs to Beth Rehob. So they rebuilt and drank and lodged there. the city and dwelt there.

5Then it came to pass on the fourth day

2' And they called the name of the city that they arose early in the morning, and

Dan, after the name of Dan their father, he stood to depart; but the young

who was born to Israel. However, the woman's father said to his son-in-law,

name of the city formerly was Laish. "Refresh your heart with a morsel of

bread, and afterward go your way."

30 Then the children of Dan set up for themselves the carved image;  
and 6 So they sat down, and the two of them Jonathan the son of  
Gershom, the son ate and drank together. Then the young

of Manasseh, and his sons were priests woman's father said to the  
man, "Please to the tribe of Dan until the day of the be content to stay  
all night, and let your

captivity of the land. heart be merry."

31 7 So they set up for themselves Micah's And when the man stood to  
depart, his carved image which he made, all the father-in-law urged  
him; so he lodged

time that the house of God was in Shiloh. there again.

8 1 Then he arose early in the morning on 5 They turned aside there to  
go in to the fifth day to depart, but the young lodge in Gibeah. And  
when he went in,

woman's father said, "Please refresh he sat down in the open square of  
the

your heart." So they delayed until city, for no one would take them  
into his

afternoon; and both of them ate. house to spend the night.

## 1 6

'And when the man stood to depart--he Just then an old man came in  
from his

and his concubine and his servant--his work in the field at evening,  
who also

father-in-law, the young woman's father, was from the mountains of  
Ephraim; he

said to him, "Look, the day is now was staying in Gibeah, whereas the



drawing toward evening; please spend men of the place were  
Benjamites. the night. See, the day is coming to an

end; lodge here, that your heart may be <sup>17</sup>

And when he raised his eyes, he saw

merry. Tomorrow go your way early, so the traveler in the open  
square of the

that you may get home." city; and the old man said, "Where are

<sup>1</sup> from?" <sup>0</sup>However, the man was not willing to you going, and where  
do you come

spend that night; so he rose and

departed, and came opposite Jebus <sup>18</sup>

So he said to him, "We are passing

(that is, Jerusalem). With him were the from Bethlehem in Judah  
toward the

two saddled donkeys; his concubine remote mountains of Ephraim; I  
am from

was also with him. there. I went to Bethlehem in Judah;

now I am going to the house of the

<sup>11</sup>

They were near Jebus, and the day LORD. But there is no one who  
will take

was far spent; and the servant said to me into his house, his master,  
"Come, please, and let us

turn aside into this city of the Jebusites <sup>1</sup> ' although we have both  
straw and and lodge in it." fodder for our donkeys, and bread and

<sup>1</sup> wine for myself, for your female servant,

<sup>2</sup> But his master said to him, "We will not and for the young man who

is with your

turn aside here into a city of foreigners, servant; there is no lack of anything."

who are not of the children of Israel; we

will go on to Gibeah." 2 0

And the old man said, "Peace be with  
you! However, let all your needs be my

13 So he said to his servant, "Come, let responsibility; only do not  
spend the

us draw near to one of these places, night in the open square." and  
spend the night in Gibeah or in

Ramah." 2 1

So he brought him into his house, and

1 gave fodder to the donkeys. And they

4 And they passed by and went their washed their feet, and ate and  
drank.

way; and the sun went down on them

near Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin. 22As they were enjoying  
themselves,

suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the  
house 2 ' When he entered his house he took a and beat on the door.

They spoke to the knife, laid hold of his concubine, and

master of the house, the old man, divided her into twelve pieces, limb  
by

saying, "Bring out the man who came to limb, and sent her throughout  
all the

your house, that we may know him territory of Israel. carnally!"

And so it was that all who saw it said,

23But the man, the master of the house, "No such deed has been done  
or seen

went out to them and said to them, "No, from the day that the  
children of Israel

my brethren! I beg you, do not act so came up from the land of Egypt  
until this

wickedly! Seeing this man has come day. Consider it, confer, and  
speak up!"

into my house, do not commit this  
outrage.

2 2 OSo all the children of Israel came

4 Look, here is my virgin daughter and out, from Dan to Beersheba, as  
well as

the man's concubine; let me bring them from the land of Gilead, and  
the

out now. Humble them, and do with congregation gathered together  
as one

them as you please; but to this man do man before the LORD at  
Mizpah. not do such a vile thing!"

2

5But the men would not heed him. So 2 And the leaders of all the  
people, all the

tribes of Israel, presented themselves in

the man took his concubine and brought the assembly of the people of  
God, four

her out to them. And they knew her and hundred thousand foot  
soldiers who

abused her all night until morning; and drew the sword. when the day

began to break, they let

her go. 3(Now the children of Benjamin heard

2 that the children of Israel had gone up to 6Then the woman came as the day was

Mizpah.) Then the children of Israel said,

dawning, and fell down at the door of "Tell us, how did this wicked deed

the man's house where her master was, happen?" till it was light.

4 So the Levite, the husband of the

27 When her master arose in the morning, woman who was murdered, answered

and opened the doors of the house and and said, "My concubine and I went into

went out to go his way, there was his Gibeah, which belongs to Benjamin, to

concubine, fallen at the door of the spend the night. house with her hands on the threshold.

2

8And he said to her, "Get up and let us 5And the men of Gibeah rose against

me, and surrounded the house at night

be going." But there was no answer. So because of me. They intended to kill me,

the man lifted her onto the donkey; and but instead they ravished my concubine

the man got up and went to his place. so that she died.

<sup>6</sup>1 So I took hold of my concubine, cut her <sup>4</sup> nstead, the children of Benjamin in pieces, and sent her throughout all gathered together from their cities to

the territory of the inheritance of Israel, Gibeah, to go to battle against the

because they committed lewdness and children of Israel. outrage in Israel.

<sup>1</sup> 5

And from their cities at that time the

<sup>7</sup>Look! All of you are children of Israel; children of Benjamin numbered twenty-

give your advice and counsel here and six thousand men who drew the sword,

now!" besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who

numbered seven hundred select men.

'So all the people arose as one man, <sup>6</sup>Among all this people were seven

saying, "None of us will go to his tent, <sup>1</sup> nor will any turn back to his house; hundred select men who were left-

handed; every one could sling a stone at

'but now this is the thing which we will a hair's breadth and not miss. do to Gibeah: We will go up against it by

lot. <sup>17</sup>

Now besides Benjamin, the men of

Israel numbered four hundred thousand

<sup>10</sup>We will take ten men out of every men who drew the sword; all of these

hundred throughout all the tribes of were men of war. Israel, a hundred out of every thousand,

and a thousand out of every ten <sup>18</sup> Then the children of Israel arose and thousand, to make provisions for the went up to the house of God to inquire

people, that when they come to Gibeah of God. They said, "Which of us shall go

in Benjamin, they may repay all the up first to battle against the children of

vileness that they have done in Israel." Benjamin?" The LORD said, "Judah

first!"

<sup>11</sup>

So all the men of Israel were gathered

against the city, united together as one <sup>11</sup> ' So the children of Israel rose in the man. morning and encamped against Gibeah.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>20</sup> And the men of Israel went out to Then the tribes of Israel sent men

through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, battle against Benjamin, and the men of

"What is this wickedness that has Israel put themselves in battle array to

occurred among you? fight against them at Gibeah.

<sup>12</sup> <sup>31</sup>

Now therefore, deliver up the men, the Then the children of Benjamin came

perverted men who are in Gibeah, that out of Gibeah, and on that day cut down

we may put them to death and remove to the ground twenty-two thousand men

the evil from Israel!" But the children of of the Israelites. Benjamin would not listen to the voice of

their brethren, the children of Israel. 2 And the people, that is, the men of

Israel, encouraged themselves and again formed the battle line at the place 2 ' Then Israel set men in ambush all where they had put themselves in array around Gibeah. on the first day.

2 Then the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the

3 30And the children of Israel went up

and wept before the LORD until evening, third day, and put themselves in battle

and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, array against Gibeah as at the other

"Shall I again draw near for battle times. against the children of my brother

Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up 31 So the children of Benjamin went out against him." against the people, and were drawn

away from the city. They began to strike

24 So the children of Israel approached down and kill some of the people, as at

the children of Benjamin on the second the other times, in the highways (one of

day. which goes up to Bethel and the other to

Gibeah) and in the field, about thirty

25 men of Israel.

And Benjamin went out against them  
from Gibeah on the second day, and cut

32

down to the ground eighteen thousand And the children of Benjamin  
said,

more of the children of Israel; all these "They are defeated before us,  
as at

drew the sword. first." But the children of Israel said, "Let

us flee and draw them away from the

26Then all the children of Israel, that is, city to the highways."

house of God and wept. They sat there all the men of Israel rose from  
their 33So all the people, went up and came to the

before the LORD and fasted that day place and put themselves in  
battle array

until evening; and they offered burnt at Baal Tamar. Then Israel's men  
in

offerings and peace offerings before the ambush burst forth from their  
position in

LORD. the plain of Geba.

27 34And ten thousand select men from all

So the children of Israel inquired of the

LORD (the ark of the covenant of God Israel came against Gibeah, and  
the

was there in those days, battle was fierce. But the Benjamites did

not know that disaster was upon them.

2' and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the



son of Aaron, stood before it in those days. The LORD defeated Benjamin before

days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out against Israel. And the children of Israel

to battle against the children of my people that day twenty-five thousand

brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And one hundred Benjamites; all these drew

the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

## 36

So the children of Benjamin saw that

they were defeated. The men of Israel had given ground to the Benjamites, <sup>4</sup> And eighteen thousand men of Israel because they relied on the men in Benjamin fell; all these were men of

ambush whom they had set against Gibeah.

## 45

Then they turned and fled toward the

## 37

And the men in ambush quickly rushed into the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon; and

upon Gibeah; the men in ambush they cut down five thousand of them on

spread out and struck the whole city on the highways. Then they pursued them

with the edge of the sword. relentlessly up to Gidom, and killed two

thousand of them.

38 Now the appointed signal between the 6 4 men of Israel and the men in ambush So all who fell of Benjamin that day was that they would make a great cloud were twenty-five thousand men who

of smoke rise up from the city, drew the sword; all these were men of  
valor.

39 whereupon the men of Israel would 7 4 turn in battle. Now Benjamin had begun But six hundred men turned and fled to strike and kill about thirty of the men toward the wilderness to the rock of

of Israel. For they said, "Surely they are Rimmon, and they stayed at the rock of

defeated before us, as in the first battle." Rimmon for four months.

4 4 0 But when the cloud began to rise from 8 And the men of Israel turned back the city in a column of smoke, the against the children of Benjamin, and

Benjamites looked behind them, and struck them down with the edge of the

there was the whole city going up in sword--from every city, men and beasts,

smoke to heaven. all who were found. They also set fire to

all the cities they came to.

41 And when the men of Israel turned back, the men of Benjamin panicked, for

they saw that disaster had come upon 2 1 Now the men of Israel had sworn them.

an oath at Mizpah, saying, "None of us

4 shall give his daughter to Benjamin as a 2 Therefore they turned their backs

wife."

before the men of Israel in the direction  
of the wilderness; but the battle overtook <sup>2</sup>

Then the people came to the house of  
them, and whoever came out of the  
God, and remained there before God till  
cities they destroyed in their midst.

evening. They lifted up their voices and

<sup>4</sup> wept bitterly, <sup>3</sup>They surrounded the Benjamites,  
chased them, and easily trampled them hand said, "O LORD God of  
Israel, why  
down as far as the front of Gibeah

has this come to pass in Israel, that  
toward the east.

today there should be one tribe missing  
in Israel?"

<sup>4</sup> <sup>12</sup>

So it was, on the next morning, that the So they found among the  
inhabitants

people rose early and built an altar there, of Jabesh Gilead four  
hundred young

and offered burnt offerings and peace virgins who had not known a  
man

offerings. intimately; and they brought them to the

camp at Shiloh, which is in the land of

5 Canaan. The children of Israel said, "Who is

there among all the tribes of Israel who 3Then the whole congregation sent

did not come up with the assembly to 1 the LORD?" For they had made a great word to the children of Benjamin who

oath concerning anyone who had not were at the rock of Rimmon, and

come up to the LORD at Mizpah, saying, announced peace to them. "He shall surely be put to death."

14

So Benjamin came back at that time,

6And the children of Israel grieved for and they gave them the women whom

Benjamin their brother, and said, "One they had saved alive of the women of

tribe is cut off from Israel today. Jabesh Gilead; and yet they had not

found enough for them.

7What shall we do for wives for those

15

who remain, seeing we have sworn by And the people grieved for Benjamin,

the LORD that we will not give them our because the LORD had made a void in

daughters as wives?" the tribes of Israel.

8 1 And they said, "What one is there from 6Then the elders of the congregation the tribes of Israel who did not come up said, "What shall we do for wives for

to Mizpah to the LORD?" And, in fact, those who remain, since the women of

no one had come to the camp from Benjamin have been destroyed?"  
Jabesh Gilead to the assembly.

1 7And they said, "There must be an

'For when the people were counted, inheritance for the survivors of Benjamin,

indeed, not one of the inhabitants of that a tribe may not be destroyed from

Jabesh Gilead was there. Israel.

11 0 So the congregation sent out there 8However, we cannot give them wives

twelve thousand of their most valiant from our daughters, for the children of

men, and commanded them, saying, Israel have sworn an oath, saying,

"Go and strike the inhabitants of Jabesh "Cursed be the one who gives a wife to

Gilead with the edge of the sword, Benjamin." including the women and children.

1 ' Then they said, "In fact, there is a

11And this is the thing that you shall do: yearly feast of the LORD in Shiloh,

You shall utterly destroy every male, which is north of Bethel, on the east side

and every woman who has known a of the highway that goes up from Bethel

man intimately." to Shechem, and south of Lebonah." 2 2 0Therefore they instructed the children 3And the children of Benjamin did so; of Benjamin, saying, "Go, lie in wait in they took enough wives for their number

the vineyards, from those who danced, whom they

caught. Then they went and returned to

21 their inheritance, and they rebuilt the

and watch; and just when the

daughters of Shiloh come out to perform cities and dwelt in them.  
their dances, then come out from the

2 4

vineyards, and every man catch a wife So the children of Israel  
departed from

for himself from the daughters of Shiloh; there at that time, every man  
to his tribe

then go to the land of Benjamin. and family; they went out from there,

every man to his inheritance.

22Then it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to  
complain, 2 5 n those days there was no king in that we will say to  
them, "Be kind to Israel; everyone did what was right in

them for our sakes, because we did not his own eyes. take a wife for  
any of them in the war;

for it is not as though you have given the

women to them at this time, making

yourselves guilty of your oath."

# Story of Ruth

8And Naomi said to her two daughters- in-law, "Go, return each to her mother's

1 house. The LORD deal kindly with you, Now it came to pass, in the days

as you have dealt with the dead and

when the judges ruled, that there was a with me. famine in the land.  
And a certain man of

Bethlehem, Judah, went to dwell in the "The LORD grant that you may find rest,

country of Moab, he and his wife and his

two sons. each in the house of her husband." So

she kissed them, and they lifted up their

2 voices and wept.

The name of the man was Elimelech,

the name of his wife was Naomi, and 10And they said to her, "Surely we will the names of his two sons were Mahlon

and Chilion--Ephrathites of Bethlehem, return with you to your people."

Judah. And they went to the country of 11But Naomi said, "Turn back, my Moab and remained there.

daughters; why will you go with me? Are

3Then there still sons in my womb, that they Elimelech, Naomi's husband,

may be your husbands?

died; and she was left, and her two sons.

4 Turn back, my daughters, go--for I am Now they took wives of the women of 12

Moab: the name of the one was Orpah, too old to have a husband. If I should

and the name of the other Ruth. And say I have hope, if I should have a

they dwelt there about ten years. husband tonight and should also bear

sons,

5Then both Mahlon and Chilion also 3 died; so the woman survived her two 1 would you wait for them till they were

sons and her husband. grown? Would you restrain yourselves

from having husbands? No, my

6 daughters; for it grieves me very much

Then she arose with her daughters-in- for your sakes that the hand of the

law that she might return from the LORD has gone out against me!" country of Moab, for she had heard in

the country of Moab that the LORD had 14Then they lifted up their voices and visited His people by giving them bread. wept again; and Orpah kissed her 7 mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.



Therefore she went out from the place

where she was, and her two daughters- <sup>1</sup> 5And she said, "Look, your sister-in-law in-law with her; and they went on the has gone back to her people and to her way to return to the land of Judah. gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 6But Ruth said: "Entreat me not to leave So Ruth the Moabitess said to Naomi,

you, Or to turn back from following after "Please let me go to the field, and glean

you; For wherever you go, I will go; And heads of grain after him in whose sight I

wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your may find favor." And she said to her,

people shall be my people, And your "Go, my daughter." God, my God.

3Then she left, and went and gleaned in

<sup>1</sup> 7Where you die, I will die, And there will the field after the reapers.  
And she

I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and happened to come to the part of the field

more also, If anything but death parts belonging to Boaz, who was of the

you and me." family of Elimelech.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> ' When she saw that she was Now behold, Boaz came from determined to go with her, she stopped Bethlehem, and said to the reapers,

speaking to her. "The LORD be with you!" And they

answered him, "The LORD bless you!"

<sup>1</sup> ' Now the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And it happened, <sup>5</sup> Then Boaz said to his servant who was when they had come to Bethlehem, that in charge of the reapers, "Whose young

all the city was excited because of them; woman is this?" and the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

2 the reapers answered and said, "It is the

0But she said to them, "Do not call me 6So the servant who was in charge of

Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty young Moabite woman who came back

has dealt very bitterly with me. with Naomi from the country of Moab.

2 7 1a went out full, and the LORD has

And she said, "Please let me glean and

brought me home again empty. Why do gather after the reapers among the

you call me Naomi, since the LORD has sheaves.' So she came and has testified against me, and the Almighty continued from morning until now,

has afflicted me?" though she rested a little in the house."

2 8 2

So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Then Boaz said to Ruth, "You will listen,

Moabitess her daughter-in-law with her, my daughter, will you not? Do not go to

who returned from the country of Moab. glean in another field, nor go from here,

Now they came to Bethlehem at the but stay close by my young women. beginning of barley harvest.

'Let your eyes be on the field which they reap, and go after them.  
Have I not

2 commanded the young men not to touch There was a relative of  
Naomi's

you? And when you are thirsty, go to the  
husband, a man of great wealth, of the  
vessels and drink from what the young  
family of Elimelech. His name was Boaz.

men have drawn."

117 0So she fell on her face, bowed down to So she gleaned in the  
field until

the ground, and said to him, "Why have evening, and beat out what  
she had

I found favor in your eyes, that you gleaned, and it was about an  
ephah of

should take notice of me, since I am a barley. foreigner?"

1 8

Then she took it up and went into the

11

And Boaz answered and said to her, city, and her mother-in-law saw  
what

"It has been fully reported to me, all that she had gleaned. So she  
brought out

you have done for your mother-in-law and gave to her what she had  
kept back

since the death of your husband, and after she had been satisfied. how  
you have left your father and your

mother and the land of your birth, and 1 ' And her mother-in-law said  
to her, have come to a people whom you did "Where have you gleaned

today? And

not know before. where did you work? Blessed be the

one who took notice of you." So she told

12 The LORD repay your work, and a full her mother-in-law with  
whom she had

reward be given you by the LORD God worked, and said, "The man's  
name with of Israel, under whose wings you have whom I worked  
today is Boaz." come for refuge."

2 0Then Naomi said to her daughter-in-

13Then she said, "Let me find favor in law, "Blessed be he of the  
LORD, who

your sight, my lord; for you have has not forsaken His kindness to the  
comforted me, and have spoken kindly living and the dead!" And  
Naomi said to

to your maidservant, though I am not her, "This man is a relation of  
ours, one

like one of your maidservants." of our close relatives."

1 2 41 Now Boaz said to her at mealtime, Ruth the Moabitess said, "He  
also said "Come here, and eat of the bread, and to me, "You shall stay  
close by my

dip your piece of bread in the vinegar." young men until they have  
finished all

So she sat beside the reapers, and he my harvest." passed parched  
grain to her; and she

ate and was satisfied, and kept some 2 And Naomi said to Ruth her  
daughter- back. in-law, "It is good, my daughter, that you

go out with his young women, and that

15 And when she rose up to glean, Boaz people do not meet you in any  
other

commanded his young men, saying, field."

"Let her glean even among the sheaves,

and do not reproach her. 2 3

So she stayed close by the young

women of Boaz, to glean until the end of

16 Also let grain from the bundles fall barley harvest and wheat  
harvest; and

purposely for her; leave it that she may she dwelt with her mother-in-law. glean, and do not rebuke her."

Take your maidservant under your wing,

3Then Naomi her mother-in-law said for you are a close relative."

to her, "My daughter, shall I not seek 10Then he said, "Blessed are you  
of the security for you, that it may be well with you? LORD, my  
daughter! For you have

shown more kindness at the end than at

2 the beginning, in that you did not go

Now Boaz, whose young women you

after young men, whether poor or rich.

were with, is he not our relative? In fact,

he is winnowing barley tonight at the 1 1And now, my daughter, do  
not fear. I threshing floor.

will do for you all that you request, for all

3Therefore wash yourself and anoint the people of my town know that  
you are

a virtuous woman.

yourself, put on your best garment and

go down to the threshing floor; but do <sup>1</sup> 2 Now it is true that I am a close relative; not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. however, there is a relative closer than 1.

<sup>1</sup> 3

<sup>4</sup> Stay this night, and in the morning it Then it shall be, when he lies down,

that you shall notice the place where he shall be that if he will perform the duty of

lies; and you shall go in, uncover his a close relative for you--good; let him do

feet, and lie down; and he will tell you it. But if he does not want to perform the

what you should do." duty for you, then I will perform the duty

for you, as the LORD lives! Lie down

<sup>5</sup> until morning." And she said to her, "All that you say to

me I will do." <sup>1</sup> 4 So she lay at his feet until morning,

<sup>6</sup> and she arose before one could So she went down to the threshing floor

and did according to all that her mother- recognize another. Then he said, "Do

in-law instructed her. not let it be known that the woman came

to the threshing floor."

<sup>7</sup>And after Boaz had eaten and drunk, <sup>5</sup> and his heart was cheerful, he went to <sup>1</sup> Also he said, "Bring the shawl that is

lie down at the end of the heap of grain; on you and hold it." And when she held

and she came softly, uncovered his feet, it, he measured six ephahs of barley,

and lay down. and laid it on her. Then she went into

the city.

<sup>8</sup>Now it happened at midnight that the <sup>6</sup> man was startled, and turned himself; <sup>1</sup> When she came to her mother-in-law,

and there, a woman was lying at his feet. she said, "Is that you, my daughter?"

Then she told her all that the man had

done for her.

'And he said, "Who are you?" So she

answered, "I am Ruth, your maidservant.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>6</sup>And the close relative said, "I cannot

And she said, "These six ephahs of barley he gave me; for he said to me, redeem it for myself, lest I ruin my own

"Do not go empty-handed to your inheritance. You redeem my right of mother-in-law." redemption for yourself, for I cannot

redeem it."

<sup>1</sup> ' Then she said, "Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will turn <sup>7</sup>Now this was the custom in former out; for the man will not rest until he has times in Israel concerning redeeming

concluded the matter this day." and exchanging, to confirm anything:

one man took off his sandal and gave it

to the other, and this was a confirmation

4Now Boaz went up to the gate and in Israel.

sat down there; and behold, the close 8Therefore the close relative said to relative of whom Boaz had spoken Boaz, "Buy it for yourself." So he took off came by. So Boaz said, "Come aside, his sandal. friend, sit down here." So he came aside and sat down.

'And Boaz said to the elders and all the

2 people, "You are witnesses this day that And he took ten men of the elders of

the city, and said, "Sit down here." So I have bought all that was Elimelech's,

they sat down. and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's,

from the hand of Naomi.

3Then he said to the close relative, 1 0Moreover, Ruth the Moabitess, the "Naomi, who has come back from the widow of Mahlon, I have acquired as my country of Moab, sold the piece of land wife, to perpetuate the name of the dead which belonged to our brother Elimelech. through his inheritance, that the name of 4 the dead may not be cut off from among

And I thought to inform you, saying,

his brethren and from his position at the

"Buy it back in the presence of the

gate. You are witnesses this day."

inhabitants and the elders of my people.

If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you 11And all the people who



were at the will not redeem it, then tell me, that I gate, and the elders, said, "We are may know; for there is no one but you to witnesses. The LORD make the woman redeem it, and I am next after you.' And who is coming to your house like Rachel he said, "I will redeem it." and Leah, the two who built the house of 5 Israel; and may you prosper in

Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem.

the field from the hand of Naomi, you

must also buy it from Ruth the 12May your house be like the house of Moabite, the wife of the dead, to Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah, perpetuate the name of the dead because of the offspring which the through his inheritance." LORD will give you from this young

woman."

1 17 3So Boaz took Ruth and she became AAlso the neighbor women gave him a

his wife; and when he went in to her, the name, saying, "There is a son born to

LORD gave her conception, and she Naomi." And they called his name Obed.

bore a son. He is the father of Jesse, the father of

David.

14

Then the women said to Naomi,

1 8

"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left Now this is the genealogy of Perez:

you this day without a close relative; and Perez begot Hezron; may his name be famous in Israel!

1 ' Hezron begot Ram, and Ram begot

15And may he be to you a restorer of life Amminadab;

and a nourisher of your old age; for your

daughter-in-law, who loves you, who is 2 0Amminadab begot  
Nahshon, and better to you than seven sons, has Nahshon begot  
Salmon; borne him."

1 Salmon begot Boaz, and Boaz begot 6 21

Then Naomi took the child and laid Obed;  
him on her bosom, and became a nurse  
to him. 2

obed begot Jesse, and Jesse begot  
David.

# 1st Prophet Samuel

8 Then Elkanah her husband said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep?  
Why do

1 you not eat? And why is your heart Now there was a certain man of  
grieved? Am I not better to you than ten

Ramathaim Zophim, of the mountains of sons?" Ephraim, and his  
name was Elkanah the

son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the 'So Hannah arose after they had  
son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an  
finished eating and drinking in Shiloh.

Ephraimite.

Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat  
2 by the doorpost of the tabernacle of the  
And he had two wives: the name of one LORD.  
was Hannah, and the name of the other

Peninnah. Peninnah had children, but 10And she was in bitterness of  
soul, and Hannah had no children.

prayed to the LORD and wept in

3This man went up from his city yearly to anguish. worship and  
sacrifice to the LORD of 1

Then she made a vow and said, "O

hosts in Shiloh. Also the two sons of Eli,

Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD of hosts, if You will indeed look

LORD, were there. on the affliction of Your maidservant and

remember me, and not forget Your

4 maidservant, but will give Your

And whenever the time came for maidservant a male child, then I will give

Elkanah to make an offering, he would

him to the LORD all the days of his life,

give portions to Peninnah his wife and to and no razor shall come upon his head."

all her sons and daughters.

1 2

5 And it happened, as she continued

But to Hannah he would give a double

praying before the LORD, that Eli

portion, for he loved Hannah, although

watched her mouth.

the LORD had closed her womb.

13Now Hannah spoke in her heart; only

6And her rival also provoked her

her lips moved, but her voice was not

severely, to make her miserable,

heard. Therefore Eli thought she was

because the LORD had closed her

drunk.

womb.

1 4

7 So Eli said to her, "How long will you

So it was, year by year, when she went

be drunk? Put your wine away from

up to the house of the LORD, that she you!" provoked her; therefore she wept and

did not eat. 1 5But Hannah answered and said, "No,

my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit.

I have drunk neither wine nor LORD establish His word." Then the intoxicating drink, but have poured out woman stayed and nursed her son until

my soul before the LORD. she had weaned him.

1 2 64

Do not consider your maidservant a Now when she had weaned him, she

wicked woman, for out of the abundance took him up with her, with three bulls,

of my complaint and grief I have spoken one ephah of flour, and a skin of wine,

until now." and brought him to the house of the

LORD in Shiloh. And the child was

17Then Eli answered and said, "Go in young.

peace, and the God of Israel grant your 5Then they slaughtered a bull,  
and

petition which you have asked of Him." 2

brought the child to Eli.

18And she said, "Let your maidservant find favor in your sight." So the  
woman 26And she said, "O my lord! As your soul went her way and  
ate, and her face was lives, my lord, I am the woman who

no longer sad. stood by you here, praying to the LORD.

1 2 7 9Then they rose early in the morning For this child I prayed, and  
the LORD

and worshiped before the LORD, and has granted me my petition  
which I

returned and came to their house at asked of Him. Ramah. And  
Elkanah knew Hannah his

wife, and the LORD remembered her. 2 8Therefore I also have lent him  
to the

LORD; as long as he lives he shall be

20

So it came to pass in the process of lent to the LORD." So they  
worshiped

time that Hannah conceived and bore a the LORD there. son, and  
called his name Samuel,

saying, "Because I have asked for him

from the LORD." 2 And Hannah prayed and said: "My

2 heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is 1Now the man Elkanah and  
all his

exalted in the LORD. I smile at my

house went up to offer to the LORD the enemies, Because I rejoice in  
Your

yearly sacrifice and his vow. salvation.

22But Hannah did not go up, for she said 2 No one is holy like the  
LORD, For to her husband, "Not until the child is there is none besides  
You, Nor is there

weaned; then I will take him, that he any rock like our God. may  
appear before the LORD and

remain there forever." 3"Talk no more so very proudly; Let no

2 arrogance come from your mouth, For 3 So Elkanah her husband  
said to her, the LORD is the God of knowledge; And "Do what seems  
best to you; wait until by Him actions are weighed. you have weaned  
him. Only let the

4 1 The bows of the mighty men are 3And the priests' custom with the  
broken, And those who stumbled are people was that when any man  
offered

girded with strength. a sacrifice, the priest's servant would

come with a three-pronged fleshhook in

5 his hand while the meat was boiling. Those who were full have hired  
themselves out for bread, And the

1 4

hungry have ceased to hunger. Even Then he would thrust it into the  
pan, or

the barren has borne seven, And she kettle, or caldron, or pot; and the  
priest

who has many children has become would take for himself all that the

feeble. fleshhook brought up. So they did in

Shiloh to all the Israelites who came

6 there. The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up.

15

Also, before they burned the fat, the

7 priest's servant would come and say to The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

He brings low and lifts up. the man who sacrificed, "Give meat for

roasting to the priest, for he will not take

'He raises the poor from the dust And boiled meat from you, but raw."

lifts the beggar from the ash heap, To 1 6And if the man said to him, "They set them among princes And make them inherit the throne of glory. "For the should really burn the fat first; then you

pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And may take as much as your heart

He has set the world upon them. desires," he would then answer him, "No,

but you must give it now; and if not, I will

'He will guard the feet of His saints, But take it by force."

the wicked shall be silent in darkness. 1 7Therefore the sin of the young men "For by strength no man shall prevail.

was very great before the LORD, for

10The adversaries of the LORD shall be men abhorred the offering of the LORD.



broken in pieces; From heaven He will  
18 But Samuel ministered before  
the thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth.  
"He will give LORD, even as a child, wearing a linen

strength to His king, And exalt the horn ephod. of His anointed."

1 ' Moreover his mother used to make

11 him a little robe, and bring it to him year

Then Elkanah went to his house at

Ramah. But the child ministered to the by year when she came up  
with her

LORD before Eli the priest. husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

1 2 2 0 And Eli would bless Elkanah and his

Now the sons of Eli were corrupt; they

did not know the LORD. wife, and say, "The LORD give you

descendants from this woman for the loan that was given to the  
LORD." Then give to the house of your father all the

they would go to their own home. offerings of the children of Israel  
made

by fire?

21

And the LORD visited Hannah, so that

she conceived and bore three sons and 2 ' Why do you kick at My  
sacrifice and two daughters. Meanwhile the child My offering which I  
have commanded in

Samuel grew before the LORD. My dwelling place, and honor your  
sons

more than Me, to make yourselves fat

22 with the best of all the offerings of Israel

Now Eli was very old; and he heard  
everything his sons did to all Israel, and My people?  
how they lay with the women who  
assembled at the door of the tabernacle 30Therefore the LORD God of  
Israel of meeting. says: "I said indeed that your house and  
the house of your father would walk  
23 before Me forever.' But now the LORD

So he said to them, "Why do you do  
such things? For I hear of your evil says: "Far be it from Me; for those  
who  
dealings from all the people. honor Me I will honor, and those who  
despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.

24  
No, my sons! For it is not a good 31Behold, the days are coming  
that I will  
report that I hear. You make the LORD's  
people transgress. cut off your arm and the arm of your  
father's house, so that there will not be  
2 an old man in your house. 5 one man sins against another, God

will judge him. But if a man sins against 32And you will see an enemy  
in My  
the LORD, who will intercede for him?"

Nevertheless they did not heed the dwelling place, despite all the good  
voice of their father, because the LORD which God does for Israel.  
And there  
desired to kill them. shall not be an old man in your house

forever.

26And the child Samuel grew in stature, and in favor both with the LORD and 33But any of your men whom I do not cut

men. off from My altar shall consume your

eyes and grieve your heart. And all the

27 descendants of your house shall die in

Then a man of God came to Eli and

the flower of their age.

said to him, "Thus says the LORD: "Did I

not clearly reveal Myself to the house of 34 Now this shall be a sign to you that will your father when they were in Egypt in come upon your two sons, on Hophni Pharaoh's house?

and Phinehas: in one day they shall die,

2 both of them.

' Did I not choose him out of all the

tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer 3 5Then I will raise up for Myself a faithful upon My altar, to burn incense, and to

wear an ephod before Me? And did I not priest who shall do according to what is

in My heart and in My mind. I will build 7(Now Samuel did not yet know the him a sure house, and he shall walk LORD, nor was the word of the LORD

before My anointed forever. yet revealed to him.)

And it shall come to pass that And the LORD called Samuel again  
the

everyone who is left in your house will third time. So he arose and  
went to Eli,

come and bow down to him for a piece and said, "Here I am, for you  
did call

of silver and a morsel of bread, and say, me." Then Eli perceived that  
the LORD

"Please, put me in one of the priestly had called the boy. positions,  
that I may eat a piece of

bread. ' 'Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie

down; and it shall be, if He calls you,

that you must say, "Speak, LORD, for

3Now the boy Samuel ministered to Your servant hears.'" So Samuel  
went

and lay down in his place.

the LORD before Eli. And the word of

the LORD was rare in those days; there 10Now the LORD came and  
stood and was no widespread revelation.

called as at other times, "Samuel!

2 Samuel!" And Samuel answered,

And it came to pass at that time, while

"Speak, for Your servant hears."

Eli was lying down in his place, and

when his eyes had begun to grow so 1 1Then the LORD said to Samuel:  
dim that he could not see,

"Behold, I will do something in Israel at

h which both ears of everyone who hears

and before the lamp of God went out in

it will tingle.

the tabernacle of the LORD where the

ark of God was, and while Samuel was <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> n that day I will perform  
against Eli all lying down,

that I have spoken concerning his house,

<sup>4</sup> from beginning to end.

that the LORD called Samuel. And he

answered, "Here I am!" <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For I have told him that I will judge his <sup>5</sup>  
house forever for the iniquity which he

So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am,

knows, because his sons made

for you called me." And he said, "I did

not call; lie down again." And he went themselves vile, and he did not  
restrain

them.

and lay down.

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>6</sup> And therefore I have sworn to the

Then the LORD called yet again, house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's

"Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to

house shall not be atoned for by

Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called

me." He answered, "I did not call, my sacrifice or offering forever."

son; lie down again." <sup>1</sup> 5 So Samuel lay down until morning,

and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was  
afraid to tell <sup>3</sup> And when the people had come into the

Eli the vision. camp, the elders of Israel said, "Why

has the LORD defeated us today before

<sup>16</sup> Then Eli called Samuel and said, the Philistines? Let us bring the ark  
of

"Samuel, my son!" He answered, "Here I the covenant of the LORD  
from Shiloh

am." to us, that when it comes among us it

may save us from the hand of our

<sup>17</sup> enemies."

And he said, "What is the word that the

LORD spoke to you? Please do not hide <sup>4</sup> So the people sent to Shiloh,  
that they it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide  
anything from me of all might bring from there the ark of the

the things that He said to you." covenant of the LORD of hosts, who

dwells between the cherubim. And the

<sup>18</sup> Then Samuel told him everything, and two sons of Eli, Hophni and  
Phinehas,

were there with the ark of the covenant

hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is

of God.

the LORD. Let Him do what seems good

to Him." <sup>5</sup>And when the ark of the covenant of

<sup>1</sup> the LORD came into the camp, all Israel <sup>9</sup>So Samuel grew, and the LORD was

shouted so loudly that the earth shook.

with him and let none of his words fall to

the ground. <sup>6</sup>Now when the Philistines heard the <sup>20</sup> noise of the shout, they said, "What

And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba

does the sound of this great shout in the

knew that Samuel had been established

camp of the Hebrews mean?" Then they

as a prophet of the LORD.

understood that the ark of the LORD

<sup>2</sup> had come into the camp. <sup>1</sup> Then the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed Himself <sup>7</sup>

So the Philistines were afraid, for they

to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the

said, "God has come into the camp!"

LORD.

And they said, "Woe to us! For such a

thing has never happened before.

4And the word of Samuel came to all 8Woe to us! Who will deliver us from the Israel. Now Israel went out to battle hand of these mighty gods? These are

against the Philistines, and encamped the gods who struck the Egyptians with

beside Ebenezer; and the Philistines all the plagues in the wilderness. encamped in Aphek.

2 'Be strong and conduct yourselves like

Then the Philistines put themselves in men, you Philistines, that you do not

battle array against Israel. And when become servants of the Hebrews, as

they joined battle, Israel was defeated they have been to you. Conduct

by the Philistines, who killed about four yourselves like men, and fight!" thousand men of the army in the field.

11 0So the Philistines fought, and Israel 8Then it happened, when he made was defeated, and every man fled to his mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell off

tent. There was a very great slaughter, the seat backward by the side of the

and there fell of Israel thirty thousand gate; and his neck was broken and he

foot soldiers. died, for the man was old and heavy.

And he had judged Israel forty years.

11

Also the ark of God was captured; and

the two sons of Eli, Hophni and 1 ' Now his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' Phinehas, died. wife, was with child, due to be delivered;

and when she heard the news that the

12Then a man of Benjamin ran from the ark of God was captured, and



battle line the same day, and came to father-in-law and her husband were

Shiloh with his clothes torn and dirt on dead, she bowed herself and gave birth,

his head. for her labor pains came upon her.

1 2 0And about the time of her death the 3Now when he came, there was Eli, sitting on a seat by the wayside women who stood by her said to her,

watching, for his heart trembled for the "Do not fear, for you have borne a son."

ark of God. And when the man came But she did not answer, nor did she

into the city and told it, all the city cried regard it.

out. 1Then she named the child Ichabod,

14When Eli heard the noise of the outcry, saying, "The glory has departed from

he said, "What does the sound of this Israel!" because the ark of God had

tumult mean?" And the man came been captured and because of her quickly and told Eli. father-in-law and her husband.

1 And she said, "The glory has departed

5Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his 2

eyes were so dim that he could not see. from Israel, for the ark of God has been

captured."

<sup>16</sup>Then the man said to Eli, "I am he who came from the battle. And I fled today

from the battle line." And he said, "What <sup>5</sup>Then the Philistines took the ark of

happened, my son?" God and brought it from Ebenezer to

Ashdod.

<sup>17</sup>

So the messenger answered and said,

"Israel has fled before the Philistines, <sup>2</sup> When the Philistines took the ark of and there has been a great slaughter God, they brought it into the house of

among the people. Also your two sons, Dagon and set it by Dagon. Hophni and Phinehas, are dead; and the

ark of God has been captured." <sup>3</sup>And when the people of Ashdod arose

early in the morning, there was Dagon,

fallen on its face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. So they took Dagon <sup>10</sup>Therefore they sent the ark of God to and set it in its place again. Ekron. So it was, as the ark of God

came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried

<sup>4</sup> out, saying, "They have brought the ark And when they arose early the next

morning, there was Dagon, fallen on its of the God of Israel to us, to kill us and

face to the ground before the ark of the our people!" LORD. The head of Dagon and both the

palms of its hands were broken off on <sup>1</sup> So they sent and gathered together all the threshold; only Dagon's torso was the lords of the

Philistines, and said,

left of it. "Send away the ark of the God of Israel,

and let it go back to its own place, so

5 that it does not kill us and our people." Therefore neither the priests  
of Dagon

nor any who come into Dagon's house For there was a deadly  
destruction

tread on the threshold of Dagon in throughout all the city; the hand of  
God

Ashdod to this day. was very heavy there.

6 And the men who did not die were But the hand of the LORD was  
heavy 1 2

on the people of Ashdod, and He stricken with the tumors, and the cry  
of

ravaged them and struck them with the city went up to heaven.  
tumors, both Ashdod and its territory.

7 6Now the ark of the LORD was in the And when the men of Ashdod  
saw how

it was, they said, "The ark of the God of country of the Philistines  
seven months.

Israel must not remain with us, for His

hand is harsh toward us and Dagon our 2 And the Philistines called for  
the priests god." and the diviners, saying, "What shall we

do with the ark of the LORD? Tell us

8Therefore they sent and gathered to how we should send it to its  
place." themselves all the lords of the

Philistines, and said, "What shall we do 3So they said, "If you send

away the ark with the ark of the God of Israel?" And of the God of Israel, do not send it

they answered, "Let the ark of the God empty; but by all means return it to Him

of Israel be carried away to Gath." So with a trespass offering. Then you will

they carried the ark of the God of Israel be healed, and it will be known to you

away. why His hand is not removed from you."

So it was, after they had carried it away, <sup>4</sup> Then they said, "What is the trespass

that the hand of the LORD was against offering which we shall return to Him?"

the city with a very great destruction; They answered, "Five golden tumors

and He struck the men of the city, both and five golden rats, according to the

small and great, and tumors broke out number of the lords of the Philistines.

on them. For the same plague was on all of you

and on your lords.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore you shall make images of did not turn aside to the right hand or

your tumors and images of your rats that the left. And the lords of the Philistines

ravage the land, and you shall give glory went after them to the border of Beth

to the God of Israel; perhaps He will Shemesh. lighten His hand from you, from your

gods, and from your land. 1 3Now the people of Beth Shemesh

were reaping their wheat harvest in the

6Why then do you harden your hearts as valley; and they lifted their eyes and saw

the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened the ark, and rejoiced to see it. their hearts? When He did mighty things

among them, did they not let the people 1 4Then the cart came into the field of go, that they might depart? Joshua of Beth Shemesh, and stood

there; a large stone was there. So they

7Now therefore, make a new cart, take split the wood of the cart and offered the

two milk cows which have never been cows as a burnt offering to the LORD.

yoked, and hitch the cows to the cart;

and take their calves home, away from 15The Levites took down the ark of the them. LORD and the chest that was with it, in

which were the articles of gold, and put

'Then take the ark of the LORD and set them on the large stone. Then the men

it on the cart; and put the articles of gold of Beth Shemesh offered burnt offerings

which you are returning to Him as a and made sacrifices the same day to the

trespass offering in a chest by its side. LORD. Then send it away, and let it go.

1 6

So when the five lords of the

'And watch: if it goes up the road to its Philistines had seen it, they returned to

own territory, to Beth Shemesh, then He Ekron the same day. has  
done us this great evil. But if not,

then we shall know that it is not His <sup>1</sup> 7 These are the golden tumors  
which hand that struck us--it happened to us the Philistines returned  
as a trespass

by chance." offering to the LORD: one for Ashdod,

one for Gaza, one for Ashkelon, one for

<sup>10</sup>

Then the men did so; they took two Gath, one for Ekron;

milk cows and hitched them to the cart,

and shut up their calves at home. <sup>1</sup> 8 and the golden rats, according to  
the

number of all the cities of the Philistines

<sup>11</sup>

And they set the ark of the LORD on belonging to the five lords,  
both fortified

the cart, and the chest with the gold rats cities and country villages,  
even as far

and the images of their tumors. as the large stone of Abel on which  
they

set the ark of the LORD, which stone

<sup>12</sup> Then the cows headed straight for the remains to this day in the  
field of Joshua

road to Beth Shemesh, and went along of Beth Shemesh. the highway,  
lowing as they went, and <sup>1</sup> 5 <sup>9</sup> Then He struck the men of Beth And  
Samuel said, "Gather all Israel to

Shemesh, because they had looked into Mizpah, and I will pray to the  
LORD for

the ark of the LORD. He struck fifty you." thousand and seventy men  
of the

people, and the people lamented 6 So they gathered together at Mizpah, because the LORD had struck the dew water, and poured it out before the

people with a great slaughter. LORD. And they fasted that day, and

2 LORD." And Samuel judged the children

0And the men of Beth Shemesh said, said there, "We have sinned against the

"Who is able to stand before this holy of Israel at Mizpah. LORD God? And to whom shall it go up

from us?" 7Now when the Philistines heard that the

children of Israel had gathered together

21

So they sent messengers to the at Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines inhabitants of Kirjath Jearim, saying, went up against Israel. And when the

"The Philistines have brought back the children of Israel heard of it, they were

ark of the LORD; come down and take it afraid of the Philistines. up with you."

8 So the children of Israel said to Samuel, "Do not cease to cry out to the LORD

7Then the men of Kirjath Jearim came our God for us, that He may save us

from the hand of the Philistines."

and took the ark of the LORD, and

brought it into the house of Abinadab on

the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son 'And Samuel took a suckling lamb and

to keep the ark of the LORD. offered it as a whole burnt offering to the

LORD. Then Samuel cried out to the

<sup>2</sup> LORD for Israel, and the LORD

So it was that the ark remained in

answered him.

Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there

twenty years. And all the house of Israel <sup>10</sup>Now as Samuel was  
offering up the lamented after the LORD.

burnt offering, the Philistines drew near

<sup>3</sup>Then Samuel spoke to all the house of to battle against Israel. But the  
LORD

thundered with a loud thunder upon the

Israel, saying, "If you return to the LORD

Philistines that day, and so confused

with all your hearts, then put away the

foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from them that they were overcome  
before

Israel.

among you, and prepare your hearts for

the LORD, and serve Him only; and He <sup>11</sup>And the men of Israel went  
out of will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines." Mizpah and  
pursued the Philistines, and

drove them back as far as below Beth

<sup>4</sup> Car. So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths,  
and served



the LORD only.

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Then Samuel took a stone and set it Then all the elders of Israel gathered

up between Mizpah and Shen, and together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

called its name Ebenezer, saying, "Thus

far the LORD has helped us." s and said to him, "Look, you are old, and  
your sons do not walk in your ways.

13

So the Philistines were subdued, and Now make us a king to judge us like all

they did not come anymore into the the nations." territory of Israel.  
And the hand of the

LORD was against the Philistines all the 6 But the thing displeased Samuel when days of Samuel. they said, "Give us a king to judge us."

So Samuel prayed to the LORD.

14Then the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to 7And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed Israel, from Ekron to Gath; and Israel the voice of the people in all that they

recovered its territory from the hands of say to you; for they have not rejected

the Philistines. Also there was peace you, but they have rejected Me, that I

between Israel and the Amorites. should not reign over them.

15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days 8According to all the works which they of his life. have done since the day that I brought

1 with which they have forsaken Me and

6He went from year to year on a circuit them up out of Egypt, even to this day--

to Bethel, Gilgal, and Mizpah, and served other gods--so they are doing to

judged Israel in all those places. you also.

17 But he always returned to Ramah, for 'Now therefore, heed their voice.

his home was there. There he judged However, you shall solemnly forewarn

Israel, and there he built an altar to the them, and show them the behavior of

LORD. the king who will reign over them."

1 0

So Samuel told all the words of the

8Now it came to pass when Samuel LORD to the people who asked him for

a king.

was old that he made his sons judges

over Israel. 1 And he said, "This will be the behavior 2 of the king who will reign over you: He

The name of his firstborn was Joel, and

will take your sons and appoint them for

the name of his second, Abijah; they

his own chariots and to be his horsemen,

were judges in Beersheba.

and some will run before his chariots.

3But his sons did not walk in his ways; 12He will appoint captains  
over his they turned aside after dishonest gain,

took bribes, and perverted justice. thousands and captains over his  
fifties,

will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to  
make his Samuel said to the men of Israel, "Every

weapons of war and equipment for his man go to his city." chariots.

13

He will take your daughters to be 9 There was a man of Benjamin  
whose

perfumers, cooks, and bakers.

name was Kish the son of Abiel, the son

1 of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son 4 And he will take the best of  
your fields, of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of

your vineyards, and your olive groves, power. and give them to his  
servants.

2 And he had a choice and handsome

15He will take a tenth of your grain and

son whose name was Saul. There was

your vintage, and give it to his officers not a more handsome person  
than he

and servants. among the children of Israel. From his

shoulders upward he was taller than any

16 And he will take your male servants, of the people.

your female servants, your finest young

men, and your donkeys, and put them to Saul's 3 Now the donkeys of Kish, father, his work. were lost. And Kish said to his son Saul,

"Please take one of the servants with

17 He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you, and arise, go and look for the

you will be his servants. donkeys."

14 8 And you will cry out in that day So he passed through the mountains of

because of your king whom you have Ephraim and through the land of

chosen for yourselves, and the LORD Shalisha, but they did not find them.

will not hear you in that day." Then they passed through the land of

Shaalim, and they were not there. Then

19 Nevertheless the people refused to he passed through the land of the

obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Benjamites, but they did not find them.

"No, but we will have a king over us,

5 When they had come to the land of

20 hat we also may be like all the nations, Zuph, Saul said to his servant who was

and that our king may judge us and go with him, "Come, let us return, lest my

out before us and fight our battles." father cease caring about the donkeys

and become worried about us."

21 And Samuel heard all the words of the 6 people, and he repeated them in the And he said to him, "Look now, there is

hearing of the LORD. in this city a man of God, and he is an

honorable man; all that he says surely

22 comes to pass. So let us go there;

So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed

perhaps he can show us the way that

their voice, and make them a king." And

we should go."

7Then Saul said to his servant, "But look, Samuel, coming out toward them on his

if we go, what shall we bring the man? way up to the high place. For the bread in our vessels is all gone,

and there is no present to bring to the 15Now the LORD had told Samuel in his man of God. What do we have?" ear the day before Saul came, saying,

8And the servant answered Saul again 6 "Tomorrow about this time I will send 1

and said, "Look, I have here at hand you a man from the land of Benjamin,

one-fourth of a shekel of silver. I will and you shall anoint him commander

give that to the man of God, to tell us over My people Israel, that he may save

our way." My people from the hand of the

Philistines; for I have looked upon My

'(Formerly in Israel, when a man went to people, because their cry has come to

inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, Me." let us go to the seer"; for he who is now

called a prophet was formerly called a <sup>1</sup> 7 So when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD seer.) said to him, "There he is, the man of

whom I spoke to you. This one shall

<sup>10</sup>

Then Saul said to his servant, "Well reign over My people."

said; come, let us go." So they went to

the city where the man of God was. <sup>18</sup> Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the

<sup>1</sup> the seer's house?" <sup>1</sup> As they went up the hill to the city, gate, and said, "Please tell me, where is

they met some young women going out

to draw water, and said to them, "Is the <sup>1</sup> ' Samuel I answered Saul and said, "I am seer here?" the seer. Go up before me to the high

<sup>1</sup> and tomorrow I will let you go and will

<sup>2</sup> And they answered them and said, place, for you shall eat with me today;

"Yes, there he is, just ahead of you. tell you all that is in your heart. Hurry now; for today he came to this city,

because there is a sacrifice of the <sup>2</sup> 0 But as for your donkeys that were lost people today on the high place. three days ago, do not be anxious about

1 whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not

3As soon as you come into the city, you them, for they have been found. And on

will surely find him before he goes up to on you and on all your father's house?"

the high place to eat. For the people will

not eat until he comes, because he must 2 1And Saul answered and said, "Am I bless the sacrifice; afterward those who not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the

are invited will eat. Now therefore, go up, tribes of Israel, and my family the least

for about this time you will find him." of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like

14

So they went up to the city. As they this to me?"

were coming into the city, there was 2 2 2

Now Samuel took Saul and his servant When you have departed from me

and brought them into the hall, and had today, you will find two men by Rachel's

them sit in the place of honor among tomb in the territory of Benjamin at

those who were invited; there were Zelzah; and they will say to you, "The

about thirty persons. donkeys which you went to look for have

been found. And now your father has

23 ceased caring about the donkeys and is

And Samuel said to the cook, "Bring

the portion which I gave you, of which I worrying about you, saying,  
"What shall

said to you, "Set it apart." I do about my son?"

24 3Then you shall go on forward from

So the cook took up the thigh with its

upper part and set it before Saul. And there and come to the terebinth  
tree of

Samuel said, "Here it is, what was kept Tabor. There three men going  
up to God

back. It was set apart for you. Eat; for at Bethel will meet you, one  
carrying

until this time it has been kept for you, three young goats, another  
carrying

since I said I invited the people." So three loaves of bread, and another

Saul ate with Samuel that day. carrying a skin of wine.

2 And they will greet you and give you When they had come down  
from the

5 4

high place into the city, Samuel spoke two loaves of bread, which you  
shall

with Saul on the top of the house. receive from their hands.

2 5 6They arose early; and it was about the After that you shall come  
to the hill of

dawning of the day that Samuel called God where the Philistine  
garrison is.



to Saul on the top of the house, saying, And it will happen, when you have come

"Get up, that I may send you on your there to the city, that you will meet a

way." And Saul arose, and both of them group of prophets coming down from the

went outside, he and Samuel. high place with a stringed instrument, a  
tambourine, a flute, and a harp before  
27 them; and they will be prophesying.

As they were going down to the

outskirts of the city, Samuel said to Saul, 6 Then the Spirit of the LORD will come "Tell the servant to go on ahead of us." upon you, and you will prophesy with And he went on. "But you stand here them and be turned into another man. awhile, that I may announce to you the

word of God." 7And let it be, when these signs come to

you, that you do as the occasion  
demands; for God is with you.

1 OThen Samuel took a flask of oil

and poured it on his head, and kissed 8You shall go down before me to Gilgal; him and said: "Is it not because the and surely I will come down to you to LORD has anointed you commander offer burnt offerings and make sacrifices over His inheritance? of peace offerings. Seven days you shall

wait, till I come to you and show you Then Samuel called the people what you should do." together to the LORD at Mizpah,

'So it was, when he had turned his back and said to the children of Israel,

to go from Samuel, that God gave him "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "I

another heart; and all those signs came brought up Israel out of Egypt, and

to pass that day. delivered you from the hand of the

Egyptians and from the hand of all

10 kingdoms and from those who

When they came there to the hill, there

was a group of prophets to meet him; oppressed you.' then the Spirit of God came upon him,

and he prophesied among them. 1 ' But you have today rejected your God,

who Himself saved you from all your

11 And it happened, when all who knew adversities and your tribulations; and

him formerly saw that he indeed you have said to Him, "No, set a king

prophesied among the prophets, that over us!" Now therefore, present

the people said to one another, "What is yourselves before the LORD by your

this that has come upon the son of tribes and by your clans."

Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?"<sup>2</sup>

tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of

<sup>12</sup>Then a man from there answered and Benjamin was chosen.

said, "But who is their father?" Therefore <sup>1</sup>When he had caused the tribe of

it became a proverb: "Is Saul also <sup>2</sup> among the prophets?" Benjamin to come near by their families,

the family of Matri was chosen. And

<sup>13</sup>And when he had finished prophesying, Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But

he went to the high place. when they sought him, he could not be found.

<sup>14</sup> Then Saul's uncle said to him and his

<sup>2</sup> Therefore they inquired of the LORD servant, "Where did you go?" So he said,

"To look for the donkeys. When we saw further, "Has the man come here yet?"

that they were nowhere to be found, we And the LORD answered, "There he is,

went to Samuel." hidden among the equipment."

<sup>1</sup> So they ran and brought him from

<sup>5</sup>And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

what Samuel said to you." there; and when he stood among the

people, he was taller than any of the

1 people from his shoulders upward. 6So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us

plainly that the donkeys had been 2 4And Samuel said to all the people, "Do found." But about the matter of the

kingdom, he did not tell him what you see him whom the LORD has

Samuel had said. chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people 5Now there was Saul, coming behind the shouted and said, "Long live the king!" herd from the field; and Saul said, "What

troubles the people, that they weep?"

25Then Samuel explained to the people And they told him the words of the men

the behavior of royalty, and wrote it in a of Jabesh. book and laid it up before the LORD.

And Samuel sent all the people away, 6Then the Spirit of God came upon Saul every man to his house. when he heard this news, and his anger

was greatly aroused.

26And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and valiant men went with him, whose 7So he took a yoke of oxen and cut them hearts God had touched. in pieces, and sent them throughout all

the territory of Israel by the hands of

27But some rebels said, "How can this messengers, saying, "Whoever does not

man save us?" So they despised him, go out with Saul and Samuel to battle,

and brought him no presents. But he so it shall be done to his oxen." And the

held his peace. fear of the LORD fell on the people, and

they came out with one consent.

1 1 When he numbered them in Bezek, the Ammonite came

children of Israel were three hundred

up and encamped against Jabesh thousand, and the men of Judah  
thirty

Gilead; and all the men of Jabesh said to Nahash, "Make a  
covenant with us,

and we will serve you." And they said to the messengers who

2 came, "Thus you shall say to the men of

And Nahash the Ammonite answered Jabesh Gilead: "Tomorrow, by  
the time

them, "On this condition I will make a the sun is hot, you shall have  
help."

covenant with you, that I may put out all Then the messengers came  
and

your right eyes, and bring reproach on reported it to the men of  
Jabesh, and

all Israel." they were glad.

OThen the elders of Jabesh said to him, 1 OTherefore the men of  
Jabesh said, "Hold off for seven days, that we may "Tomorrow we will  
come out to you, and send messengers to all the territory of you may  
do with us whatever seems Israel. And then, if there is no one to good  
to you." save us, we will come out to you."

1 So it was, on the next day, that Saul

4So the messengers came to Gibeah of put the people in three companies; and

Saul and told the news in the hearing of they came into the midst of the camp in

the people. And all the people lifted up the morning watch, and killed their voices and wept. Ammonites until the heat of the day.

And it happened that those who survived were scattered, so that no two 4And they said, "You have not cheated of them were left together. us or oppressed us, nor have you taken

anything from any man's hand."

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Then the people said to Samuel, "Who

is he who said, "Shall Saul reign over 5 Then he said to them, "The LORD is us?' Bring the men, that we may put witness against you, and His anointed is

them to death." witness this day, that you have not

found anything in my hand." And they

13 answered, "He is witness."

But Saul said, "Not a man shall be put

to death this day, for today the LORD

has accomplished salvation in Israel." 6Then Samuel said to the people, "It is

the LORD who raised up Moses and

14 Aaron, and who brought your fathers up

Then Samuel said to the people,

"Come, let us go to Gilgal and renew the from the land of Egypt.

kingdom there." 7Now therefore, stand still, that I may 15 reason with

you before the LORD

So all the people went to Gilgal, and

there they made Saul king before the concerning all the righteous acts of the

LORD in Gilgal. There they made LORD which He did to you and your sacrifices of peace offerings before the fathers: LORD, and there Saul and all the men

of Israel rejoiced greatly. <sup>8</sup>When Jacob had gone into Egypt, and

your fathers cried out to the LORD, then

the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who

1 brought your fathers out of Egypt and <sup>2</sup>Now Samuel said to all Israel:

made them dwell in this place.

"Indeed I have heeded your voice in all

that you said to me, and have made a 'And when they forgot the LORD their

king over you.

God, He sold them into the hand of

<sup>2</sup> Sisera, commander of the army of

And now here is the king, walking Hazor, into the hand of the Philistines,

before you; and I am old and and into the hand of the king of Moab;

grayheaded, and look, my sons are with and they fought against them. you. I have walked before you from my

childhood to this day. <sup>1</sup> 0

Then they cried out to the LORD, and

3Here I am. Witness against me before said, "We have sinned, because we

have forsaken the LORD and served the

the LORD and before His anointed: Baals and Ashtoreths; but now deliver

Whose ox have I taken, or whose us from the hand of our enemies, and

donkey have I taken, or whom have I we will serve You.' cheated? Whom have I oppressed, or

from whose hand have I received any <sup>1</sup>

And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, Bedan,

bribe with which to blind my eyes? I will

Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered

restore it to you."

you out of the hand of your enemies on <sup>1</sup> And all the people said to Samuel, every side; and you dwelt in safety. "Pray for your servants to the LORD

your God, that we may not die; for we

<sup>12</sup> have added to all our sins the evil of

And when you saw that Nahash king

of the Ammonites came against you, asking a king for ourselves." you said to me, "No, but a king shall

reign over us,' when the LORD your <sup>2</sup> 0Then Samuel said to the people, "Do

God was your king. not fear. You have done all this

wickedness; yet do not turn aside from

<sup>1</sup> 3 Now therefore, here is the king whom following the LORD, but



serve the

you have chosen and whom you have LORD with all your heart.  
desired. And take note, the LORD has

2 1

set a king over you. And do not turn aside; for then you

would go after empty things which

14 you fear the LORD and serve Him cannot profit or deliver, for they  
are

and obey His voice, and do not rebel nothing. against the  
commandment of the LORD,

then both you and the king who reigns 2 For the LORD will not forsake  
His over you will continue following the people, for His great name's  
sake,

LORD your God. because it has pleased the LORD to

make you His people.

15However, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel  
against the 2 3Moreover, as for me, far be it from me commandment of  
the LORD, then the that I should sin against the LORD in

hand of the LORD will be against you, ceasing to pray for you; but I  
will teach

as it was against your fathers. you the good and the right way.

1 2 4 6 Now therefore, stand and see this Only fear the LORD, and  
serve Him in

great thing which the LORD will do truth with all your heart; for  
consider

before your eyes: what great things He has done for you.

1 2 7 s today not the wheat harvest? I will 5But if you still do wickedly,

you shall be call to the LORD, and He will send swept away, both you and your king."

thunder and rain, that you may perceive

and see that your wickedness is great,

which you have done in the sight of the LORD. 13Saul reigned one year; and when LORD, in asking a king for yourselves."

he had reigned two years over Israel,

18 So Samuel called to the LORD, and 2 the LORD sent thunder and rain that Saul chose for himself three thousand

day; and all the people greatly feared men of Israel. Two thousand were with

Saul in Michmash and in the mountains

the LORD and Samuel.

of Bethel, and a thousand were with

Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin. The rest of the people he sent away, every 10Now it happened, as soon as he had man to his tent. finished presenting the burnt offering,

that Samuel came; and Saul went out to

3And Jonathan attacked the garrison of meet him, that he might greet him. the Philistines that was in Geba, and the

Philistines heard of it. Then Saul blew 1 And Samuel said, "What have you the trumpet throughout all the land, done?" Saul said, "When I saw that the

saying, "Let the Hebrews hear!" people were scattered from me, and that

you did not come within the days

4 appointed, and that the Philistines Now all Israel heard it said that Saul

had attacked a garrison of the gathered together at Michmash,  
Philistines, and that Israel had also

12

become an abomination to the then I said, "The Philistines will now  
Philistines. And the people were called come down on me at Gilgal,  
and I have

together to Saul at Gilgal. not made supplication to the LORD.'

Therefore I felt compelled, and offered a

5 burnt offering." Then the Philistines gathered together to fight with  
Israel, thirty thousand

13

chariots and six thousand horsemen, And Samuel said to Saul, "You  
have

and people as the sand which is on the done foolishly. You have not  
kept the

seashore in multitude. And they came commandment of the LORD  
your God,

up and encamped in Michmash, to the which He commanded you. For  
now the

east of Beth Aven. LORD would have established your

kingdom over Israel forever.

6When the men of Israel saw that they were in danger (for the people  
were 1 4

But now your kingdom shall not

distressed), then the people hid in caves, continue. The LORD has  
sought for

in thickets, in rocks, in holes, and in pits. Himself a man after His own  
heart, and

the LORD has commanded him to be

7 commander over His people, because And some of the Hebrews crossed over

the Jordan to the land of Gad and you have not kept what the LORD

Gilead. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, commanded you." and all the people followed him

trembling. 1 5

Then Samuel arose and went up from

Gilgal to Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul

8 numbered the people present with him, Then he waited seven days, according

to the time set by Samuel. But Samuel about six hundred men. did not come to Gilgal; and the people

were scattered from him. 1 6

Saul, Jonathan his son, and the

people present with them remained in

'So Saul said, "Bring a burnt offering Gibeah of Benjamin. But the Philistines

and peace offerings here to me." And he encamped in Michmash. offered the burnt offering.

1 2 7

Then raiders came out of the camp of And Saul was sitting in the outskirts of

the Philistines in three companies. One Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which

company turned onto the road to is in Migron. The people who were with

Ophrah, to the land of Shual, him were about six hundred men.

1 3 ' another company turned to the road to Ahijah the son of Ahitub, Ithabod's Beth Horon, and another company brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of

turned to the road of the border that Eli, the LORD's priest in Shiloh, was

overlooks the Valley of Zeboim toward wearing an ephod. But the people did

the wilderness. not know that Jonathan had gone.

1 4 ' Now there was no blacksmith to be Between the passes, by which found throughout all the land of Israel, Jonathan sought to go over to the

for the Philistines said, "Lest the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp

Hebrews make swords or spears." rock on one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of one was

20 Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

But all the Israelites would go down to the Philistines to sharpen each man's

plowshare, his mattock, his ax, and his 5 The front of one faced northward sickle; opposite Michmash, and the other

southward opposite Gibeah.

21

and the charge for a sharpening was a

pim for the plowshares, the mattocks, 6 Then Jonathan said to the young man the forks, and the axes, and to set the who bore his armor, "Come, let us go

points of the goads. over to the garrison of these

uncircumcised; it may be that the LORD

22 will work for us. For nothing restrains the

So it came about, on the day of battle,

that there was neither sword nor spear LORD from saving by many or by few."

found in the hand of any of the people

who were with Saul and Jonathan. But 7So his armorbearer said to him, "Do all they were found with Saul and Jonathan that is in your heart. Go then; here I am

his son. with you, according to your heart."

2 8 3And the garrison of the Philistines Then Jonathan said, "Very well,  
let us

went out to the pass of Michmash. cross over to these men, and we will

show ourselves to them.

1 If they say thus to us, "Wait until we 4Now it happened one day that

Jonathan the son of Saul said to the come to you,' then we will stand still in

our place and not go up to them.

young man who bore his armor, "Come,

let us go over to the Philistines' garrison 1 0But if they say thus, "Come up to us,' that is on the other side." But he did not tell his father. then we will go up. For the LORD has

delivered them into our hand, and this Jonathan and his armorbearer were not

will be a sign to us." there.

11 18And Saul said to Ahijah, "Bring the ark So both of them showed themselves to

the garrison of the Philistines. And the of God here" (for at that time the ark of

Philistines said, "Look, the Hebrews are God was with the children of Israel). coming out of the holes where they have

hidden." 1 ' Now it happened, while Saul talked to

1 the camp of the Philistines continued to

2Then the men of the garrison called to the priest, that the noise which was in

Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, increase; so Saul said to the priest,

"Come up to us, and we will show you "Withdraw your hand." something." Jonathan said to his

armorbearer, "Come up after me, for the 2 0Then Saul and all the people who LORD has delivered them into the hand were with him assembled, and they

of Israel." went to the battle; and indeed every

man's sword was against his neighbor,

13 And Jonathan climbed up on his hands and there was very great confusion. and knees with his armorbearer after

him; and they fell before Jonathan. And 2 1Moreover the Hebrews who were with as he came after him, his armorbearer the Philistines before that time, who

killed them. went up with them into the camp from

the surrounding country, they also

14That first slaughter which Jonathan joined the Israelites who were with Saul

and his armorbearer made was about and Jonathan. twenty men  
within about half an acre of

land. 2 Likewise all the men of Israel who had

hidden in the mountains of Ephraim,

15 And there was trembling in the camp, when they heard that the  
Philistines fled,

in the field, and among all the people. they also followed hard after  
them in the

The garrison and the raiders also battle. trembled; and the earth  
quaked, so that

it was a very great trembling. 2 3

So the LORD saved Israel that day,

and the battle shifted to Beth Aven.

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Now the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah  
of Benjamin looked, and there was the 24

And the men of Israel were distressed

multitude, melting away; and they went that day, for Saul had placed  
the people

here and there. under oath, saying, "Cursed is the man

who eats any food until evening, before I

17 Then Saul said to the people who have taken vengeance on my  
enemies."

were with him, "Now call the roll and see So none of the people tasted  
food. who has gone from us." And when they

had called the roll, surprisingly, 25 Now all the people of the land came  
to 33 Then they told Saul, saying, "Look, the

a forest; and there was honey on the people are sinning against the



LORD by

ground. eating with the blood!" So he said, "You

have dealt treacherously; roll a large

26 stone to me this day."

And when the people had come into

the woods, there was the honey,

34

dripping; but no one put his hand to his Then Saul said, "Disperse yourselves

mouth, for the people feared the oath. among the people, and say to them,

"Bring me here every man's ox and

27But Jonathan had not heard his father every man's sheep, slaughter them here,

charge the people with the oath; and eat; and do not sin against the

therefore he stretched out the end of the LORD by eating with the blood.'" So

rod that was in his hand and dipped it in every one of the people brought his ox

a honeycomb, and put his hand to his with him that night, and slaughtered it

mouth; and his countenance brightened. there.

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2 Then Saul built an altar to the LORD. ' Then one of the people said, "Your

father strictly charged the people with an This was the first altar that he built to the

oath, saying, "Cursed is the man who LORD. eats food this day." And the people

were faint. 36Now Saul said, "Let us go down after

the Philistines by night, and plunder

2 them until the morning light; and let us ' But Jonathan said, "My father has

troubled the land. Look now, how my not leave a man of them." And they said,

countenance has brightened because I "Do whatever seems good to you." Then

tasted a little of this honey. the priest said, "Let us draw near to God here."

30How much better if the people had

eaten freely today of the spoil of their 37So Saul asked counsel of God, "Shall I

enemies which they found! For now go down after the Philistines? Will You

would there not have been a much deliver them into the hand of Israel?"

greater slaughter among the But He did not answer him that day. Philistines?"

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And Saul said, "Come over here, all

31 you chiefs of the people, and know and Now they had driven back the

Philistines that day from Michmash to see what this sin was today. Aijalon. So the people were very faint.

3' For as the LORD lives, who saves

32And the people rushed on the spoil, Israel, though it be in Jonathan

my son,

and took sheep, oxen, and calves, and he shall surely die." But not a man

slaughtered them on the ground; and among all the people answered him. the people ate them with the blood.

40Then he said to all Israel, "You be on against the Philistines.  
Wherever he

one side, and my son Jonathan and I turned, he harassed them. will be on the other side." And the

people said to Saul, "Do what seems 4 8And he gathered an army and good to you." attacked the Amalekites, and delivered

4 plundered them.

1Therefore Saul said to the LORD God Israel from the hands of those who

of Israel, "Give a perfect lot." So Saul

and Jonathan were taken, but the 4 ' The sons of Saul were Jonathan, people escaped. Jishui, and Malchishua. And the names

4 name of the firstborn Merab, and the

2And Saul said, "Cast lots between my of his two daughters were these: the

son Jonathan and me." So Jonathan name of the younger Michal. was taken.

50The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam

43Then Saul said to Jonathan, "Tell me the daughter of Ahimaaz.  
And the name

what you have done." And Jonathan told of the commander of his army was

him, and said, "I only tasted a little Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. honey with the end of the rod that was in

my hand. So now I must die!" <sup>51</sup> Kish was the father of Saul, and Ner

the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

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Saul answered, "God do so and more

also; for you shall surely die, Jonathan." <sup>52</sup> Now there was fierce war with the

Philistines all the days of Saul. And

45

But the people said to Saul, "Shall when Saul saw any strong man or any

Jonathan die, who has accomplished valiant man, he took him for himself.

this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! As the LORD lives, not

one hair of his head shall fall to the 1 <sup>5</sup>Samuel also said to Saul, "The ground, for he has worked with God this

LORD sent me to anoint you king over

day." So the people rescued Jonathan,

and he did not die. His people, over Israel. Now therefore,

heed the voice of the words of the

4 LORD. <sup>6</sup>Then Saul returned from pursuing the

Philistines, and the Philistines went to <sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I will their own place. punish Amalek for what he did to Israel,

4 how he ambushed him on the way when 7 So Saul established his sovereignty he came up from Egypt. over Israel, and fought against all his

enemies on every side, against Moab, 3Now go and attack Amalek, and utterly

against the people of Ammon, against

destroy all that they have, and do not

Edom, against the kings of Zobah, and

spare them. But kill both man and

woman, infant and nursing child, ox and So when Samuel rose early in the

sheep, camel and donkey." morning to meet Saul, it was told

Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel,

4 and indeed, he set up a monument for So Saul gathered the people together

and numbered them in Telaim, two himself; and he has gone on around,

hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."

thousand men of Judah. 3Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul

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5 said to him, "Blessed are you of the And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and

lay in wait in the valley. LORD! I have performed the

commandment of the LORD."

6Then Saul said to the Kenites, "Go, 4 depart, get down from among the 1 But Samuel said, "What then is this

Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. bleating of the sheep in my ears, and

For you showed kindness to all the the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

children of Israel when they came up out

of Egypt." So the Kenites departed from 15

And Saul said, "They have brought  
among the Amalekites. them from the Amalekites; for the  
people spared the best of the sheep and

7 the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your And Saul attacked the  
Amalekites, from

Havilah all the way to Shur, which is God; and the rest we have  
utterly

east of Egypt. destroyed."

8 1 6Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet!

He also took Agag king of the

Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed And I will tell you what the  
LORD said to

all the people with the edge of the sword. me last night." And he said  
to him,

"Speak on."

and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the But Saul and the people  
spared Agag 1 7So Samuel said, "When you were little fatlings, the  
lambs, and all that was in your own eyes, were you not head of

good, and were unwilling to utterly the tribes of Israel? And did not  
the

destroy them. But everything despised LORD anoint you king over  
Israel? and worthless, that they utterly destroyed. 18Now the LORD  
sent you on a mission,

and said, "Go, and utterly destroy the

10Now the word of the LORD came to sinners, the Amalekites, and  
fight

Samuel, saying, against them until they are consumed.'

11 1 greatly regret that I have set up Saul ' Why then did you not obey the voice of as king, for he has turned back from the LORD? Why did you swoop down

following Me, and has not performed My on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of

commandments." And it grieved Samuel, the LORD?" and he cried out to the LORD all night.

22 0And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have 7

And as Samuel turned around to go

obeyed the voice of the LORD, and away, Saul seized the edge of his robe,

gone on the mission on which the LORD and it tore. sent me, and brought back Agag king of

Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the 2 8

So Samuel said to him, "The LORD

Amalekites. has torn the kingdom of Israel from you

2 yours, who is better than you.

1But the people took of the plunder, today, and has given it to a neighbor of

sheep and oxen, the best of the things

which should have been utterly 2 ' And also the Strength of Israel will not destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that

God in Gilgal." He should relent."



23 2 So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as 0Then he said, "I have sinned; yet great delight in burnt offerings and honor me now, please, before the elders

sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the of my people and before Israel, and

LORD? Behold, to obey is better than return with me, that I may worship the

sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of LORD your God." rams.

2 31So Samuel turned back after Saul, and

3For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, Saul worshiped the LORD.

And stubbornness is as iniquity and

idolatry. Because you have rejected the 32

Then Samuel said, "Bring Agag king of word of the LORD, He also has rejected

the Amalekites here to me." So Agag you from being king."

came to him cautiously. And Agag said,

2 "Surely the bitterness of death is past." 4 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have

sinned, for I have transgressed the 33

But Samuel said, "As your sword has commandment of the LORD and your made women childless, so shall your

words, because I feared the people and

mother be childless among women." obeyed their voice.

And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces

<sup>2</sup> before the LORD in Gilgal. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Then Samuel went to Ramah, and  
the LORD."

Saul went up to his house at Gibeah of

<sup>2</sup> Saul. <sup>6</sup> But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not  
return with you, for you have rejected <sup>35</sup> And Samuel went no more to  
see Saul

the word of the LORD, and the LORD until the day of his death.  
Nevertheless

has rejected you from being king over Samuel mourned for Saul, and  
the  
Israel."

LORD regretted that He had made Saul  
king over Israel.

<sup>8</sup> So Jesse called Abinadab, and made

<sup>1</sup> him pass before Samuel. And he said, <sup>6</sup> Now the LORD said to  
Samuel,

"Neither has the LORD chosen this  
"How long will you mourn for Saul,  
one."

seeing I have rejected him from reigning  
over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and

go; I am sending you to Jesse the <sup>2</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by.  
Bethlehemite. For I have provided And he said, "Neither has the LORD  
Myself a king among his sons." chosen this one."

21 <sup>0</sup>Thus Jesse made seven of his sons

And Samuel said, "How can I go? If

Saul hears it, he will kill me." But the pass before Samuel. And Samuel  
said

LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and to Jesse, "The LORD has not  
chosen

say, "I have come to sacrifice to the these." LORD.'

1 And Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all the

<sup>0</sup>Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I young men here?" Then he  
said, "There

will show you what you shall do; you remains yet the youngest, and  
there he

shall anoint for Me the one I name to is, keeping the sheep." And  
Samuel said

you." to Jesse, "Send and bring him. For we

will not sit down till he comes here."

4So Samuel did what the LORD said, 2 and went to Bethlehem. And  
the elders 1 So he sent and brought him in. Now

of the town trembled at his coming, and he was ruddy, with bright  
eyes, and

said, "Do you come peaceably?" good-looking. And the LORD said,

"Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

5And he said, "Peaceably; I have come 3Then Samuel took the horn of oil and

to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify 1 yourselves, and come with me to the anointed him in the midst of his

sacrifice." Then he consecrated Jesse brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD

and his sons, and invited them to the came upon David from that day forward.

sacrifice. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

6 14 So it was, when they came, that he But the Spirit of the LORD departed

looked at Eliab and said, "Surely the from Saul, and a distressing spirit from

LORD's anointed is before Him!" the LORD troubled him.

7 15

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not And Saul's servants said to him,

look at his appearance or at his physical "Surely, a distressing spirit from God is

stature, because I have refused him. For troubling you. the LORD does not see as man sees;

for 1 man looks at the outward 6Let our master now command your appearance, but the LORD looks at the servants, who are before you, to seek

heart." out a man who is a skillful player on the

harp. And it shall be that he will play it gathered at Sochoh, which belongs to

with his hand when the distressing spirit Judah; they encamped between Sochoh

from God is upon you, and you shall be and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim. well."

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were

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So Saul said to his servants, "Provide gathered together, and they encamped

me now a man who can play well, and in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in

bring him to me." battle array against the Philistines.

18Then one of the servants answered 3The Philistines stood on a mountain on

and said, "Look, I have seen a son of one side, and Israel stood on a

Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in mountain on the other side, with a valley

playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of between them. war, prudent in speech, and a

handsome person; and the LORD is 4 And a champion went out from the with him." camp of the Philistines, named Goliath,

from Gath, whose height was six cubits

1' Therefore Saul sent messengers to and a span. Jesse, and said, "Send me your son

David, who is with the sheep." 5He had a bronze helmet on his head,

2 and the weight of the coat was five

0And Jesse took a donkey loaded with and he was armed with a coat of mail,

bread, a skin of wine, and a young goat, thousand shekels of bronze.  
and sent them by his son David to Saul.

6 And he had bronze armor on his legs

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So David came to Saul and stood and a bronze javelin between his  
before him. And he loved him greatly, shoulders. and he became his  
armorbearer.

2 weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead

2Then Saul sent to Jesse, saying, 7Now the staff of his spear was like a

"Please let David stand before me, for weighed six hundred shekels;  
and a

he has found favor in my sight." shield-bearer went before him.

23And so it was, whenever the spirit from "Then he stood and cried out  
to the

God was upon Saul, that David would armies of Israel, and said to  
them, "Why

take a harp and play it with his hand. have you come out to line up  
for battle?

Then Saul would become refreshed and Am I not a Philistine, and you  
the

well, and the distressing spirit would servants of Saul? Choose a man  
for

depart from him. yourselves, and let him come down to

me.

1 If he is able to fight with me and kill me, 7Now the Philistines

gathered their

then we will be your servants. But if I

armies together to battle, and were prevail against him and kill him,  
then <sup>1</sup> Now Saul and they and all the men of you shall be our servants  
and serve us." Israel were in the Valley of Elah, fighting

with the Philistines.

<sup>10</sup> And the Philistine said, "I defy the

<sup>2</sup> 0

armies of Israel this day; give me a man, So David rose early in the  
morning, left

that we may fight together." the sheep with a keeper, and took the

things and went as Jesse had

<sup>11</sup> commanded him. And he came to the

When Saul and all Israel heard these

words of the Philistine, they were camp as the army was going out to  
the

dismayed and greatly afraid. fight and shouting for the battle.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> Now David was the son of that <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> For Israel and the Philistines had

Ephrathite of Bethlehem Judah, whose drawn up in battle array, army  
against

name was Jesse, and who had eight army. sons. And the man was old,  
advanced in

<sup>2</sup> 2

years, in the days of Saul. And David left his supplies in the hand

of the supply keeper, ran to the army,

13The three oldest sons of Jesse had and came and greeted his brothers.

gone to follow Saul to the battle. The 3Then as he talked with them, there

names of his three sons who went to the 2 battle were Eliab the firstborn, next to was the champion, the Philistine of Gath,

him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. Goliath by name, coming up from the

armies of the Philistines; and he spoke

14 according to the same words. So David

David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. heard them.

1 2 5 4And all the men of Israel, when they

But David occasionally went and returned from Saul to feed his father's saw the man, fled from him and were sheep at Bethlehem. dreadfully afraid.

1 So the men of Israel said, "Have you

6And the Philistine drew near and 2 5

presented himself forty days, morning seen this man who has come up?

and evening. Surely he has come up to defy Israel;

and it shall be that the man who kills him

1 the king will enrich with great riches, will 7Then Jesse said to his son David,



give him his daughter, and give his

"Take now for your brothers an ephah of

father's house exemption from taxes in

this dried grain and these ten loaves,

Israel."

and run to your brothers at the camp.

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8And carry these ten cheeses to the 2 6Then David spoke to the men  
who

stood by him, saying, "What shall be

captain of their thousand, and see how

done for the man who kills this Philistine

your brothers fare, and bring back news

and takes away the reproach from

of them."

Israel? For who is this uncircumcised 35 went out after it and struck  
it, and

Philistine, that he should defy the armies delivered the lamb from its  
mouth; and

of the living God?" when it arose against me, I caught it by

its beard, and struck and killed it.

27

And the people answered him in this 36 our servant has killed both  
lion and

manner, saying, "So shall it be done for

the man who kills him." bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine

will be like one of them, seeing he has

2 defied the armies of the living God." ' Now Eliab his oldest brother  
heard

when he spoke to the men; and Eliab's

anger was aroused against David, and David said, "The LORD, who  
37 Moreover

he said, "Why did you come down here? delivered me from the paw of  
the lion

And with whom have you left those few and from the paw of the bear,  
He will

sheep in the wilderness? I know your deliver me from the hand of this

pride and the insolence of your heart, for Philistine." And Saul said to  
David, "Go,

you have come down to see the battle." and the LORD be with you!"

2 38 David said, "What have I done ' And So Saul clothed David with  
his armor, now? Is there not a cause?" and he put a bronze helmet on  
his head;

he also clothed him with a coat of mail.

30 Then he turned from him toward another and said the same thing;  
and 3' David fastened his sword to his armor

these people answered him as the first and tried to walk, for he had  
not tested

ones did. them. And David said to Saul, "I cannot

walk with these, for I have not tested

31 them." So David took them off. Now when the words which David

spoke were heard, they reported them 0Then he took his staff in his hand; and

to Saul; and he sent for him. 4

he chose for himself five smooth stones

32Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's from the brook, and put them in a

heart fail because of him; your servant shepherd's bag, in a pouch which he

will go and fight with this Philistine." had, and his sling was in his hand. And

he drew near to the Philistine.

33And Saul said to David, "You are not 4 1So the Philistine came, and began able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a drawing near to David, and the man who

man of war from his youth." bore the shield went before him.

34But David said to Saul, "Your servant 4 2And when the Philistine looked about used to keep his father's sheep, and and saw David, he disdained him; for he

when a lion or a bear came and took a was only a youth, ruddy and good-

lamb out of the flock, looking.

4 5 3So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a 0So David prevailed over the Philistine dog, that you come to me with sticks?" with a sling and a stone, and struck the

And the Philistine cursed David by his Philistine and killed him. But there was

gods. no sword in the hand of David.

4 5 4 1 Therefore David ran and stood over And the Philistine said to David,

"Come to me, and I will give your flesh the Philistine, took his sword and drew it

to the birds of the air and the beasts of out of its sheath and killed him, and cut

the field!" off his head with it. And when the

Philistines saw that their champion was

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You dead, they fled.

come to me with a sword, with a spear,

52

and with a javelin. But I come to you in Now the men of Israel and Judah

the name of the LORD of hosts, the God arose and shouted, and pursued the

of the armies of Israel, whom you have Philistines as far as the entrance of the

defied. valley and to the gates of Ekron. And

the wounded of the Philistines fell along

46 the road to Shaaraim, even as far as

This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take Gath and Ekron.

your head from you. And this day I will 3 Then the children of Israel returned

give the carcasses of the camp of the 5 Philistines to the birds of the air and the from chasing the Philistines, and they

wild beasts of the earth, that all the plundered their tents. earth may

know that there is a God in

Israel. 54And David took the head of the

Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem,

47Then all this assembly shall know that but he put his armor in his tent. the LORD does not save with sword and

spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and 55When Saul saw David going out He will give you into our hands." against the Philistine, he said to Abner,

the commander of the army, "Abner,

4' So it was, when the Philistine arose whose son is this youth?" And Abner

and came and drew near to meet David, said, "As your soul lives, O king, I do not

that David hurried and ran toward the know." army to meet the Philistine.

5 6

So the king said, "Inquire whose son

4' Then David put his hand in his bag this young man is." and took out a stone; and he slung it

and struck the Philistine in his forehead, 57Then, as David returned from the so that the stone sank into his forehead, slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took

and he fell on his face to the earth. him and brought him before Saul with

the head of the Philistine in his hand.

5 8 ' And Saul said to him, "Whose son are Then Saul was very angry, and the you, young man?" So David answered, saying displeased him; and he said,

"I am the son of your servant Jesse the "They have ascribed to David ten

Bethlehemite." thousands, and to me they have

ascribed only thousands. Now what  
more can he have but the kingdom?"

1 8Now when he had finished

speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan So Saul eyed David from that  
day

forward.

was knit to the soul of David, and

Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1 0And it happened on the next  
day that 2 the distressing spirit from God came

Saul took him that day, and would not

let him go home to his father's house upon Saul, and he prophesied  
inside the

house. So David played music with his  
anymore.

hand, as at other times; but there was a

0Then Jonathan and David made a spear in Saul's hand.

covenant, because he loved him as his 11And Saul cast the  
spear, for he said, "I own soul. will pin David to the wall!" But  
David 4 escaped his presence twice.

And Jonathan took off the robe that

was on him and gave it to David, with 1 2Now Saul was afraid of  
David, his armor, even to his sword and his

bow and his belt. because the LORD was with him, but

had departed from Saul.

5So David went out wherever Saul sent 3Therefore Saul removed him from his

1

him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set

him over the men of war, and he was presence, and made him his captain

accepted in the sight of all the people over a thousand; and he went out and

and also in the sight of Saul's servants. came in before the people.

1 4And David behaved wisely in all his

6Now it had happened as they were coming ways, and the LORD was with him. home, when David was

returning from the slaughter of the 1 5Therefore, when Saul saw that he Philistine, that the women had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and behaved very wisely, he was afraid of

dancing, to meet King Saul, with him. tambourines, with joy, and with musical

instruments. 1 6But all Israel and Judah loved David,

because he went out and came in

7 before them. So the women sang as they danced, and said: "Saul has slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands." 17

Then Saul said to David, "Here is my

older daughter Merab; I will give her to you as a wife. Only be valiant for me, <sup>2</sup> 5 Then Saul said, "Thus you shall say to and fight the LORD's battles." For Saul David: "The king does not desire any

thought, "Let my hand not be against dowry but one hundred foreskins of the

him, but let the hand of the Philistines Philistines, to take vengeance on the

be against him." king's enemies.'" But Saul thought to

make David fall by the hand of the

<sup>1</sup> Philistines. ' So David said to Saul, "Who am I, and what is my life or my father's family in

<sup>2</sup> 6

Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the So when his servants told David these

king?" words, it pleased David well to become

the king's son-in-law. Now the days had

<sup>1</sup> not expired; ' But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter, should have

been given to David, that she was given <sup>2</sup> 7 therefore David arose and went, he to Adriel the Meholathite as a wife. and his men, and killed two hundred

men of the Philistines. And David

<sup>20</sup> brought their foreskins, and they gave

Now Michal, Saul's daughter, loved

David. And they told Saul, and the thing them in full count to the king, that he

pleased him. might become the king's son-in-law.

Then Saul gave him Michal his daughter

<sup>21</sup> as a wife.



So Saul said, "I will give her to him,

that she may be a snare to him, and that <sup>2</sup>' Thus Saul saw and knew that the the hand of the Philistines may be against him." Therefore Saul said to LORD was with David, and that Michal,

David a second time, "You shall be my Saul's daughter, loved him; son-in-law today."

<sup>2</sup>' and Saul was still more afraid of David.

<sup>2</sup>And Saul commanded his servants, So Saul became David's enemy "Communicate with David secretly, and continually.

say, "Look, the king has delight in you, <sup>0</sup>Then the princes of the Philistines

and all his servants love you. Now <sup>3</sup> therefore, become the king's son-in- went out to war. And so it was,

law." whenever they went out, that David

behaved more wisely than all the

<sup>2</sup><sup>3</sup> servants of Saul, so that his name

So Saul's servants spoke those words

in the hearing of David. And David said, became highly esteemed. "Does it seem to you a light thing to be a

king's son-in-law, seeing I am a poor and lightly esteemed man?" <sup>1</sup> <sup>9</sup>Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his

<sup>2</sup> should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's <sup>4</sup>And the servants of Saul told him, son and to all his servants, that they

saying, "In this manner David spoke." son, delighted greatly in David.

21 So Jonathan told David, saying, "My OThen Saul sought to pin David to the father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore wall with the spear, but he slipped away

please be on your guard until morning, from Saul's presence; and he drove the

and stay in a secret place and hide. spear into the wall. So David fled and

escaped that night.

3

And I will go out and stand beside my

father in the field where you are, and I 1 Saul also sent messengers to David's will speak with my father about you. house to watch him and to kill him in the

Then what I observe, I will tell you." morning. And Michal, David's wife, told

him, saying, "If you do not save your life

4 tonight, tomorrow you will be killed." Thus Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father, and said to him, "Let not

12

the king sin against his servant, against So Michal let David down through a

David, because he has not sinned window. And he went and fled and against you, and because his works escaped. have been very good toward you.

13

And Michal took an image and laid it in

5For he took his life in his hands and the bed, put a cover of goats' hair for his

killed the Philistine, and the LORD head, and covered it with clothes. brought about a great deliverance for all

Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why <sup>14</sup>So when Saul sent messengers to then will you sin against innocent blood, take David, she said, "He is sick." to kill David without a cause?"

<sup>1</sup> 5

<sup>6</sup> Then Saul sent the messengers back

So Saul heeded the voice of Jonathan, to see David, saying, "Bring him up to

and Saul swore, "As the LORD lives, he me in the bed, that I may kill him." shall not be killed."

<sup>1</sup> 6

<sup>7</sup> And when the messengers had come

Then Jonathan called David, and in, there was the image in the bed, with

Jonathan told him all these things. So a cover of goats' hair for his head. Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he

was in his presence as in times past. <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>Then Saul said to Michal, "Why have <sup>8</sup> you deceived me like this, and sent my

And there was war again; and David enemy away, so that he has escaped?"

went out and fought with the Philistines, And Michal answered Saul, "He said to

and struck them with a mighty blow, and me, "Let me go! Why should I kill you?"

they fled from him.

<sup>1</sup> ' So David fled and escaped, and went

'Now the distressing spirit from the to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all

LORD came upon Saul as he sat in his that Saul had done to him. And he and

house with his spear in his hand. And Samuel went and stayed in Naioth. David was playing music with his hand.

19Now it was told Saul, saying, "Take small without first telling me.  
And why

note, David is at Naioth in Ramah!" should my father hide this thing from

me? It is not so!"

20Then Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the group of OThen David took an oath again, and

prophets prophesying, and Samuel said, "Your father certainly knows that I

standing as leader over them, the Spirit have found favor in your eyes, and he

of God came upon the messengers of has said, "Do not let Jonathan know this,

Saul, and they also prophesied. lest he be grieved.' But truly, as the

LORD lives and as your soul lives, there

21And when Saul was told, he sent other is but a step between me and death."

messengers, and they prophesied

likewise. Then Saul sent messengers 4So Jonathan said to David, "Whatever again the third time, and they you yourself desire, I will do it for you." prophesied also.

5And David said to Jonathan, "Indeed

22 Then he also went to Ramah, and tomorrow is the New Moon, and I should

came to the great well that is at Sechu. not fail to sit with the king to eat. But let

So he asked, and said, "Where are me go, that I may hide in the field until

Samuel and David?" And someone said, the third day at evening.  
"Indeed they are at Naioth in Ramah."

6 If your father misses me at all, then say,

23 So he went there to Naioth in Ramah. "David earnestly asked  
permission of

Then the Spirit of God was upon him me that he might run over to  
Bethlehem,

also, and he went on and prophesied his city, for there is a yearly  
sacrifice

until he came to Naioth in Ramah. there for all the family.'

27 4And he also stripped off his clothes If he says thus: "It is well,'  
your servant and prophesied before Samuel in like will be safe. But if  
he is very angry, be

manner, and lay down naked all that day sure that evil is determined  
by him. and all that night. Therefore they say, "Is

Saul also among the prophets?" 8Therefore you shall deal kindly with

your servant, for you have brought your

servant into a covenant of the LORD

2 with you. Nevertheless, if there is OThen David fled from Naioth  
in

iniquity in me, kill me yourself, for why

Ramah, and went and said to Jonathan,

should you bring me to your father?"

"What have I done? What is my iniquity,

and what is my sin before your father,

that he seeks my life?" 'But Jonathan said, "Far be it from you!

For if I knew certainly that evil was

2 determined by my father to come upon

So Jonathan said to him, "By no

you, then would I not tell you?"

means! You shall not die! Indeed, my

father will do nothing either great or 10Then David said to Jonathan,  
"Who will be missed, because your seat will

will tell me, or what if your father be empty. answers you roughly?"

1' And when you have stayed three days,

11

And Jonathan said to David, "Come, go down quickly and come to  
the place

let us go out into the field." So both of where you hid on the day of  
the deed;

them went out into the field. and remain by the stone Ezel.

1 2 20

Then Jonathan said to David: "The Then I will shoot three arrows to  
the

LORD God of Israel is witness! When I side, as though I shot at a  
target; have sounded out my father sometime

tomorrow, or the third day, and indeed 2 1and there I will send a lad,  
saying, "Go, there is good toward David, and I do not find the arrows.'  
If I expressly say to the

send to you and tell you, lad, "Look, the arrows are on this side of

you; get them and come'--then, as the

13 ay the LORD do so and much more

LORD lives, there is safety for you and

to Jonathan. But if it pleases my father no harm. to do you evil, then I

will report it to you

and send you away, that you may go in 2 But if I say thus to the young man, safety. And the LORD be with you as He "Look, the arrows are beyond you"--go

has been with my father. your way, for the LORD has sent you

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4And you shall not only show me the away.

kindness of the LORD while I still live, 2 3And as for the matter which you and I that I may not die; have spoken of, indeed the LORD be

between you and me forever."

15

but you shall not cut off your kindness

from my house forever, no, not when the 2 4Then David hid in the field. And when LORD has cut off every one of the the New Moon had come, the king sat

enemies of David from the face of the down to eat the feast. earth."

2 5Now the king sat on his seat, as at

16 So Jonathan made a covenant with other times, on a seat by the wall. And

the house of David, saying, "Let the Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's

LORD require it at the hand of David's side, but David's place was empty. enemies."

26Nevertheless Saul did not say

17 Now Jonathan again caused David to anything that day, for he thought,

vow, because he loved him; for he loved "Something has happened to him; he is

him as he loved his own soul. unclean, surely he is unclean."

1 2 7 8 Then Jonathan said to David,

And it happened the next day, the

"Tomorrow is the New Moon; and you second day of the month, that David's

place was empty. And Saul said to David, because his father had treated

Jonathan his son, "Why has the son of him shamefully. Jesse not come to eat, either yesterday

or today?" 35 And so it was, in the morning, that

Jonathan went out into the field at the

2' So Jonathan answered Saul, "David time appointed with David, and a little

earnestly asked permission of me to go lad was with him. to Bethlehem.

36

Then he said to his lad, "Now run, find

2' And he said, "Please let me go, for our the arrows which I shoot." As the lad ran,

family has a sacrifice in the city, and my he shot an arrow beyond him. brother has commanded me to be there.

And now, if I have found favor in your 3 7 When the lad had come to the place eyes, please let me get away and see where the arrow was which Jonathan

my brothers.' Therefore he has not had shot, Jonathan cried out after the

come to the king's table." lad and said, "Is not the arrow beyond

you?"



Then Saul's anger was aroused

against Jonathan, and he said to him, 38And Jonathan cried out after the lad,

"You son of a perverse, rebellious "Make haste, hurry, do not delay!"  
So

woman! Do I not know that you have Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows

chosen the son of Jesse to your own and came back to his master.  
shame and to the shame of your

mother's nakedness? 3' But the lad did not know anything.

31For as long as the son of Jesse lives Only Jonathan and David knew of the

matter.

on the earth, you shall not be

established, nor your kingdom. Now 40

Then Jonathan gave his weapons to  
therefore, send and bring him to me, for

his lad, and said to him, "Go, carry them  
he shall surely die."

to the city."

32And Jonathan answered Saul his 4 1As soon as the lad had gone,  
David father, and said to him, "Why should he arose from a place  
toward the south, fell be killed? What has he done?" on his face to the  
ground, and bowed

33 down three times. And they kissed one Then Saul cast a spear at him to kill another; and they wept together, but

him, by which Jonathan knew that it was David more so. determined by his father to kill David.

34 Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in 4 2

So Jonathan arose from the table in peace, since we have both sworn in the

fierce anger, and ate no food the second name of the LORD, saying, "May the

day of the month, for he was grieved for LORD be between you and me, and

between your descendants and my descendants, forever." So he arose and bread in its place on the day when it

departed, and Jonathan went into the was taken away. city.

7Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before

2 1 the LORD. And his name was Doeg, an Now David came to Nob, to

Ahimelech the priest. And Ahimelech Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen who

belonged to Saul.

was afraid when he met David, and said

to him, "Why are you alone, and no one 8And David said to Ahimelech, "Is there is with you?"

not here on hand a spear or a sword?

2 For I have brought neither my sword nor So David said to Ahimelech the priest,

"The king has ordered me on some my weapons with me, because the business, and said to me, "Do not let king's business required haste." anyone know anything about the

business on which I send you, or what I 'So the priest said, "The sword of

have commanded you.' And I have Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in

directed my young men to such and the Valley of Elah, there it is, wrapped in

such a place. a cloth behind the ephod. If you will take

that, take it. For there is no other except

3Now therefore, what have you on that one here." And David said, "There is none like it; give it to me." hand? Give me five loaves of bread in

my hand, or whatever can be found." <sup>1</sup> 0Then David arose and fled that day <sup>4</sup> from before Saul, and went to Achish

And the priest answered David and

the king of Gath.

said, "There is no common bread on

hand; but there is holy bread, if the <sup>1</sup> 1And the servants of Achish said to him, young men have at least kept themselves from women." "1s this not David the king of the land?

Did they not sing of him to one another

<sup>5</sup> in dances, saying: "Saul has slain his

Then David answered the priest, and

thousands, And David his ten

said to him, "Truly, women have been

thousands'?"

kept from us about three days since I

came out. And the vessels of the young <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Now David took these words to heart, men are holy, and the bread is in effect common, and was very much afraid of Achish the even though it was

consecrated in the vessel this day." king of Gath.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>So he changed his behavior before So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the them, pretended madness in their hands,

showbread which had been taken from scratched on the doors of the gate, and

before the LORD, in order to put hot let his saliva fall down on his beard. <sup>14</sup>

Then Achish said to his servants, with his spear in his hand, and all his

"Look, you see the man is insane. Why servants standing about him-- have you brought him to me?

<sup>7</sup> then Saul said to his servants who

<sup>15</sup>

Have I need of madmen, that you have stood about him, "Hear now, you

brought this fellow to play the madman Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give

in my presence? Shall this fellow come every one of you fields and vineyards,

into my house?" and make you all captains of thousands

and captains of hundreds?

22David therefore departed from 8 All of you have conspired against me,

there and escaped to the cave of and there is no one who reveals to me

Adullam. So when his brothers and all that my son has made a covenant with

his father's house heard it, they the son of Jesse; and there is not one of went

down there to him. you who is sorry for me or reveals to me

that my son has stirred up my servant

2 against me, to lie in wait, as it is this

And everyone who was in distress, day."

everyone who was in debt, and

everyone who was discontented 'Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who gathered to him. So he became captain

over them. And there were about four was set over the servants of Saul, and

hundred men with him. said, "I saw the son of Jesse going to

Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

OThen David went from there to Mizpah 1 OAnd he inquired of the LORD for him, of Moab; and he said to the king of gave him provisions, and gave him the Moab, "Please let my father and mother sword of Goliath the Philistine." come here with you, till I know what God

will do for me." <sup>1</sup> So the king sent to call Ahimelech the

<sup>4</sup> priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his So he brought them before the king of

Moab, and they dwelt with him all the father's house, the priests who were in

time that David was in the stronghold. Nob. And they all came to the king.

<sup>12</sup>

<sup>5</sup> And Saul said, "Hear now, son of Now the prophet Gad said to David,

"Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, Ahitub!" He answered, "Here I am, my

and go to the land of Judah." So David lord."

departed and went into the forest of <sup>13</sup>Then Saul said to him, "Why have you Hereth.

conspired against me, you and the son

<sup>6</sup> of Jesse, in that you have given him

When Saul heard that David and the

men who were with him had been bread and a sword, and have inquired of

discovered--now Saul was staying in God for him, that he should rise against

Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, me, to lie in wait, as it is this day?" <sup>1 2 41</sup>

So Ahimelech answered the king and And Abiathar told David that Saul had

said, "And who among all your servants killed the LORD's priests. is as

faithful as David, who is the king's

son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, 2 So David said to Abiathar, "I knew that and is honorable in your house? day, when Doeg the Edomite was there,

that he would surely tell Saul. I have

15

Did I then begin to inquire of God for caused the death of all the persons of

him? Far be it from me! Let not the king your father's house. impute anything to his servant, or to any

in the house of my father. For your 2 3Stay with me; do not fear. For he who servant knew nothing of all this, little or seeks my life seeks your life, but with

much." me you shall be safe."

16And the king said, "You shall surely die,

Ahimelech, you and all your father's 2 OThen they told David, saying, house!"

"Look, the Philistines are fighting against

1 Keilah, and they are robbing the 7

Then the king said to the guards who

threshing floors."

stood about him, "Turn and kill the

priests of the LORD, because their hand 2 Therefore David inquired of the LORD, also is with David, and because they saying, "Shall I go and attack these knew when he fled and did not tell it to Philistines?" And the LORD said to me." But the servants of the king would David, "Go and attack the Philistines, not lift their hands to strike the priests of and save Keilah." the LORD.

1 3 8 And the king said to Doeg, "You turn But David's men said to him,  
"Look, we

and kill the priests!" So Doeg the are afraid here in Judah. How much  
Edomite turned and struck the priests, more then if we go to Keilah  
against the

and killed on that day eighty-five men armies of the Philistines?" who  
wore a linen ephod.

4 Then David inquired of the LORD once  
1 again. And the LORD answered him and ' Also

Nob, the city of the priests, he

said, "Arise, go down to Keilah. For I will  
struck with the edge of the sword, both

deliver the Philistines into your hand."  
men and women, children and nursing

infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep-- 5 And David and his men went  
to Keilah with the edge of the sword.

and fought with the Philistines, struck  
20 Now one of the sons of Ahimelech the them with a mighty blow,  
and took away

son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped their livestock. So David  
saved the

and fled after David. inhabitants of Keilah.

6 Now it happened, when Abiathar the  
son of Ahimelech fled to David at Keilah, that he went down with an  
ephod in his Saul sought him every day, but God did



hand. not deliver him into his hand.

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And Saul was told that David had gone So David saw that Saul had  
come out

to Keilah. So Saul said, "God has to seek his life. And David was in the  
delivered him into my hand, for he has Wilderness of Ziph in a forest.  
shut himself in by entering a town that

has gates and bars." 1 6Then Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and

went to David in the woods and

'Then Saul called all the people together strengthened his hand in  
God. for war, to go down to Keilah to besiege

David and his men. 1 7And he said to him, "Do not fear, for

the hand of Saul my father shall not find

'When David knew that Saul plotted evil you. You shall be king over  
Israel, and I

against him, he said to Abiathar the shall be next to you. Even my  
father

priest, "Bring the ephod here." Saul knows that."

1 1 0Then David said, "O LORD God of ' So the two of them made a  
covenant

Israel, Your servant has certainly heard before the LORD. And David  
stayed in

that Saul seeks to come to Keilah to the woods, and Jonathan went to  
his

destroy the city for my sake. own house.

wiii the men of Keilah deliver me into ' Then the Ziphites came up to Saul at

his hand? Will Saul come down, as Your Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding with

servant has heard? O LORD God of us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill

Israel, I pray, tell Your servant." And the of Hachilah, which is on the south of

LORD said, "He will come down." Jeshimon?

12 2Then David said, "Will the men of 0Now therefore, O king, come down Keilah deliver me and my men into the according to all the desire of your soul to

hand of Saul?" And the LORD said, come down; and our part shall be to

"They will deliver you." deliver him into the king's hand."

12 31And Saul said, "Blessed are you of the So David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed from LORD, for you have compassion on me.

Keilah and went wherever they could go.

Then it was told Saul that David had 22

Please go and find out for sure, and

escaped from Keilah; so he halted the see the place where his hideout is, and

expedition. who has seen him there. For I am told

he is very crafty.

14And David stayed in strongholds in the wilderness, and remained in

the 2 3See therefore, and take knowledge of mountains in the Wilderness of Ziph. all the lurking places where he hides;

and come back to me with certainty, and 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen I will go with you. And it shall be, if he is men from all Israel, and went to seek

in the land, that I will search for him David and his men on the Rocks of the

throughout all the clans of Judah." Wild Goats.

24 3

So they arose and went to Ziph before So he came to the sheepfolds by the

Saul. But David and his men were in the road, where there was a cave; and Saul

Wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the went in to attend to his needs. (David

south of Jeshimon. and his men were staying in the

recesses of the cave.)

25When Saul and his men went to seek him, they told David. Therefore he went 4Then the men of David said to him, down to the rock, and stayed in the "This is the day of which the LORD said

Wilderness of Maon. And when Saul to you, "Behold, I will deliver your enemy

heard that, he pursued David in the into your hand, that you may do to him

Wilderness of Maon. as it seems good to you." And David

arose and secretly cut off a corner of

26 Saul's robe.

Then Saul went on one side of the

mountain, and David and his men on the

other side of the mountain. So David 5Now it happened afterward that David's made haste to get away from Saul, for heart troubled him because he had cut

Saul and his men were encircling David Saul's robe. and his men to take them.

6 And he said to his men, "The LORD

27 forbid that I should do this thing to my

But a messenger came to Saul, saying,

"Hurry and come, for the Philistines master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch

have invaded the land!" out my hand against him, seeing he is

the anointed of the LORD."

28Therefore Saul returned from pursuing David, and went against the Philistines; 7So David restrained his servants with so they called that place the Rock of these words, and did not allow them to

Escape. rise against Saul. And Saul got up from

the cave and went on his way.

29Then David went up from there and dwelt in strongholds at En Gedi. 8David also arose afterward, went out of

the cave, and called out to Saul, saying,

"My lord the king!" And when Saul

24Now it happened, when Saul had looked behind him, David stooped with

his face to the earth, and bowed down.

returned from following the Philistines,

that it was told him, saying, "Take note! 'And David said to Saul: "Why

do you

David is in the Wilderness of En Gedi."

listen to the words of men who say,

"Indeed David seeks your harm"?

11 OLook, this day your eyes have seen 8And you have shown this day how you that the LORD delivered you today into have dealt well with me; for when the

my hand in the cave, and someone LORD delivered me into your hand, you

urged me to kill you. But my eye spared did not kill me. you, and I said, "I will not stretch out my

hand against my lord, for he is the 1 ' For if a man finds his enemy, will he let LORD's anointed.' him get away safely? Therefore may the

LORD reward you with good for what

11Moreover, my father, see! Yes, see the you have done to me this day. corner of your robe in my hand! For in

that I cut off the corner of your robe, and 2 0And now I know indeed that you shall did not kill you, know and see that there surely be king, and that the kingdom of

is neither evil nor rebellion in my hand, Israel shall be established in your hand.

and I have not sinned against you. Yet

you hunt my life to take it. 21Therefore swear now to me by the

1 LORD that you will not cut off my 2 Let the LORD judge between you and descendants after me, and that you will

me, and let the LORD avenge me on not destroy my name from my father's

you. But my hand shall not be against house." you.

1 went home, but David and his men went

3As the proverb of the ancients says, 2 So David swore to Saul. And Saul

"Wickedness proceeds from the wicked.' up to the stronghold. But my hand shall not be against you.

14

After whom has the king of Israel 25Then Samuel died; and the come out? Whom do you pursue? A

Israelites gathered together and dead dog? A flea?

lamented for him, and buried him at his

1 home in Ramah. And David arose and 5Therefore let the LORD be judge, and

went down to the Wilderness of Paran.

judge between you and me, and see

and plead my case, and deliver me out 2 of your hand." Now there was a man in Maon whose

business was in Carmel, and the man

1 was very rich. He had three thousand 6

So it was, when David had finished sheep and a thousand goats. And he

speaking these words to Saul, that Saul was shearing his sheep in Carmel. said, "Is this your voice, my son David?"

And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. 3The name of the man was Nabal, and

1 the name of his wife Abigail. And she 7Then he said to David: "You are more

was a woman of good understanding  
righteous than I; for you have rewarded

and beautiful appearance; but the man  
me with good, whereas I have rewarded

was harsh and evil in his doings. He  
you with evil.

was of the house of Caleb.

4 12

When David heard in the wilderness So David's young men turned on  
their

that Nabal was shearing his sheep, heels and went back; and they  
came

and told him all these words.

5David sent ten young men; and David

1 3

said to the young men, "Go up to Then David said to his men, "Every  
Carmel, go to Nabal, and greet him in man gird on his sword." So  
every man

my name. girded on his sword, and David also

girded on his sword. And about four

6 hundred men went with David, and two And thus you shall say to  
him who lives

in prosperity: "Peace be to you, peace to hundred stayed with the supplies. your house, and peace to all that you

have! 1 4Now one of the young men told Abigail,

Nabal's wife, saying, "Look, David sent

7 messengers from the wilderness to Now I have heard that you have shearers. Your shepherds were with us, greet our master; and he reviled them.

and we did not hurt them, nor was there

anything missing from them all the while 15

But the men were very good to us, and

they were in Carmel. we were not hurt, nor did we miss

anything as long as we accompanied

8 them, when we were in the fields. Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find

favor in your eyes, for we come on a 1 6They were a wall to us both by night feast day. Please give whatever comes and day, all the time we were with them

to your hand to your servants and to keeping the sheep. your son David."

1 7

Now therefore, know and consider

'So when David's young men came, what you will do, for harm is determined

they spoke to Nabal according to all against our master and against all his

these words in the name of David, and household. For he is such a scoundrel

waited. that one cannot speak to him."



11 0Then Nabal answered David's 8Then Abigail made haste and took two servants, and said, "Who is David, and hundred loaves of bread, two skins of

who is the son of Jesse? There are wine, five sheep already dressed, five

many servants nowadays who break seahs of roasted grain, one hundred

away each one from his master. clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on

11 donkeys.

Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for

my shearers, and give it to men when I 1 ' And she said to her servants, "Go on do not know where they are from?" before me; see, I am coming after you."

But she did not tell her husband Nabal.

22 7 0So it was, as she rode on the donkey, And now this present which your

that she went down under cover of the maidservant has brought to my lord, let

hill; and there were David and his men, it be given to the young men who follow

coming down toward her, and she met my lord. them.

2 8

Please forgive the trespass of your

21

Now David had said, "Surely in vain I maidservant. For the LORD will certainly

have protected all that this fellow has in make for my lord an  
enduring house,

the wilderness, so that nothing was because my lord fights the battles  
of the

missed of all that belongs to him. And LORD, and evil is not found in  
you

he has repaid me evil for good. throughout your days.

22 May God do so, and more also, to the ' Yet a man has risen to  
pursue you and enemies of David, if I leave one male of seek your life,  
but the life of my lord

all who belong to him by morning light." shall be bound in the bundle  
of the living

with the LORD your God; and the lives

23 of your enemies He shall sling out, as

Now when Abigail saw David, she

dismounted quickly from the donkey, fell from the pocket of a sling.

on her face before David, and bowed 30And it shall come to pass,  
when the

down to the ground.

LORD has done for my lord according to

24 all the good that He has spoken

So she fell at his feet and said: "On me,

my lord, on me let this iniquity be! And concerning you, and has  
appointed you

please let your maidservant speak in ruler over Israel,

maidservant. 31 this will be no grief to you, nor that your ears, and hear the words of your

offense of heart to my lord, either that

2 5 lease, let not my lord regard this you have shed blood without cause, or

scoundrel Nabal. For as his name is, so that my lord has avenged himself. But

is he: Nabal is his name, and folly is with when the LORD has dealt well with my

him! But I, your maidservant, did not see lord, then remember your maidservant."

the young men of my lord whom you

32

sent. Then David said to Abigail: "Blessed is

the LORD God of Israel, who sent you

26 this day to meet me!

Now therefore, my lord, as the LORD lives and as your soul lives, since the

33

LORD has held you back from coming And blessed is your advice and to bloodshed and from avenging blessed are you, because you have kept

yourself with your own hand, now then, me this day from coming to bloodshed

let your enemies and those who seek and from avenging myself with my own

harm for my lord be as Nabal. hand.

34For indeed, as the LORD God of Israel 4 1Then she arose, bowed her face to the lives, who has kept me back from earth, and said, "Here is

your hurting you, unless you had hurried and maidservant, a servant to wash the feet

come to meet me, surely by morning of the servants of my lord." light no males would have been left to

Nabal!" 2 4So Abigail rose in haste and rode on a

35So donkey, attended by five of her

David received from her hand what maidens; and she followed the

she had brought him, and said to her, messengers of David, and became his

"Go up in peace to your house. See, I wife. have heeded your voice and respected

your person." 4 3David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel,

36Now Abigail went to Nabal, and there and so both of them were his wives. he was, holding a feast in his house, like 4 But Saul had given Michal his the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son was merry within him, for he was very of Laish, who was from Gallim. drunk; therefore she told him nothing,

little or much, until morning light.

37 26Now the Ziphites came to Saul at So it was, in the morning, when the Gibeah, saying, "Is David not hiding in wine had gone from Nabal, and his wife the hill of Hachilah, opposite Jeshimon?" had told him these things, that his heart

died within him, and he became like a 2Then Saul arose and went down to the stone.

Wilderness of Ziph, having three

38 Then it happened, after about ten days, thousand chosen men of  
Israel with him,

to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

that the LORD struck Nabal, and he

died. 3 And Saul encamped in the hill of

39 Hachilah, which is opposite Jeshimon, So when David heard that  
Nabal was

dead, he said, "Blessed be the LORD, by the road. But David stayed in  
the

wilderness, and he saw that Saul came

who has pleaded the cause of my

reproach from the hand of Nabal, and after him into the wilderness.

has kept His servant from evil! For the 4 David therefore sent out spies,  
and LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal on his own head."

And David sent understood that Saul had indeed come.

and proposed to Abigail, to take her as

his wife. 5 So David arose and came to the place

where Saul had encamped. And David

40 When the servants of David had come saw the place where Saul lay,  
and

to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her Abner the son of Ner, the  
commander of

saying, "David sent us to you, to ask you his army. Now Saul lay  
within the camp,

to become his wife."

with the people encamped all around because a deep sleep from the

LORD

him. had fallen on them.

61 Then David answered, and said to 3Now David went over to the other side, Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a

son of Zeruiah, brother of Joab, saying, great distance being between them. "Who will go down with me to Saul in the

camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down 1 4And David called out to the people and with you." to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Do you

not answer, Abner?" Then Abner

7So David and Abishai came to the answered and said, "Who are you, people by night; and there Saul lay calling out to the king?" sleeping within the camp, with his spear

stuck in the ground by his head. And 1 5So David said to Abner, "Are you not a Abner and the people lay all around him. man? And who is like you in Israel? Why

then have you not guarded your lord the

8Then Abishai said to David, "God has king? For one of the people came in to

delivered your enemy into your hand destroy your lord the king. this day. Now therefore, please, let me

strike him at once with the spear, right to 16This thing that you have done is not the earth; and I will not have to strike good. As the LORD lives, you deserve

him a second time!" to die, because you have not guarded

your master, the LORD's anointed. And

'But David said to Abishai, "Do not now see where the king's spear is, and

destroy him; for who can stretch out his the jug of water that was by

his head."

hand against the LORD's anointed, and

be guiltless?" <sup>1</sup> 7 Then Saul knew David's voice, and

<sup>1</sup> David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O

O David said furthermore, "As the LORD said, "Is that your voice, my son David?"

lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his king." day shall come to die, or he shall go out

to battle and perish. <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Why does my lord thus

pursue his servant? For what have I

<sup>11</sup>

The LORD forbid that I should stretch done, or what evil is in my hand?

out my hand against the LORD's

anointed. But please, take now the <sup>1</sup> ' Now therefore, please, let my lord the spear and the jug of water that are by king hear the words of his servant: If the

his head, and let us go." LORD has stirred you up against me, let

Him accept an offering. But if it is the

<sup>12</sup>

So David took the spear and the jug of children of men, may they be cursed

water by Saul's head, and they got before the LORD, for they have driven

away; and no man saw or knew it or me out this day from sharing in the awoke. For they were all asleep, inheritance of the LORD, saying, "Go, of me, to seek me anymore in any part

serve other gods.' of Israel. So I shall escape out of his

hand."

20

So now, do not let my blood fall to the

earth before the face of the LORD. For <sup>2</sup> Then David arose and went over with the king of Israel has come out to seek a the six hundred men who were with him

flea, as when one hunts a partridge in to Achish the son of Maoch, king of

the mountains." Gath.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, So David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he

my son David. For I will harm you no and his men, each man with his more, because my life was precious in household, and David with his two wives,

your eyes this day. Indeed I have played Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail

the fool and erred exceedingly." the Carmelitess, Nabal's widow.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup>

And David answered and said, "Here And it was told Saul that David had fled

is the king's spear. Let one of the young to Gath; so he sought him no more. men come over and get it.

<sup>2</sup> now found favor in your eyes, let them

<sup>3</sup> May the LORD repay every man for <sup>5</sup> Then David said to Achish, "If I



have

his righteousness and his faithfulness; give me a place in some town in the

for the LORD delivered you into my country, that I may dwell there.  
For why

hand today, but I would not stretch out should your servant dwell in the royal

my hand against the LORD's anointed. city with you?"

26 4 So Achish gave him Ziklag that day. And indeed, as your life was valued much this day in my eyes, so let my life Therefore Ziklag has belonged to the

be valued much in the eyes of the kings of Judah to this day. LORD,  
and let Him deliver me out of all

tribulation." 7Now the time that David dwelt in the

country of the Philistines was one full

25Then Saul said to David, "May you be year and four months.

blessed, my son David! You shall both

do great things and also still prevail." So 'And David and his men went up and

David went on his way, and Saul raided the Geshurites, the Girzites, and

returned to his place. the Amalekites. For those nations were

the inhabitants of the land from of old,

as you go to Shur, even as far as the

2 land of Egypt. 7And David said in his heart, "Now

I shall perish someday by the hand of

Saul. There is nothing better for me than 'Whenever David attacked

the land, he

that I should speedily escape to the land left neither man nor woman alive, but

of the Philistines; and Saul will despair took away the sheep, the oxen, the donkeys, the camels, and the apparel, <sup>4</sup> Then the Philistines gathered together, and returned and came to Achish. and came and encamped at Shunem.

So Saul gathered all Israel together, and

<sup>10</sup>Then Achish would say, "Where have they encamped at Gilboa.

you made a raid today?" And David

would say, "Against the southern area of <sup>5</sup>When Saul saw the army of the Judah, or against the southern area of Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart

the Jerahmeelites, or against the trembled greatly. southern area of the Kenites."

<sup>6</sup> And when Saul inquired of the LORD,

<sup>11</sup>David would save neither man nor the LORD did not answer him, either by

woman alive, to bring news to Gath, dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.

saying, "Lest they should inform on us,

saying, "Thus David did." And thus was <sup>7</sup>Then Saul said to his servants, "Find his behavior all the time he dwelt in the me a woman who is a medium, that I

country of the Philistines. may go to her and inquire of her." And

his servants said to him, "In fact, there is

<sup>12</sup> a woman who is a medium at En Dor."

So Achish believed David, saying, "He has made his people Israel utterly abhor

him; therefore he will be my servant 8So Saul disguised himself and put on forever." other clothes, and he went, and two

men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please

28Now it happened in those days conduct a s\*eaance for me, and bring

up for me the one I shall name to you."

that the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And

Achish said to David, "You assuredly "Then the woman said to him, "Look,

know that you will go out with me to you know what Saul has done, how he

battle, you and your men." has cut off the mediums and the

spiritists from the land. Why then do you

2 lay a snare for my life, to cause me to

So David said to Achish, "Surely you

die?"

know what your servant can do." And

Achish said to David, "Therefore I will 10And Saul swore to her by the LORD, make you one of my chief guardians

forever." saying, "As the LORD lives, no

punishment shall come upon you for this

3Now Samuel had died, and all Israel thing."

had lamented for him and buried him in 1 Then the woman said,  
"Whom shall I Ramah, in his own city. And Saul had

put the mediums and the spiritists out of bring up for you?" And he  
said, "Bring

the land. up Samuel for me."

11 2

When the woman saw Samuel, she ' Moreover the LORD will also  
deliver

cried out with a loud voice. And the Israel with you into the hand of  
the

woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why Philistines. And tomorrow you  
and your

have you deceived me? For you are sons will be with me. The LORD  
will

Saul!" also deliver the army of Israel into the

hand of the Philistines."

13

And the king said to her, "Do not be 0 mediately Saul fell full length  
on the

afraid. What did you see?" And the 2 woman said to Saul, "I saw a  
spirit ground, and was dreadfully afraid

ascending out of the earth." because of the words of Samuel. And

there was no strength in him, for he had

14 eaten no food all day or all night.

So he said to her, "What is his form?"

And she said, "An old man is coming up,

2 1

and he is covered with a mantle." And And the woman came to Saul

and saw

Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and that he was severely troubled,  
and said

he stooped with his face to the ground to him, "Look, your  
maidservant has

and bowed down. obeyed your voice, and I have put my

life in my hands and heeded the words

<sup>15</sup> which you spoke to me.

Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have

you disturbed me by bringing me up?" <sup>2</sup>Now therefore, please, heed  
also the

And Saul answered, "I am deeply <sup>2</sup> distressed; for the Philistines make  
war voice of your maidservant, and let me

against me, and God has departed from set a piece of bread before  
you; and eat,

me and does not answer me anymore, that you may have strength  
when you

neither by prophets nor by dreams. go on your way." Therefore I have  
called you, that you

may reveal to me what I should do." <sup>23</sup>But he refused and said, "I will  
not

eat." So his servants, together with the

<sup>16</sup>Then Samuel said: "So why do you woman, urged him; and he  
heeded their

ask me, seeing the LORD has departed voice. Then he arose from the  
ground

from you and has become your enemy? and sat on the bed.

And the LORD has done for Himself Now the woman had a fatted calf in

as He spoke by me. For the LORD has the house, and she hastened to kill it.

torn the kingdom out of your hand and And she took flour and kneaded it, and

given it to your neighbor, David. baked unleavened bread from it.

Because you did not obey the voice of So she brought it before Saul and his

the LORD nor execute His fierce wrath servants, and they ate. Then they rose

upon Amalek, therefore the LORD has and went away that night. done this thing to you this day.

of your coming to me. Nevertheless the

29Then the Philistines gathered lords do not favor you.

together all their armies at Aphek, and <sup>7</sup> Therefore return now, and go in peace, the Israelites encamped by a fountain which is in Jezreel. that you may not displease the lords of

the Philistines."

<sup>2</sup>And the lords of the Philistines passed in review by hundreds and by thousands, <sup>8</sup> So David said to Achish, "But what

but David and his men passed in review have I done? And to this day what have

at the rear with Achish. you found in your servant as long as I

have been with you, that I may not go

Then the princes of the Philistines said, and fight against the enemies of my lord

the king?"

"What are these Hebrews doing here?"

And Achish said to the princes of the

Philistines, "Is this not David, the servant of Saul king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these my sight as an angel of God; I know that you are as good in

years? And to this day I have found no nevertheless the princes of the fault in him since he defected to me." Philistines have said, "He shall not go

up with us to the battle.'

But the princes of the Philistines were Now therefore, rise early in the

angry with him; so the princes of the Philistines said to him, "Make this fellow morning with your master's servants

return, that he may go back to the place who have come with you. And as soon

which you have appointed for him, and as you are up early in the morning and

do not let him go down with us to battle, have light, depart." lest in the battle he become our

adversary. For with what could he

So David and his men rose early to

reconcile himself to his master, if not depart in the morning, to return to the

with the heads of these men? land of the Philistines. And the

Philistines went up to Jezreel.

5Is this not David, of whom they sang to one another in dances,  
saying: "Saul

has slain his thousands, And David his 3 ONow it happened, when  
David and

ten thousands?" his men came to Ziklag, on the third day,

6 that the Amalekites had invaded the

Then Achish called David and said to South and Ziklag, attacked  
Ziklag and

him, "Surely, as the LORD lives, you burned it with fire, have been  
upright, and your going out

and your coming in with me in the army 2

and had taken captive the women and

is good in my sight. For to this day I

those who were there, from small to

have not found evil in you since the day

great; they did not kill anyone, but

carried them away and went their way.

3So David and his men came to the city, 11Then they found an  
Egyptian in the and there it was, burned with fire; and field, and  
brought him to David; and they

their wives, their sons, and their gave him bread and he ate, and they  
let

daughters had been taken captive. him drink water.

Then David and the people who were And they gave him a piece of a



cake of

with him lifted up their voices and wept, figs and two clusters of raisins. So when

until they had no more power to weep. he had eaten, his strength came back to

him; for he had eaten no bread nor

5And David's two wives, Ahinoam the drunk water for three days and three

Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of nights. Nabal the Carmelite, had been taken

captive. 13

Then David said to him, "To whom do  
you belong, and where are you from?"

6 And he said, "I am a young man from Now David was greatly distressed, for

the people spoke of stoning him, Egypt, servant of an Amalekite; and my

because the soul of all the people was master left me behind, because three

grieved, every man for his sons and his days ago I fell sick. daughters. But David strengthened

himself in the LORD his God. 1 4We made an invasion of the southern

area of the Cherethites, in the territory

7 which belongs to Judah, and of the Then David said to Abiathar the priest,

Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the southern area of Caleb; and we burned

ephod here to me." And Abiathar Ziklag with fire." brought the ephod to David.

1 5 And David said to him, "Can you take

8 me down to this troop?" So he said, So David inquired of the LORD,  
saying,

"Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I "Swear to me by God that you will  
overtake them?" And He answered him, neither kill me nor deliver me  
into the

"Pursue, for you shall surely overtake hands of my master, and I will  
take you

them and without fail recover all." down to this troop."

'So David went, he and the six hundred And when he had brought him  
down, 1 6

men who were with him, and came to there they were, spread out  
over all the

the Brook Besor, where those stayed land, eating and drinking and  
dancing,

who were left behind. because of all the great spoil which they

had taken from the land of the

10 Philistines and from the land of Judah.

But David pursued, he and four

hundred men; for two hundred stayed 17 Then David attacked them  
from behind, who were so weary that they could not cross the Brook  
Besor. twilight until the evening of the next day.

Not a man of them escaped, except four

hundred young men who rode on

camels and fled.

1 2 ' So David recovered all that the 5 So it was, from that day forward;

he Amalekites had carried away, and David made it a statute and an ordinance for

rescued his two wives. Israel to this day.

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And nothing of theirs was lacking, Now when David came to Ziklag,  
he

either small or great, sons or daughters, sent some of the spoil to the  
elders of

spoil or anything which they had taken Judah, to his friends, saying,  
"Here is a

from them; David recovered all. present for you from the spoil of the

enemies of the LORD"--

20Then David took all the flocks and herds they had driven before  
those 27

to those who were in Bethel, those

other livestock, and said, "This is who were in Ramoth of the South,  
those

David's spoil." who were in Jattir,

221 Now David came to the two hundred ' those who were in Aroer,  
those who men who had been so weary that they were in Siphmoth,  
those who were in

could not follow David, whom they also Eshtemoa, had made to stay  
at the Brook Besor.

So they went out to meet David and to 2 ' those who were in Rachal,  
those who meet the people who were with him. were in the cities of  
the Jerahmeelites,

And when David came near the people, those who were in the cities of  
the

he greeted them. Kenites,

22Then all the wicked and worthless men 30

those who were in Hormah, those who

of those who went with David answered were in Chorashan, those  
who were in

and said, "Because they did not go with Athach, us, we will not give  
them any of the spoil

that we have recovered, except for 31

those who were in Hebron, and to all

every man's wife and children, that they

the places where David himself and his

may lead them away and depart."

men were accustomed to rove.

23But David said, "My brethren, you shall not do so with what the  
LORD has given

us, who has preserved us and delivered 3 1 Now the Philistines fought  
against

into our hand the troop that came Israel; and the men of Israel fled  
from

against us. before the Philistines, and fell slain on

Mount Gilboa.

24For who will heed you in this matter? But as his part is who goes  
down to the 2Then the Philistines followed hard after battle, so shall  
his part be who stays by Saul and his sons. And the Philistines

the supplies; they shall share alike." killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and

Malchishua, Saul's sons.

3The battle became fierce against Saul. 8So it happened the next day, when the The archers hit him, and he was Philistines came to strip the slain, that

severely wounded by the archers. they found Saul and his three sons

fallen on Mount Gilboa.

4 Then Saul said to his armorbearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me 'And they cut off his head and stripped

through with it, lest these uncircumcised off his armor, and sent word throughout

men come and thrust me through and the land of the Philistines, to proclaim it

abuse me." But his armorbearer would in the temple of their idols and among

not, for he was greatly afraid. Therefore the people. Saul took a sword and fell on it.

1 0Then they put his armor in the temple

5And when his armorbearer saw that of the Ashtoreths, and they fastened his

Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword, body to the wall of Beth Shan. and died with him.

1 Now when the inhabitants of Jabesh

6So Saul, his three sons, his Gilead heard what the Philistines had armorbearer, and all his men died done to Saul, together that same day.

12

all the valiant men arose and traveled

7And when the men of Israel who were all night, and took the body of Saul and

on the other side of the valley, and the bodies of his sons from the wall of

those who were on the other side of the Beth Shan; and they came to Jabesh

Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had and burned them there. fled and that Saul and his sons were

dead, they forsook the cities and fled; <sup>1</sup> 3

Then they took their bones and buried

and the Philistines came and dwelt in them under the tamarisk tree at Jabesh,

them. and fasted seven days.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Prophet Samuel

8And he said to me, "Who are you?" So I answered him, "I am an Amalekite."

1 Now it came to pass after the death

9 He said to me again, "Please stand

of Saul, when David had returned from

the slaughter of the Amalekites, and over me and kill me, for anguish has

David had stayed two days in Ziklag, come upon me, but my life still remains

in me.'

20n the third day, behold, it happened 0

1 so I stood over him and killed him,

that a man came from Saul's camp with

his clothes torn and dust on his head. because I was sure that he could not

So it was, when he came to David, that live after he had fallen. And I took the

crown that was on his head and the

he fell to the ground and prostrated

himself. bracelet that was on his arm, and have

brought them here to my lord."

3And David said to him, "Where have <sup>11</sup>Therefore David took hold of his own you come from?" So he said to him, "I clothes and tore them, and so did all the have escaped from the camp of Israel." men who were with him.

4 Then David said to him, "How did the 2

<sup>1</sup> And they mourned and wept and  
matter go? Please tell me." And he

fasted until evening for Saul and for  
answered, "The people have fled from

Jonathan his son, for the people of the  
the battle, many of the people are fallen

LORD and for the house of Israel,  
and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his

because they had fallen by the sword.  
son are dead also."

<sup>1</sup> 3Then David said to the young man  
5So David said to the young man who

who told him, "Where are you from?"  
told him, "How do you know that Saul

And he answered, "I am the son of an  
and Jonathan his son are dead?"

alien, an Amalekite."

6Then the young man who told him said, 4



1 So David said to him, "How was it you

"As I happened by chance to be on

were not afraid to put forth your hand to

Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning

on his spear; and indeed the chariots destroy the LORD's anointed?"

and horsemen followed hard after him. 15 Then David called one of the young

7 men and said, "Go near, and execute Now when he looked behind him, he

saw me and called to me. And I him!" And he struck him so that he died.

answered, "Here I am." 16 So David said to him, "Your blood is

on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, "I have 2 5 How the mighty have fallen in the killed the LORD's anointed." midst of the battle! Jonathan was slain

in your high places.

17

Then David lamented with this 6a am distressed for you, my brother lamentation 2 over Saul and over Jonathan his son, Jonathan; You have been very pleasant

to me; Your love to me was wonderful,

1 Surpassing the love of women. ' and he told them to teach the children of Judah the Song of the Bow; indeed it

is written in the Book of Jasher: 2 7 How the mighty have fallen, And the

weapons of war perished!"

1 " The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!

2It happened after this that David

20 Tell it not in Gath, Proclaim it not in the inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go

streets of Ashkelon-- Lest the daughters up to any of the cities of Judah?" And

of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the the LORD said to him, "Go up." David

daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. said, "Where shall I go up?" And He said,

2

1 O mountains of Gilboa, Let there be "To Hebron."

no dew nor rain upon you, Nor fields of 2 So David went up there, and his two offerings. For the shield of the mighty is wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess,

cast away there! The shield of Saul, not and Abigail the widow of Nabal the

anointed with oil. Carmelite.

22 3 From the blood of the slain, From the And David brought up the men who

fat of the mighty, The bow of Jonathan were with him, every man with his

did not turn back, And the sword of Saul household. So they dwelt in the cities of

did not return empty. Hebron.

2 3 Saul and Jonathan were beloved and

4 Then the men of Judah came, and

pleasant in their lives, And in their death there they anointed David  
king over the

they were not divided; They were swifter house of Judah. And they  
told David,

than eagles, They were stronger than saying, "The men of Jabesh  
Gilead were

lions. the ones who buried Saul."

25 4 O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,

So David sent messengers to the men

Who clothed you in scarlet, with luxury; of Jabesh Gilead, and said to  
them,

Who put ornaments of gold on your "You are blessed of the LORD, for  
you

apparel. have shown this kindness to your lord,

to Saul, and have buried him.

6And now may the LORD show kindness before us." And Joab said,  
"Let them

and truth to you. I also will repay you arise." this kindness, because  
you have done

this thing. 15So they arose and went over by

number, twelve from Benjamin,

7Now therefore, let your hands be followers of Ishbosheth the son of  
Saul,

strengthened, and be valiant; for your and twelve from the servants of  
David.

master Saul is dead, and also the house

of Judah has anointed me king over 1 6And each one grasped his  
opponent them." by the head and thrust his sword in his

opponent's side; so they fell down

'But Abner the son of Ner, commander together. Therefore that place was

of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth the son called the Field of Sharp Swords, which

of Saul and brought him over to is in Gibeon. Mahanaim;

<sup>1</sup> 7

So there was a very fierce battle that

'and he made him king over Gilead, day, and Abner and the men of Israel

over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over were beaten before the servants of

Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all David. Israel.

<sup>18</sup>Now the three sons of Zeruiah were

<sup>10</sup> shbosheth, Saul's son, was forty there: Joab and Abishai and Asahel.

years old when he began to reign over And Asahel was as fleet of foot as a wild

Israel, and he reigned two years. Only gazelle. the house of Judah followed David.

<sup>1</sup> ' So Asahel pursued Abner, and in

<sup>11</sup>And the time that David was king in going he did not turn to the right hand or

Hebron over the house of Judah was to the left from following Abner. seven years and six months.

<sup>2</sup> 0Then Abner looked behind him and

<sup>12</sup>Now Abner the son of Ner, and the said, "Are you Asahel?" He answered, "I

servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, am." went out from Mahanaim

to Gibeon.

21

1 your right hand or to your left, and lay

3And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the And Abner said to him, "Turn  
aside to

servants of David, went out and met hold on one of the young men  
and take

them by the pool of Gibeon. So they sat his armor for yourself." But  
Asahel

down, one on one side of the pool and would not turn aside from  
following him.

the other on the other side of the pool.

1 aside from following me. Why should I

4Then Abner said to Joab, "Let the 2 So Abner said again to Asahel,  
"Turn

young men now arise and compete strike you to the ground? How  
then

could I face your brother Joab?"

23However, he refused to turn aside. people together, there were  
missing of

Therefore Abner struck him in the David's servants nineteen men and  
stomach with the blunt end of the spear, Asahel. so that the spear  
came out of his back;

and he fell down there and died on the 31 But the servants of David  
had struck spot. So it was that as many as came to down, of Benjamin  
and Abner's men,

the place where Asahel fell down and three hundred and sixty men  
who died.

died, stood still.

2 Then they took up Asahel and buried 4 32

Joab and Abishai also pursued Abner. him in his father's tomb,  
which was in

And the sun was going down when they Bethlehem. And Joab and his  
men went

came to the hill of Ammah, which is all night, and they came to  
Hebron at

before Giah by the road to the daybreak. Wilderness of Gibeon.

25

Now the children of Benjamin gathered

3Now there was a long war between  
together behind Abner and became a

unit, and took their stand on top of a hill. the house of Saul and the  
house of

David. But David grew stronger and  
2 stronger, and the house of Saul grew 6Then Abner called to Joab and  
said,

weaker and weaker.

"Shall the sword devour forever? Do you

not know that it will be bitter in the latter 2 end? How long will it be  
then until you Sons were born to David in Hebron: His

tell the people to return from pursuing firstborn was Amnon by  
Ahinoam the

their brethren?" Jezreelitess;

2 t This second, Chileab, by Abigail the And Joab said, "As God lives, unless widow of Nabal the Carmelite; the third, you had spoken, surely then by morning Absalom the son of Maacah, the all the people would have given up daughter of Talmi, king of Geshur; pursuing their brethren."

2

' So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the 4the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith;

people stood still and did not pursue the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital;

Israel anymore, nor did they fight sand the sixth, Ithream, by David's wife anymore.

Eglah. These were born to David in

2 Hebron. ' Then Abner and his men went on all

that night through the plain, crossed 6 Now it was so, while there was war over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron; and they came to Mahanaim. between the house of Saul and the

house of David, that Abner was

30 strengthening his hold on the house of So Joab returned from pursuing Abner.

And when he had gathered all the Saul.

7And Saul had a concubine, whose myself for a hundred foreskins of the

name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah. Philistines." So Ishbosheth said to Abner, "Why have

you gone in to my father's concubine?" 15And Ishbosheth sent and took her from

her husband, from Paltiel the son of

8Then Abner became very angry at the Laish. words of Ishbosheth, and said, "Am I a

dog's head that belongs to Judah? 1 6Then her husband went along with her Today I show loyalty to the house of to Bahurim, weeping behind her. So

Saul your father, to his brothers, and to Abner said to him, "Go, return!" And he

his friends, and have not delivered you returned. into the hand of David; and you charge

me today with a fault concerning this 1 7

Now Abner had communicated with  
woman?

the elders of Israel, saying, "In time past

you were seeking for David to be king

'May God do so to Abner, and more over you. also, if I do not do for David as the

LORD has sworn to him-- 1

' Now then, do it! For the LORD has

1 spoken of David, saying, "By the hand of Os o transfer the kingdom from the house My servant David, I will save My people

of Saul, and set up the throne of David Israel from the hand of the Philistines

over Israel and over Judah, from Dan to and the hand of all their enemies.'" Beersheba."

1 And he could not answer Abner



1 1 ' And Abner also spoke in the hearing of

Benjamin. Then Abner also went to

another word, because he feared him. speak in the hearing of David in Hebron

1 whole house of Benjamin. 2Then Abner sent messengers on his all that seemed good to Israel and the

behalf to David, saying, "Whose is the

land?" saying also, "Make your covenant 2 0So Abner and twenty men with him with me, and indeed my hand shall be came to David at Hebron. And David

with you to bring all Israel to you." made a feast for Abner and the men

1

3And David said, "Good, I will make a who were with him.

covenant with you. But one thing I 21Then Abner said to David, "I will arise require of you: you shall not see my face and go, and gather all Israel to my lord

unless you first bring Michal, Saul's the king, that they may make a covenant

daughter, when you come to see my with you, and that you may reign over all

face." that your heart desires." So David sent

Abner away, and he went in peace.

14

So David sent messengers to

Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying, "Give 2 2At that moment the servants of David me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to and Joab came from a raid and brought

much spoil with them. But Abner was 30 So Joab and Abishai his brother killed

not with David in Hebron, for he had Abner, because he had killed their

sent him away, and he had gone in brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

peace.

31

Then David said to Joab and to all the

23

When Joab and all the troops that people who were with him, "Tear your

were with him had come, they told Joab, clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth,

saying, "Abner the son of Ner came to and mourn for Abner." And King David

the king, and he sent him away, and he followed the coffin. has gone in peace."

32

2 the king lifted up his voice and wept at

4 Then Joab came to the king and said, So they buried Abner in Hebron; and

"What have you done? Look, Abner the grave of Abner, and all the people

came to you; why is it that you sent him wept. away, and he has already gone?

2 Surely you realize that Abner the son Abner and said: "Should Abner die as a

5 33And the king sang a lament over

of Ner came to deceive you, to know fool dies? your going out and  
your coming in, and

to know all that you are doing." 34Your hands were not bound Nor  
your

2 before wicked men, so you fell." Then all

6And when Joab had gone from David's feet put into fetters; As a man  
falls

presence, he sent messengers after the people wept over him again.  
Abner, who brought him back from the

well of Sirah. But David did not know it. 35 And when all the people  
came to

2 still day, David took an oath, saying,

7Now when Abner had returned to persuade David to eat food while it  
was

Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate "God do so to me, and more  
also, if I

to speak with him privately, and there taste bread or anything else till  
the sun

stabbed him in the stomach, so that he goes down!" died for the blood  
of Asahel his brother.

36Now all the people took note of it, and

2' Afterward, when David heard it, he it pleased them, since  
whatever the king

said, "My kingdom and I are guiltless did pleased all the people. before  
the LORD forever of the blood of

Abner the son of Ner. 37For all the people and all Israel

understood that day that it had not been

2 ' Let it rest on the head of Joab and on the king's intent to kill Abner  
the son of

all his father's house; and let there never Ner. fail to be in the house of  
Joab one who

has a discharge or is a leper, who leans 38Then the king said to his  
servants, "Do on a staff or falls by the sword, or who you not know  
that a prince and a great

lacks bread." man has fallen this day in Israel? 39And I am weak  
today, though anointed 7For when they came into the house, he king;  
and these men, the sons of was lying on his bed in his bedroom;

Zeruiah, are too harsh for me. The then they struck him and killed  
him,

LORD shall repay the evildoer according beheaded him and took his  
head, and

to his wickedness." were all night escaping through the plain.

8And they brought the head of

4When Saul's son heard that Abner Ishbosheth to David at Hebron,  
and said

to the king, "Here is the head of

had died in Hebron, he lost heart, and

all Israel was troubled. Ishbosheth, the son of Saul your enemy,

who sought your life; and the LORD has

2 avenged my lord the king this day of Now Saul's

son had two men who were Saul and his descendants."

captains of troops. The name of one

was Baanah and the name of the other 'But David answered Rechab  
and

Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the

Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin. Baanah his brother, the sons  
of Rimmon

the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the

(For Beeroth also was part of Benjamin,

LORD lives, who has redeemed my life

3because the Beerothites fled to Gittaim from all adversity,

and have been sojourners there until 1 0when someone told me,  
saying, "Look, this day.) Saul is dead,' thinking to have brought

4 good news, I arrested him and had him

Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who executed in Ziklag--the one who  
thought

was lame in his feet. He was five years I would give him a reward for  
his news.

old when the news about Saul and

Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his 1

How much more, when wicked men

nurse took him up and fled. And it

happened, as she made haste to flee, have killed a righteous person in  
his

that he fell and became lame. His name own house on his bed?

Therefore, shall

was Mephibosheth. I not now require his blood at your hand

and remove you from the earth?"

<sup>5</sup>Then the sons of Rimmon the 2 Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out <sup>1</sup> So David commanded his young men,

and came at about the heat of the day to and they executed them, cut off their

the house of Ishbosheth, who was lying hands and feet, and hanged them by the

on his bed at noon. pool in Hebron. But they took the head

of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb

<sup>6</sup> of Abner in Hebron.

And they came there, all the way into

the house, as though to get wheat, and

they stabbed him in the stomach. Then

Rechab and Baanah his brother <sup>5</sup>Then all the tribes of Israel came to escaped. David at Hebron and spoke, saying,

"Indeed we are your bone and your flesh.

<sup>21</sup> Also, in time past, when Saul was king <sup>0</sup>So David went on and became great, over us, you were the one who led Israel and the LORD God of hosts was with

out and brought them in; and the LORD him. said to you, "You shall shepherd My

people Israel, and be ruler over Israel." <sup>1</sup> Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees,

Therefore all the elders of Israel came and carpenters and masons.  
And they

to the king at Hebron, and King David built David a house. made a  
covenant with them at Hebron

before the LORD. And they anointed <sup>1</sup>2So David knew that the LORD  
had David king over Israel. established him as king over Israel, and

that He had exalted His kingdom for the

<sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he sake of His people Israel. began  
to reign, and he reigned forty

years. <sup>1</sup>3And David took more concubines and

wives from Jerusalem, after he had

<sup>5</sup>In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven come from Hebron. Also  
more sons and

years and six months, and in Jerusalem daughters were born to David.  
he reigned thirty-three years over all

Israel and Judah. <sup>14</sup>Now these are the names of those

who were born to him in Jerusalem:

<sup>6</sup>And the king and his men went to Shammua, Shobab, Nathan,  
Solomon,

Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the

inhabitants of the land, who spoke to <sup>1</sup>5 bhar, Elishua, Nepheg,  
Japhia, David, saying, "You shall not come in

here; but the blind and the lame will <sup>1</sup>6Elishama, Eliada, and  
Eliphelet. repel you," thinking, "David cannot come

in here." <sup>17</sup>Now when the Philistines heard that <sup>7</sup> they had anointed  
David king over Israel,

Nevertheless David took the stronghold

all the Philistines went up to search for  
of Zion (that is, the City of David).

David. And David heard of it and went  
s down to the stronghold.

Now David said on that day, "Whoever

climbs up by way of the water shaft and <sup>1</sup> 8The Philistines also went  
and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the

deployed themselves in the Valley of  
blind, who are hated by David's soul), he

Rephaim.  
shall be chief and captain." Therefore

they say, "The blind and the lame shall <sup>1</sup> ' So David inquired of the  
LORD, saying, not come into the house."

"Shall I go up against the Philistines?  
Will You deliver them into my hand?"

"Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and

And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for  
called it the City of David. And David

I will doubtless deliver the Philistines  
built all around from the Millo and inward.

into your hand."

<sup>20</sup>So David went to Baal Perazim, and Abinadab, which was on the  
hill; and

David defeated them there; and he said, Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of  
Abinadab,



"The LORD has broken through my drove the new cart. enemies before me, like a breakthrough

of water." Therefore he called the name <sup>4</sup> And they brought it out of the house of of that place Baal Perazim. Abinadab, which was on the hill,

<sup>2</sup> went before the ark.

1And they left their images there, and accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio

David and his men carried them away.

<sup>2</sup> played music before the LORD on all

2Then the Philistines went up once <sup>5</sup>Then David and all the house of Israel

again and deployed themselves in the kinds of instruments of fir wood, on

Valley of Rephaim. harps, on stringed instruments, on

tambourines, on sistrums, and on

<sup>23</sup>Therefore David inquired of the LORD, cymbals. and He said, "You shall not go up; circle

around behind them, and come upon <sup>6</sup>And when they came to Nachon's them in front of the mulberry trees. threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand

to the ark of God and took hold of it, for

<sup>24</sup> the oxen stumbled.

And it shall be, when you hear the  
sound of marching in the tops of the

mulberry trees, then you shall advance <sup>7</sup>Then the anger of the LORD was quickly. For then the LORD will go out aroused against Uzzah,

and God struck

before you to strike the camp of the him there for his error; and he died there

Philistines." by the ark of God.

28 5And David did so, as the LORD And David became angry because of

commanded him; and he drove back the the LORD's outbreak against Uzzah;

Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer. and he called the name of the place

Perez Uzzah to this day.

6Again David gathered all the choice 9 David was afraid of the LORD that day;

and he said, "How can the ark of the men of Israel, thirty thousand.

LORD come to me?"

2And David arose and went with all the 0

1 So David would not move the ark of people who were with him from Baale

the LORD with him into the City of Judah to bring up from there the ark of

David; but David took it aside into the God, whose name is called by the Name,

house of Obed-Edom the Gittite.

the LORD of Hosts, who dwells between

the cherubim. <sup>1</sup> 1The ark of the LORD remained in the <sup>3</sup> house of  
Obed-Edom the Gittite three

So they set the ark of God on a new  
cart, and brought it out of the house of months. And the LORD blessed  
Obed- <sup>1</sup> Then he distributed among all the Edom and all his  
household. people, among the whole multitude of

Israel, both the women and the men, to  
<sup>12</sup> everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of

Now it was told King David, saying,  
"The LORD has blessed the house of meat, and a cake of raisins. So all  
the

Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, people departed, everyone to  
his house.

because of the ark of God." So David <sup>0</sup>Then David returned to bless his  
went and brought up the ark of God <sup>2</sup> from the house of Obed-Edom to  
the household. And Michal the daughter of

City of David with gladness. Saul came out to meet David, and said,

"How glorious was the king of Israel

<sup>13</sup>And so it was, when those bearing the today, uncovering himself  
today in the

ark of the LORD had gone six paces, eyes of the maids of his servants,  
as

that he sacrificed oxen and fatted sheep. one of the base fellows  
shamelessly

uncovers himself!"

<sup>14</sup> Then David danced before the LORD <sup>2</sup> with all his might; and David was So David said to Michal, "It was before <sup>1</sup>

wearing a linen ephod. the LORD, who chose me instead of

your father and all his house, to appoint

<sup>1</sup> me ruler over the people of the LORD, <sup>5</sup> So David and all the house of Israel

over Israel. Therefore I will play music

brought up the ark of the LORD with

before the LORD.

shouting and with the sound of the

trumpet. <sup>22</sup> And I will be even more undignified <sup>16</sup> than this, and will be humble in my own

Now as the ark of the LORD came into

sight. But as for the maidservants of

the City of David, Michal, Saul's

whom you have spoken, by them I will

daughter, looked through a window and

be held in honor."

saw King David leaping and whirling

before the LORD; and she despised him <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul in her heart.

had no children to the day of her death.

So they brought the ark of the LORD,  
and set it in its place in the midst of the  
tabernacle that David had erected for it. 7Now it came to pass when  
the king  
Then David offered burnt offerings and was dwelling in his house, and  
the  
peace offerings before the LORD. LORD had given him rest from all  
his

enemies all around,

1' And when David had finished offering burnt offerings and peace  
offerings, he 2 that the king said to Nathan the prophet, blessed the  
people in the name of the "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar,

LORD of hosts. but the ark of God dwells inside tent

curtains."

3Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do 1since the time that I  
commanded all that is in your heart, for the LORD is judges to be over  
My people Israel, and

with you." have caused you to rest from all your

enemies. Also the LORD tells you that

4 He will make you a house. But it happened that night that the word  
of the LORD came to Nathan, saying,

1 24 When your days are fulfilled and you

5 rest with your fathers, I will set up your Go and tell My servant  
David, "Thus

says the LORD: "Would you build a seed after you, who will come  
from your

house for Me to dwell in? body, and I will establish his kingdom.

6 1 3He shall build a house for My name,

For I have not dwelt in a house since

the time that I brought the children of and I will establish the throne  
of his

Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, kingdom forever.

but have moved about in a tent and in a 4a will be his Father, and he  
shall be My

tabernacle. 1

son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten

7 him with the rod of men and with the Wherever I have moved about  
with all

the children of Israel, have I ever blows of the sons of men.

spoken a word to anyone from the tribes 5But My mercy shall not  
depart from

of Israel, whom I commanded to 1 shepherd My people Israel, saying,  
him, as I took it from Saul, whom I

"Why have you not built Me a house of removed from before you.  
cedar?

1 6

And your house and your kingdom

8Now therefore, thus shall you say to My shall be established forever  
before you.

servant David, "Thus says the LORD of Your throne shall be  
established

hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, forever. ' from following the  
sheep, to be ruler

over My people, over Israel. 1 7According to all these words and

according to all this vision, so Nathan

'And I have been with you wherever you spoke to David. have gone,  
and have cut off all your

enemies from before you, and have <sup>1</sup> ' Then King David went in and  
sat made you a great name, like the name before the LORD; and he  
said: "Who am

of the great men who are on the earth. I, O Lord GOD? And what is  
my house,

that You have brought me this far?

<sup>10</sup>Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant  
them, that <sup>1</sup> ' And yet this was a small thing in Your they may dwell in  
a place of their own sight, O Lord GOD; and You have also

and move no more; nor shall the sons of spoken of Your servant's  
house for a

wickedness oppress them anymore, as great while to come. Is this the  
manner

previously, of man, O Lord GOD?

<sup>20</sup>Now what more can David say to You? found it in his heart to pray  
this prayer to

For You, Lord GOD, know Your servant. You.

<sup>22</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup> 'And now, O Lord GOD, You are God,

For Your word's sake, and according

to Your own heart, You have done all and Your words are true, and  
You have

these great things, to make Your promised this goodness to Your  
servant.

servant know them.

<sup>2</sup> ' Now therefore, let it please You to

22Therefore You are great, O Lord GOD. bless the house of Your  
servant, that it

For there is none like You, nor is there may continue before You  
forever; for

any God besides You, according to all You, O Lord GOD, have spoken  
it, and

that we have heard with our ears. with Your blessing let the house of  
Your

servant be blessed forever."

23And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the earth  
whom God

went to redeem for Himself as a people, 8After this it came to pass  
that David

to make for Himself a name--and to do

attacked the Philistines and subdued

for Yourself great and awesome deeds them. And David took Metheg  
Ammah

for Your land--before Your people whom

from the hand of the Philistines.

You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt,

the nations, and their gods? 2

Then he defeated Moab. Forcing them

2 down to the ground, he measured them 4For You have made Your  
people Israel

off with a line. With two lines he

Your very own people forever; and You, measured off those to be put  
to death,



LORD, have become their God. and with one full line those to be kept

<sup>2</sup> alive. So the Moabites became David's <sup>5</sup> Now, O LORD God, the word which

servants, and brought tribute.

You have spoken concerning Your

servant and concerning his house, <sup>3</sup>David also defeated Hadadezer the son

establish it forever and do as You have

of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to

said. recover his territory at the River

<sup>2</sup> Euphrates.

6

So let Your name be magnified forever,

over Israel.' And let the house of Your chariots, seven hundred horsemen, and servant David be established before saying, "The LORD of hosts is the God <sup>4</sup> David took from him one thousand

twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also

You. David hamstringed all the chariot horses,

<sup>2</sup> except that he spared enough of them <sup>7</sup>For You, O LORD of hosts, God of

for one hundred chariots.

Israel, have revealed this to Your

servant, saying, "I will build you a <sup>5</sup>When the Syrians of Damascus came house.' Therefore Your servant has to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David

killed twenty-two thousand of the <sup>13</sup>And David made himself a name when Syrians. he returned from killing eighteen

thousand Syrians in the Valley of Salt.

<sup>6</sup>Then David put garrisons in Syria of

<sup>1</sup> 4

Damascus; and the Syrians became He also put garrisons in Edom;

David's servants, and brought tribute. throughout all Edom he put garrisons,

So the LORD preserved David wherever and all the Edomites became David's

he went. servants. And the LORD preserved

David wherever he went.

<sup>7</sup>And David took the shields of gold that

<sup>1</sup> 5

had belonged to the servants of So David reigned over all Israel; and

Hadadezer, and brought them to David administered judgment and Jerusalem. justice to all his people.

<sup>1</sup> 6

'Also from Betah and from Berothai, Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the

cities of Hadadezer, King David took a army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud

large amount of bronze. was recorder;

<sup>17</sup>

'When Toi king of Hamath heard that Zadok the son of Ahitub and

David had defeated all the army of Ahimelech the son of Abiathar  
were the

Hadadezer, priests; Seraiah was the scribe;

110 hen Toi sent Joram his son to King 8

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over

David, to greet him and bless him, both the Cherethites and the  
Pelethites;

because he had fought against and David's sons were chief ministers.  
Hadadezer and defeated him (for

Hadadezer had been at war with Toi);

and Joram brought with him articles of 9Now David said, "Is there  
still anyone

silver, articles of gold, and articles of

bronze. who is left of the house of Saul, that I

may show him kindness for Jonathan's

1 sake?" 1

King David also dedicated these to the

LORD, along with the silver and gold 2 that he had dedicated from all  
the And there was a servant of the house

nations which he had subdued-- of Saul whose name was Ziba. So  
when

they had called him to David, the king

1 said to him, "Are you Ziba?" He said, "At 2

from Syria, from Moab, from the

your service!"

people of Ammon, from the Philistines,

from Amalek, and from the spoil of 3Then the king said, "Is there not still

Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of

Zobah. someone of the house of Saul, to whom

I may show the kindness of God?" And

Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son

of Jonathan who is lame in his feet."

4So the king said to him, "Where is he?" commanded his servant, so will your

And Ziba said to the king, "Indeed he is servant do." "As for Mephibosheth," said

in the house of Machir the son of the king, "he shall eat at my table like

Ammiel, in Lo Debar." one of the king's sons."

5 1 2

Then King David sent and brought him Mephibosheth had a young son whose

out of the house of Machir the son of name was Micha. And all who dwelt in

Ammiel, from Lo Debar. the house of Ziba were servants of

Mephibosheth.

6Now when Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to 1 3

So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem,

David, he fell on his face and prostrated for he ate continually at the king's table.

himself. Then David said, And he was lame in both his feet.  
"Mephibosheth?" And he answered,

"Here is your servant!"

7 1 Olt happened after this that the king

So David said to him, "Do not fear, for I

of the people of Ammon died, and

will surely show you kindness for

Hanun his son reigned in his place.

Jonathan your father's sake, and will

restore to you all the land of Saul your 2 Then David said, "I will show  
kindness grandfather; and you shall eat bread at to Hanun the son of  
Nahash, as his my table continually." father showed kindness to me."  
So 8 David sent by the hand of his servants

Then he bowed himself, and said, to comfort him concerning his  
father.

"What is your servant, that you should And David's servants came into  
the land

look upon such a dead dog as I?" of the people of Ammon.

servant, and said to him, "I have given And the king called to Ziba,  
Saul's 3And the princes of the people of Ammon said to Hanun their  
lord, "Do to your master's son all that belonged to you think that  
David really honors your Saul and to all his house. father because he  
has sent comforters

1 to you? Has David not rather sent his 0 You therefore, and your sons  
and your servants to you to search the city, to spy

servants, shall work the land for him, it out, and to overthrow it?"  
and you shall bring in the harvest, that

your master's son may have food to eat. <sup>4</sup> Therefore Hanun took David's servants, But Mephibosheth your master's son shaved off half of their beards, cut off shall eat bread at my table always." Now their garments in the middle, at their Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty buttocks, and sent them away. servants.

<sup>1</sup> Then Ziba said to the king, "According <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>When they told David, he sent to meet

them, because the men were greatly

to all that my lord the king has ashamed. And the king said, "Wait at

Jericho until your beards have grown, <sup>13</sup>So Joab and the people who were with and then return." him drew near for the battle against the

Syrians, and they fled before him.

<sup>6</sup>When the people of Ammon saw that

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

they had made themselves repulsive to When the people of Ammon saw that

David, the people of Ammon sent and the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled

hired the Syrians of Beth Rehob and the before Abishai, and entered the city. So

Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand foot Joab returned from the people of

soldiers; and from the king of Maacah Ammon and went to Jerusalem. one thousand men, and from Ish-Tob

twelve thousand men. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>When the Syrians saw that they had

been defeated by Israel, they gathered

<sup>7</sup>Now when David heard of it, he sent together. Joab and all the army of the mighty men.

'Then the people of Ammon came out the Syrians who were beyond the River,

and put themselves in battle array at the and they came to Helam. And Shobach

entrance of the gate. And the Syrians of the commander of Hadadezer's army

Zoba, Beth Rehob, Ish-Tob, and went before them. Maacah were by themselves in the field.

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When it was told David, he gathered

'When Joab saw that the battle line was all Israel, crossed over the Jordan, and

against him before and behind, he came to Helam. And the Syrians set chose some of Israel's best and put themselves in battle array against David

them in battle array against the Syrians. and fought with him.

1 1 0And the rest of the people he put 8Then the Syrians fled before Israel; under the command of Abishai his and David killed seven hundred

brother, that he might set them in battle charioteers and forty thousand array against the people of Ammon. horsemen of the Syrians, and struck

Shobach the commander of their army,

11 who died there.

Then he said, "If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me;

but if the people of Ammon are too 1' And when all the kings who

were strong for you, then I will come and help servants to Hadadezer saw that they

you. were defeated by Israel, they made

peace with Israel and served them. So

12 the Syrians were afraid to help the

Be of good courage, and let us be

strong for our people and for the cities of people of Ammon anymore. our God. And may the LORD do what is

good in His sight."

1 1 It happened in the spring of the

year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his 9But Uriah slept at the door of the king's servants with him, and all Israel; and house with all the servants of his lord,

they destroyed the people of Ammon and did not go down to his house. and besieged Rabbah. But David

remained at Jerusalem. 0 1So when they told David, saying,

"Uriah did not go down to his house,"

2Then it happened one evening that David said to Uriah, "Did you not come

David arose from his bed and walked on from a journey? Why did you not go

the roof of the king's house. And from down to your house?" the roof he saw a woman bathing, and

the woman was very beautiful to behold. 1 1And Uriah said to David, "The ark and

Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents,

3

So David sent and inquired about the and my lord Joab and the servants of



woman. And someone said, "Is this not my lord are encamped in the open fields.

Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the Shall I then go to my house to eat and

wife of Uriah the Hittite?" drink, and to lie with my wife? As you

live, and as your soul lives, I will not do

4 this thing." Then David sent messengers, and took

her; and she came to him, and he lay 2Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here

with her, for she was cleansed from her 1 impurity; and she returned to her house. today also, and tomorrow I will let you

depart." So Uriah remained in

5 Jerusalem that day and the next. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with

child." 1 3Now when David called him, he ate

and drank before him; and he made him

6 drunk. And at evening he went out to lie Then David sent to Joab, saying, "Send

me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent on his bed with the servants of his lord,

Uriah to David. but he did not go down to his house.

7 14 n the morning it happened that David

When Uriah had come to him, David

asked how Joab was doing, and how wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the

the people were doing, and how the war hand of Uriah. prospered.

And he wrote in the letter, saying, "Set

'And David said to Uriah, "Go down to Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle,

your house and wash your feet." So and retreat from him, that he may be

Uriah departed from the king's house, struck down and die." and a gift of food from the king followed

him. 1 6

So it was, while Joab besieged the city,  
that he assigned Uriah to a place where  
he knew there were valiant men.

17

Then the men of the city came out and this thing displease you, for the sword

fought with Joab. And some of the devours one as well as another.

people of the servants of David fell; and Strengthen your attack against the city,

Uriah the Hittite died also. and overthrow it.' So encourage him."

1 2 6

' Then Joab sent and told David all the When the wife of Uriah heard that

things concerning the war, Uriah her husband was dead, she

mourned for her husband.

1' and charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling the 2 7And when her mourning was over, matters of the war to the king, David sent and brought her to his house,

and she became his wife and bore him a

20 if it happens that the king's wrath rises, son. But the thing that David had done

and he says to you: "Why did you displeased the LORD. approach so near to the city when you

fought? Did you not know that they

would shoot from the wall? 1 2Then the LORD sent Nathan to

2 David. And he came to him, and said to 1 Who struck Abimelech the son of him: "There were two men in one city,

Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who one rich and the other poor. cast a piece of a millstone on him from

Why did you go near the wall?'--then flocks and herds. you shall say, "Your servant Uriah the the wall, so that he died in Thebez? 2 The rich man had exceedingly many

Hittite is dead also." 3But the poor man had nothing, except

2 one little ewe lamb which he had bought 2

So the messenger went, and came

and nourished; and it grew up together

and told David all that Joab had sent by

with him and with his children. It ate of

him. his own food and drank from his own

2 cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like 3And the messenger said to David,

a daughter to him.

"Surely the men prevailed against us  
and came out to us in the field; then we <sup>4</sup>

And a traveler came to the rich man,  
drove them back as far as the entrance  
who refused to take from his own flock  
of the gate.

and from his own herd to prepare one

<sup>2</sup> for the wayfaring man who had come to <sup>4</sup> The archers shot from the  
wall at your him; but he took the poor man's lamb  
servants; and some of the king's and prepared it for the man who had  
servants are dead, and your servant come to him." Uriah the Hittite is  
dead also."

<sup>2</sup>

<sup>5</sup>Then David said to the messenger, <sup>5</sup>So David's anger was greatly  
aroused

against the man, and he said to Nathan,

"Thus you shall say to Joab: "Do not let "As the LORD lives, the man  
who has <sup>13</sup>So David said to Nathan, "I have done this shall surely die!  
sinned against the LORD." And Nathan

said to David, "The LORD also has put

<sup>6</sup> away your sin; you shall not die. And he shall restore fourfold for the  
lamb, because he did this thing and

because he had no pity." <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>However, because by this deed you

have given great occasion to the

7 enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the Then Nathan said to David,  
"You are

the man! Thus says the LORD God of child also who is born to you  
shall surely

Israel: "I anointed you king over Israel, die."

and I delivered you from the hand of 5Then Nathan departed to his  
house.

Saul. 1

And the LORD struck the child that

'I gave you your master's house and Uriah's wife bore to David, and it  
your master's wives into your keeping, became ill. and gave you the  
house of Israel and

16

Judah. And if that had been too little, I David therefore pleaded with  
God for

also would have given you much more! the child, and David fasted  
and went in

and lay all night on the ground.

'Why have you despised the

17

commandment of the LORD, to do evil So the elders of his house arose  
and

in His sight? You have killed Uriah the went to him, to raise him up  
from the

Hittite with the sword; you have taken ground. But he would not, nor  
did he eat

his wife to be your wife, and have killed food with them. him with the  
sword of the people of

Ammon. <sup>1</sup> 8 Then on the seventh day it came to

<sup>1</sup> servants of David were afraid to tell him

0 Now therefore, the sword shall never pass that the child died. And the

depart from your house, because you that the child was dead. For they said,

have despised Me, and have taken the "Indeed, while the child was alive, we

wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.' spoke to him, and he would not heed

our voice. How can we tell him that the

<sup>11</sup> child is dead? He may do some harm!"

Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will

raise up adversity against you from your

own house; and I will take your wives <sup>1</sup>' When David saw that his servants before your eyes and give them to your were whispering, David perceived that

neighbor, and he shall lie with your the child was dead. Therefore David

wives in the sight of this sun. said to his servants, "Is the child dead?"

And they said, "He is dead."

<sup>12</sup> For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun." <sup>2</sup> 0 So David arose from the ground,

washed and anointed himself, and

changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. <sup>2</sup>' So David gathered all the people Then he went to his own house; and together and went to Rabbah, fought

when he requested, they set food before against it, and took it. him,

and he ate.

3 0

Then he took their king's crown from

21

Then his servants said to him, "What is his head. Its weight was a talent of gold,

this that you have done? You fasted and with precious stones. And it was set on

wept for the child while he was alive, but David's head. Also he brought out the

when the child died, you arose and ate spoil of the city in great abundance. food."

31 And he brought out the people who

22 And he said, "While the child was alive, were in it, and put them to work with

I fasted and wept; for I said, "Who can saws and iron picks and iron axes, and

tell whether the LORD will be gracious made them cross over to the brick works.

to me, that the child may live?' So he did to all the cities of the people

of Ammon. Then David and all the

23 people returned to Jerusalem.

But now he is dead; why should I fast?

Can I bring him back again? I shall go to

him, but he shall not return to me."

1 3 After this Absalom the son of

24 Then David comforted Bathsheba his David had a lovely sister, whose name

wife, and went in to her and lay with her. was Tamar; and Amnon the son of So she bore a son, and he called his David loved her. name Solomon. Now the LORD loved

him, 2

Amnon was so distressed over his

2 sister Tamar that he became sick; for 5 and He sent word by the hand of she was a virgin. And it was improper

Nathan the prophet: So he called his for Amnon to do anything to her. name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.

2 3But Amnon had a friend whose name

6Now Joab fought against Rabbah of was Jonadab the son of Shimeah,

the people of Ammon, and took the David's brother. Now Jonadab was a

royal city. very crafty man.

2 4 7 And Joab sent messengers to David, And he said to him, "Why are you, the and said, "I have fought against Rabbah, king's son, becoming thinner day after

and I have taken the city's water supply. day? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said

to him, "I love Tamar, my brother

2 Absalom's sister." ' Now therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the

city and take it, lest I take the city and it 5So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on be called after my name." your bed and pretend to be ill. And when

your father comes to see you, say to him, "Please let my sister Tamar come 13And I, where could I take my shame? and give me food, and prepare the food And as for you, you would be like one of



in my sight, that I may see it and eat it the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please

from her hand." speak to the king; for he will not withhold  
me from you."

6Then Amnon lay down and pretended 4However, he would not heed her

to be ill; and when the king came to see <sup>1</sup> him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let voice; and being stronger than she, he

Tamar my sister come and make a forced her and lay with her. couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I

may eat from her hand." <sup>1</sup> 5Then Amnon hated her exceedingly,

so that the hatred with which he hated

7And David sent home to Tamar, saying, her was greater than the love with which

"Now go to your brother Amnon's house, he had loved her. And Amnon said to

and prepare food for him." her, "Arise, be gone!"

8 16

So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's So she said to him, "No, indeed! This

house; and he was lying down. Then evil of sending me away is worse than

she took flour and kneaded it, made the other that you did to me." But he

cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. would not listen to her.

'And she took the pan and placed them <sup>1</sup> 7Then he called his servant who out before him, but he refused to eat. attended him, and said, "Here! Put this

Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go woman out, away from me, and bolt the

out from me." And they all went out from door behind her." him.

<sup>1</sup> 8Now she had on a robe of many colors,

<sup>10</sup>Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the for the king's virgin daughters wore such

food into the bedroom, that I may eat apparel. And his servant put her out and

from your hand." And Tamar took the bolted the door behind her. cakes which she had made, and brought

them to Amnon her brother in the <sup>1</sup> Then Tamar put ashes on her head, bedroom. and tore her robe of many colors that

was on her, and laid her hand on her

<sup>11</sup> Now when she had brought them to head and went away crying bitterly. him to eat, he took hold of her and said

to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister." <sup>2</sup> 0And Absalom her brother said to her,

<sup>1</sup> you? But now hold your peace, my

<sup>2</sup>But she answered him, "No, my "Has Amnon your brother been with

brother, do not force me, for no such sister. He is your brother; do not take

thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this thing to heart." So Tamar remained

this disgraceful thing! desolate in her brother Absalom's house. <sup>21</sup>

But when King David heard of all these Then all the king's sons arose, and each

things, he was very angry. one got on his mule and fled.

22 30 And it came to pass, while they were

And Absalom spoke to his brother

Amnon neither good nor bad. For on the way, that news came to David,

Absalom hated Amnon, because he had saying, "Absalom has killed all the king's forced his sister Tamar. sons, and not one of them is left!"

23 31

And it came to pass, after two full So the king arose and tore his years, that Absalom had sheepshearers garments and lay on the ground, and all

in Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim; his servants stood by with their clothes

so Absalom invited all the king's sons. torn.

2 3 4 Then Absalom came to the king and 2 Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, said, "Kindly note, your servant has David's brother, answered and said, "Let sheepshearers; please, let the king and not my lord suppose they have killed all

his servants go with your servant." the young men, the king's sons, for only

Amnon is dead. For by the command of

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my Absalom this has been determined from

son, let us not all go now, lest we be a the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

burden to you." Then he urged him, but 33Now therefore, let not my lord the king

he would not go; and he blessed him.

take the thing to his heart, to think that

26 all the king's sons are dead. For only Then Absalom said, "If not, please let

my brother Amnon go with us." And the Amnon is dead."

king said to him, "Why should he go with 4Then Absalom fled. And the young

you?" 3

man who was keeping watch lifted his

27But Absalom urged him; so he let eyes and looked, and there, many

Amnon and all the king's sons go with people were coming from the road on

him. the hillside behind him.

2 35And Jonadab said to the king, "Look, 8Now Absalom had commanded his

servants, saying, "Watch now, when the king's sons are coming; as your

Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and servant said, so it is." when I say to you, "Strike Amnon!" then

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kill him. Do not be afraid. Have I not So it was, as soon as he had finished

commanded you? Be courageous and speaking, that the king's sons indeed

valiant." came, and they lifted up their voice and

wept. Also the king and all his servants

2 wept very bitterly. ' So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded.

37But Absalom fled and went to Talmai them, but the one struck the other and

the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. killed him. And David mourned for his son every

day. 7 And now the whole family has risen up

38So against your maidservant, and they said,

Absalom fled and went to Geshur, "Deliver him who struck his brother, that

and was there three years. we may execute him for the life of his

brother whom he killed; and we will

3 destroy the heir also.' So they would ' And King David longed to go to

Absalom. For he had been comforted extinguish my ember that is left, and

concerning Amnon, because he was leave to my husband neither name nor

dead. remnant on the earth."

8Then the king said to the woman, "Go

1 to your house, and I will give orders 4So Joab the son of Zeruiah

perceived that the king's heart was concerning you."

concerned about Absalom. 'And the woman of Tekoa said to the

2 king, "My lord, O king, let the iniquity be

And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought on me and on my father's house,  
and

from there a wise woman, and said to the king and his throne be  
guiltless." her, "Please pretend to be a mourner,

and put on mourning apparel; do not 1 0So the king said, "Whoever  
says anoint yourself with oil, but act like a anything to you, bring him  
to me, and he woman who has been mourning a long shall not touch  
you anymore." time for the dead.

3 1 1Then she said, "Please let the king

Go to the king and speak to him in this

remember the LORD your God, and do

manner." So Joab put the words in her

mouth. not permit the avenger of blood to

destroy anymore, lest they destroy my

4 son." And he said, "As the LORD lives,

And when the woman of Tekoa spoke not one hair of your son shall  
fall to the

to the king, she fell on her face to the ground." ground and prostrated  
herself, and said,

"Help, O king!" 1 2Therefore the woman said, "Please, let 5 your  
maidservant speak another word to

Then the king said to her, "What my lord the king." And he said, "Say  
on."

troubles you?" And she answered,

"Indeed I am a widow, my husband is <sup>1</sup> 3So the woman said: "Why then have dead. you schemed such a thing against the <sup>6</sup> people of God? For the king speaks this

Now your maidservant had two sons;

thing as one who is guilty, in that the

and the two fought with each other in

the field, and there was no one to part king does not bring his banished one <sup>2</sup> 0To bring about this change of affairs home again. your servant Joab has done this thing;

but my lord is wise, according to the

<sup>14</sup> wisdom of the angel of God, to know

For we will surely die and become like

water spilled on the ground, which everything that is in the earth." cannot be gathered up again. Yet God

<sup>2</sup> 1

does not take away a life; but He And the king said to Joab, "All right, I

devises means, so that His banished have granted this thing. Go therefore,

ones are not expelled from Him. bring back the young man Absalom."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 5Now therefore, I have come to speak <sup>2</sup> Then Joab fell to the ground on his of this thing to my lord the king because face and bowed himself, and thanked

the people have made me afraid. And the king. And Joab said, "Today your

your maidservant said, "I will now speak servant knows that I have

found favor in

to the king; it may be that the king will your sight, my lord, O king, in that the

perform the request of his maidservant. king has fulfilled the request of his

servant."

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For the king will hear and deliver his

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maidservant from the hand of the man So Joab arose and went to Geshur,

who would destroy me and my son and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. together from the inheritance of God.'

2 4And the king said, "Let him return to

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Your maidservant said, "The word of his own house, but do not let him see

my lord the king will now be comforting; my face." So Absalom returned to his

for as the angel of God, so is my lord own house, but did not see the king's

the king in discerning good and evil. And face. may the LORD your God be with you."

2 5Now in all Israel there was no one who

18Then the king answered and said to was praised as much as Absalom for his

the woman, "Please do not hide from good looks. From the sole of his foot to

me anything that I ask you." And the the crown of his head there was



no

woman said, "Please, let my lord the blemish in him. king speak."

2 6And when he cut the hair of his head--

1 ' So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab at the end of every year he cut it

with you in all this?" And the woman because it was heavy on him--when he

answered and said, "As you live, my lord cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at

the king, no one can turn to the right two hundred shekels according to the

hand or to the left from anything that my king's standard. lord the king has spoken. For your

servant Joab commanded me, and he 2 7To Absalom were born three sons, and put all these words in the mouth of your one daughter whose name was Tamar.

maidservant.

She was a woman of beautiful 2Now Absalom would rise early and appearance. stand beside the way to the gate. So it

was, whenever anyone who had a

2 lawsuit came to the king for a decision, ' And Absalom dwelt two full years in

Jerusalem, but did not see the king's that Absalom would call to him and say,

face. "What city are you from?" And he would

say, "Your servant is from such and

2 such a tribe of Israel." ' Therefore

Absalom sent for Joab, to

send him to the king, but he would not 3Then Absalom would say to him, "Look,

come to him. And when he sent again

the second time, he would not come. your case is good and right; but there is

no deputy of the king to hear you."

30So he said to his servants, "See, 4 Joab's field is near mine, and he has Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that

barley there; go and set it on fire." And I were made judge in the land, and

Absalom's servants set the field on fire. everyone who has any suit or cause

would come to me; then I would give

31 him justice."

Then Joab arose and came to

Absalom's house, and said to him, "Why 5And so it was, whenever anyone came have your servants set my field on fire?"

near to bow down to him, that he would

32And Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I put out his hand and take him and kiss

him.

sent to you, saying, "Come here, so that

I may send you to the king, to say, "Why 6 In this manner Absalom acted toward have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still." Now all Israel who came to the king for

therefore, let me see the king's face; but judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts

if there is iniquity in me, let him execute of the men of Israel. me."

7Now it came to pass after forty years

33 that Absalom said to the king, "Please, So Joab went to the king and told him.

And when he had called for Absalom, he let me go to Hebron and pay the vow

came to the king and bowed himself on which I made to the LORD. his face to the ground before the king.

Then the king kissed Absalom. 8For your servant took a vow while I

dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, "If the

LORD indeed brings me back to

1 Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD." 5After this it happened that

Absalom provided himself with chariots 'And the king said to him, "Go in peace." and horses, and fifty men to run before

So he arose and went to Hebron.

him.

11 0Then Absalom sent spies throughout 8Then all his servants passed before all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon him; and all the Cherethites, all the

as you hear the sound of the trumpet, Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six

then you shall say, "Absalom reigns in hundred men who had followed him

Hebron!" from Gath, passed before the king.

And with Absalom went two hundred ' Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite,

men invited from Jerusalem, and they "Why are you also going with us?

went along innocently and did not know Return and remain with the king. For

anything. you are a foreigner and also an exile

from your own place.

12 Then Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his 20 n fact, you came only yesterday. city--from Giloh--while he offered Should I make you wander up and down sacrifices. And the conspiracy grew with us today, since I go I know not

strong, for the people with Absalom where? Return, and take your brethren

continually increased in number. back. Mercy and truth be with you."

12 3 1 But Ittai answered the king and said, Now a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the

are with Absalom." king lives, surely in whatever place my

lord the king shall be, whether in death

14 or life, even there also your servant will

So David said to all his servants who

were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and be." let us flee, or we shall not escape from

Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he So David said to Ittai, "Go, and cross

overtake us suddenly and bring disaster over." Then Ittai the Gittite and all his

upon us, and strike the city with the men and all the little ones who were with

edge of the sword." him crossed over.

12 And the king's servants said to the king, "We are your servants, ready to do voice, and all the people crossed over.

whatever my lord the king commands." The king himself also crossed over the

Brook Kidron, and all the people

16 crossed over toward the way of the

Then the king went out with all his household after him. But the king left ten wilderness.

women, concubines, to keep the house. 4 There was Zadok also, and all the

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17 And the king went out with all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the

people after him, and stopped at the covenant of God. And they set down the

outskirts. ark of God, and Abiathar went up until

all the people had finished crossing over from the city.

25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry 33 David said to him, "If you go on with

the ark of God back into the city. If I find me, then you will become a burden to

favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will me. bring me back and show me both it and

His dwelling place. 34 But if you return to the city, and say to

Absalom, "I will be your servant, O king;

26 But if He says thus: "I have no delight as I was your father's servant previously,

in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as so I will now also be your servant,' then

seems good to Him." you may defeat the counsel of

Ahithophel for me.

27The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Return to the city in 35And do you not have Zadok and

peace, and your two sons with you, Abiathar the priests with you there?

Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the Therefore it will be that whatever you

son of Abiathar. hear from the king's house, you shall tell

to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

2 ' See, I will wait in the plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to 3 6 ndeed they have there with them their inform me." two sons, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and

Jonathan, Abiathar's son; and by them

29Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried you shall send me everything you hear."

the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And 37So they remained there. Hushai, David's friend, went into

the city. And Absalom came into

30 Jerusalem. So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went

up; and he had his head covered and

went barefoot. And all the people who 1 6When David was a little past the were with him covered their heads and

top of the mountain, there was Ziba the

went up, weeping as they went up. servant of Mephibosheth, who met him

3 with a couple of saddled donkeys, and 1 Then someone told David, saying, on them two hundred loaves of bread,

"Ahithophel is among the conspirators one hundred clusters of raisins, one

with Absalom." And David said, "O hundred summer fruits, and a skin of

LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of wine. Ahithophel into foolishness!"

2 And the king said to Ziba, "What do you

32Now it happened when David had mean to do with these?" So Ziba said,

come to the top of the mountain, where "The donkeys are for the king's

he worshiped God--there was Hushai household to ride on, the bread and

the Archite coming to meet him with his summer fruit for the young men to eat,

robe torn and dust on his head. and the wine for those who are faint in

the wilderness to drink."

3Then the king said, "And where is your him curse, because the LORD has said

master's son?" And Ziba said to the king, to him, "Curse David.' Who then shall

"Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for say, "Why have you done so?" he said, "Today the house of Israel will

restore the kingdom of my father to me." <sup>1</sup> And David said to Abishai and all his

servants, "See how my son who came

<sup>4</sup>So the king said to Ziba, "Here, all that from my own body seeks my life. How

belongs to Mephibosheth is yours." And much more now may this Benjamite?

Ziba said, "I humbly bow before you, Let him alone, and let him curse; for so

that I may find favor in your sight, my the LORD has ordered him. lord, O king!"

<sup>1</sup> 2

It may be that the LORD will look on

<sup>5</sup>Now when King David came to Bahurim, my affliction, and that the LORD will

there was a man from the family of the repay me with good for his cursing this

house of Saul, whose name was Shimei day." the son of Gera, coming from there. He

came out, cursing continuously as he <sup>13</sup>And as David and his men went along came. the road, Shimei went along the hillside

opposite him and cursed as he went,

<sup>6</sup>And he threw stones at David and at all threw stones at him and kicked up dust.



the servants of King David. And all the

people and all the mighty men were on 1 4Now the king and all the people who his right hand and on his left. were with him became weary; so they

refreshed themselves there.

7Also Shimei said thus when he cursed:

"Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty 1 5Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, man, you rogue! the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem;

and Ahithophel was with him.

8The LORD has brought upon you all

the blood of the house of Saul, in whose 1 6And so it was, when Hushai the place you have reigned; and the LORD Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, has delivered the kingdom into the hand that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live

of Absalom your son. So now you are the king! Long live the king!" caught in your own evil, because you

are a bloodthirsty man!" 1 7So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this

your loyalty to your friend? Why did you

"Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to not go with your friend?" the king, "Why should this dead dog

curse my lord the king? Please, let me 18And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but go over and take off his head!"

whom the LORD and this people and all

1 the men of Israel choose, his I will be, 0But the king said, "What have I to do

and with him I will remain.

with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let 1 4 9 'Furthermore, whom should I serve? And the saying pleased Absalom and

Should I not serve in the presence of his all the elders of Israel. son?  
As I have served in your father's

presence, so will I be in your presence." <sup>5</sup>Then Absalom said, "Now call  
Hushai

the Archite also, and let us hear what he

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Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, says too."

"Give advice as to what we should do."

<sup>6</sup>And when Hushai came to Absalom,

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And Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go Absalom spoke to him, saying,  
in to your father's concubines, whom he "Ahithophel has spoken in  
this manner.

has left to keep the house; and all Israel Shall we do as he says? If not,  
speak

will hear that you are abhorred by your up." father. Then the hands of  
all who are

with you will be strong." <sup>7</sup>So Hushai said to Absalom: "The

advice that Ahithophel has given is not

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So they pitched a tent for Absalom on good at this time.

the top of the house, and Absalom went

in to his father's concubines in the sight <sup>8</sup>For," said Hushai, "you know  
your of all Israel. father and his men, that they are mighty

men, and they are enraged in their

<sup>23</sup>Now the advice of Ahithophel, which minds, like a bear robbed of  
her cubs in

he gave in those days, was as if one the field; and your father is a man

of war,

had inquired at the oracle of God. So and will not camp with the people. was all the advice of Ahithophel both

with David and with Absalom. 'Surely by now he is hidden in some pit,

or in some other place. And it will be,

when some of them are overthrown at

17 the first, that whoever hears it will say, Moreover Ahithophel said to

"There is a slaughter among the people

Absalom, "Now let me choose twelve

who follow Absalom.'

thousand men, and I will arise and

pursue David tonight. 10And even he who is valiant, whose 2 heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt

1 will come upon him while he is weary

completely. For all Israel knows that

and weak, and make him afraid. And all

your father is a mighty man, and those

the people who are with him will flee,

who are with him are valiant men.

and I will strike only the king.

3Then I will bring back all the people to 11Therefore I advise that all Israel be

fully gathered to you, from Dan to  
you. When all return except the man  
Beersheba, like the sand that is by the  
whom you seek, all the people will be at  
sea for multitude, and that you go to  
peace."  
battle in person.

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So we will come upon him in some Bahurim, who had a well in his  
court;  
place where he may be found, and we and they went down into it.  
will fall on him as the dew falls on the  
ground. And of him and all the men who 1' Then the woman took and  
spread a are with him there shall not be left so covering over the  
well's mouth, and  
much as one. spread ground grain on it; and the thing  
was not known.

13Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, then all Israel shall bring  
ropes to 2 0And when Absalom's servants came to that city; and we  
will pull it into the river, the woman at the house, they said,  
until there is not one small stone found "Where are Ahimaaz and  
Jonathan?" So  
there." the woman said to them, "They have

gone over the water brook." And when

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So Absalom and all the men of Israel they had searched and could  
not find  
said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite them, they returned to

Jerusalem. is better than the advice of Ahithophel."

For the LORD had purposed to defeat <sup>2</sup> 1 Now it came to pass, after they had the good advice of Ahithophel, to the departed, that they came up out of the

intent that the LORD might bring well and went and told King David, and

disaster on Absalom. said to David, "Arise and cross over the

<sup>1</sup> advised against you." <sup>5</sup> Then Hushai said to Zadok and water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel

Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so

Ahithophel advised Absalom and the <sup>2</sup> So David and all the people who were elders of Israel, and thus and so I have with him arose and crossed over the

advised. Jordan. By morning light not one of

<sup>1</sup> the Jordan. <sup>6</sup> Now therefore, send quickly and tell them was left who had not gone over

David, saying, "Do not spend this night

in the plains of the wilderness, but <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Now when Ahithophel saw that his speedily cross over, lest the king and all advice was not followed, he saddled a

the people who are with him be donkey, and arose and went home to swallowed up." his house, to his city. Then he put his

household in order, and hanged himself,

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Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at and died; and he was buried in his

En Roget, for they dared not be seen father's tomb. coming into the

city; so a female servant

would come and tell them, and they <sup>2</sup> Then David went to Mahanaim. And would go and tell King David. Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he

and all the men of Israel with him.

<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told

Absalom. But both of them went away <sup>25</sup> And Absalom made Amasa captain of quickly and came to a man's house in the army instead of Joab. This Amasa

was the son of a man whose name was will they care about us. But you are

Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to worth ten thousand of us now. For you

Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of are now more help to us in the city." Zeruiah, Joab's mother.

<sup>4</sup> Then the king said to them, "Whatever

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So Israel and Absalom encamped in seems best to you I will do." So the king

the land of Gilead. stood beside the gate, and all the

people went out by hundreds and by

<sup>27</sup> thousands.

Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son

of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of <sup>5</sup> Now the king had commanded Joab, Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently

Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite for my sake with the young man from Rogelim, Absalom." And all the people heard

when the king gave all the captains

28brought beds and basins, earthen orders concerning Absalom.

vessels and wheat, barley and flour,

parched grain and beans, lentils and 6So the people went out into the field of parched seeds, battle against Israel. And the battle was

in the woods of Ephraim.

29honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who 7The people of Israel were overthrown were with him to eat. For they said, "The there before the servants of David, and

people are hungry and weary and thirsty a great slaughter of twenty thousand

in the wilderness." took place there that day.

8For the battle there was scattered over

1 the face of the whole countryside, and 8And David numbered the people

the woods devoured more people that

who were with him, and set captains of

day than the sword devoured.

thousands and captains of hundreds

over them. 9Then Absalom met the servants of 2 David. Absalom rode on a mule. The

Then David sent out one third of the

mule went under the thick boughs of a

people under the hand of Joab, one

great terebinth tree, and his head

third under the hand of Abishai the son

of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one caught in the terebinth; so he was left

third

hanging between heaven and earth.

under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And

And the mule which was under him went  
the king said to the people, "I also will

on.

surely go out with you myself."

3But the people answered, "You shall 1 0Now a certain man saw it and told

Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom  
not go out! For if we flee away, they will

hanging in a terebinth tree!"

not care about us; nor if half of us die,

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So Joab said to the man who told him, And to this day it is called  
Absalom's

"You just saw him! And why did you not Monument. strike him there  
to the ground? I would

have given you ten shekels of silver and 1' Then Ahimaaz the son of  
Zadok said, a belt." "Let me run now and take the news to

the king, how the LORD has avenged

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But the man said to Joab, "Though I him of his enemies."



were to receive a thousand shekels of

silver in my hand, I would not raise my 2 0

And Joab said to him, "You shall not

hand against the king's son. For in our take the news this day, for you shall

hearing the king commanded you and take the news another day. But today

Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Beware lest you shall take no news, because the

anyone touch the young man Absalom!' king's son is dead."

1 21 3 Otherwise I would have dealt falsely

Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go,

against my own life. For there is nothing tell the king what you have seen." So

hidden from the king, and you yourself the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and

would have set yourself against me." ran.

1 2 4 Then Joab said, "I cannot linger with

And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said

you." And he took three spears in his again to Joab, "But whatever happens,

hand and thrust them through Absalom's please let me also run after the

heart, while he was still alive in the Cushite." So Joab said, "Why will you

midst of the terebinth tree. run, my son, since you have no news

ready?"

15 And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, and struck 2 3 But whatever happens," he said, "let and killed him. me run." So he said to him, "Run." Then

Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and

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So Joab blew the trumpet, and the outran the Cushite.

people returned from pursuing Israel.

For Joab held back the people. 2 4

Now David was sitting between the  
two gates. And the watchman went up

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And they took Absalom and cast him to the roof over the gate, to the wall,

into a large pit in the woods, and laid a lifted his eyes and looked, and there

very large heap of stones over him. was a man, running alone. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent.

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1 the king. And the king said, "If he is

8Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken Then the watchman cried out and told

and set up a pillar for himself, which is in alone, there is news in his mouth." And

the King's Valley. For he said, "I have no he came rapidly and drew near. son to keep my name in remembrance."

He called the pillar after his own name.

26Then the watchman saw another man 33Then the king was deeply

moved, and

running, and the watchman called to the went up to the chamber over the gate,

gatekeeper and said, "There is another and wept. And as he went, he said thus:

man, running alone!" And the king said, "O my son Absalom--my son, my son

"He also brings news." Absalom--if only I had died in your

place! O Absalom my son, my son!"

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So the watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of

Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the 1 9And Joab was told, "Behold, the king said, "He is a good man, and king is weeping and mourning for

comes with good news."

Absalom."

2 ' So Ahimaaz called out and said to the

2So the victory that day was turned into

king, "All is well!" Then he bowed down mourning for all the people. For the

with his face to the earth before the king, people heard it said that day, "The king

and said, "Blessed be the LORD your

is grieved for his son."

God, who has delivered up the men who

raised their hand against my lord the king<sup>3</sup> And the people stole back into the city

king!"

that day, as people who are ashamed

<sup>2</sup> steal away when they flee in battle. ' The

king said, "Is the young man

Absalom safe?" Ahimaaz answered, <sup>4</sup> "When Joab sent the king's servant and But the king covered his face, and the

me your servant, I saw a great tumult, king cried out with a loud voice, "O my

but I did not know what it was about." son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my

son!"

<sup>30</sup> And the king said, "Turn aside and <sup>5</sup> Then Joab came into the house to the stand here." So he turned aside and stood still. king, and said, "Today you have

disgraced all your servants who today

<sup>31</sup> I have saved your life, the lives of your Just then the Cushite came, and the sons and daughters, the lives of your Cushite said, "There is good news, my wives and the lives of your concubines, lord the king! For the LORD has

avenged you this day of all those who <sup>6</sup> rose against you." in that you love your enemies and hate

your friends. For you have declared

32 today that you regard neither princes And the king said to the Cushite, "Is nor servants; for today I perceive that if the young man Absalom safe?" So the Absalom had lived and all of us had died Cushite answered, "May the enemies of today, then it would have pleased you

my lord the king, and all who rise well. against you to do harm, be like that

young man!" 7

Now therefore, arise, go out and speak

comfort to your servants. For I swear by the LORD, if you do not go out, not one man, so that they sent this word to the

will stay with you this night. And that will king: "Return, you and all your

be worse for you than all the evil that servants!" has befallen you from your youth until

now." 1 5Then the king returned and came to

the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal,

8Then the king arose and sat in the gate. to go to meet the king, to escort the king

And they told all the people, saying, across the Jordan. "There is the king, sitting in the gate." So

all the people came before the king. For 1 6And Shimei the son of Gera, a everyone of Israel had fled to his tent. Benjamite, who was from Bahurim,

hurried and came down with the men of

'Now all the people were in a dispute Judah to meet King David. throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying,

"The king saved us from the hand of our 1 7There were a thousand men of enemies, he delivered us from the hand Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant

of the Philistines, and now he has fled of the house of Saul, and his

fifteen

from the land because of Absalom. sons and his twenty servants with him;

<sup>1</sup> the king. <sup>0</sup>But Absalom, whom we anointed over and they went over the Jordan before

us, has died in battle. Now therefore,

why do you say nothing about bringing <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then a ferryboat went across to carry back the king?" over the king's household, and to do

what he thought good. Now Shimei the

<sup>11</sup>

So King David sent to Zadok and son of Gera fell down before the king

Abiathar the priests, saying, "Speak to when he had crossed the Jordan. the elders of Judah, saying, "Why are

you the last to bring the king back to his <sup>1</sup> ' Then he said to the king, "Do not let house, since the words of all Israel have my lord impute iniquity to me, or

come to the king, to his very house? remember what wrong your servant did

on the day that my lord the king left

<sup>12</sup>

You are my brethren, you are my bone Jerusalem, that the king should take it to

and my flesh. Why then are you the last heart. to bring back the king?"

<sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>

For I, your servant, know that I have

<sup>13</sup> And say to Amasa, "Are you not my sinned. Therefore here I am, the first to

bone and my flesh? God do so to me, come today of all the house of Joseph to

and more also, if you are not go down to meet my lord the king." commander of the army before me

continually in place of Joab.'" 2 1But Abishai the son of Zeruiah

answered and said, "Shall not Shimei be

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So he swayed the hearts of all the put to death for this, because he cursed

men of Judah, just as the heart of one the LORD's anointed?"

2 2 2

And David said, "What have I to do ' So the king said to him, "Why do you

with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you speak anymore of your matters? I have

should be adversaries to me today? said, "You and Ziba divide the land."

Shall any man be put to death today in

Israel? For do I not know that today I am 30

Then Mephibosheth said to the king,

king over Israel?" "Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch as

my lord the king has come back in

23Therefore the king said to Shimei, peace to his own house."

"You shall not die." And the king swore

to him. 31And Barzillai the Gileadite came down

2 Jordan with the king, to escort him

4Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul from Rogelim and went across the

came down to meet the king. And he across the Jordan. had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed

his mustache, nor washed his clothes, 32Now Barzillai was a very aged man,

from the day the king departed until the eighty years old. And he had provided

day he returned in peace. the king with supplies while he stayed at

Mahanaim, for he was a very rich man.

25

So it was, when he had come to

Jerusalem to meet the king, that the 33And the king said to Barzillai, "Come

king said to him, "Why did you not go across with me, and I will provide for

with me, Mephibosheth?" you while you are with me in

2

6And he answered, "My lord, O king, Jerusalem."

my servant deceived me. For your 34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How servant said, "I will saddle a donkey for long have I to live, that I should go up

myself, that I may ride on it and go to with the king to Jerusalem? the king,' because your servant is lame.

2 35 am today eighty years old. Can I 7 And he has slandered your servant to discern between the good and bad?

my lord the king, but my lord the king is Can your servant taste what I eat or

like the angel of God. Therefore do what what I drink? Can I hear any



longer the

is good in your eyes. voice of singing men and singing

women? Why then should your servant

2' For all my father's house were but be a further burden to my lord  
the king?

dead men before my lord the king. Yet

you set your servant among those who <sup>36</sup> our servant will go a little  
way across eat at your own table. Therefore what the Jordan with the  
king. And why

right have I still to cry out anymore to should the king repay me with  
such a

the king?" reward?

<sup>37</sup>Please let your servant turn back again, that I may die in my own  
city, near the grave of my father and mother. Judah were fiercer than  
the words of the

But here is your servant Chimham; let men of Israel. him cross over  
with my lord the king,

and do for him what seems good to

you." 2 OAnd there happened to be there a

3' And the king answered, "Chimham rebel, whose name was Sheba  
the son

of Bichri, a Benjamite. And he blew a

shall cross over with me, and I will do for trumpet, and said: "We have  
no share in

him what seems good to you. Now David, Nor do we have inheritance  
in

whatever you request of me, I will do for the son of Jesse; Every man

to his tents,  
you." O Israel!"

39 Then all the people went over the

2 So every man of Israel deserted David,  
Jordan. And when the king had crossed

and followed Sheba the son of Bichri.  
over, the king kissed Barzillai and

But the men of Judah, from the Jordan  
blessed him, and he returned to his own

as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to  
place.

their king.

40 3 Now David came to his house at

Now the king went on to Gilgal, and  
Chimham went on with him. And all the

Jerusalem. And the king took the ten  
people of Judah escorted the king, and

women, his concubines whom he had  
also half the people of Israel.

left to keep the house, and put them in

4 seclusion and supported them, but did 1 Just then all the men of  
Israel came to not go in to them. So they were shut up

the king, and said to the king, "Why to the day of their death, living in  
have our brethren, the men of Judah, widowhood. stolen you away  
and brought the king,  
his household, and all David's men with <sup>4</sup>

And the king said to Amasa, "Assemble  
him across the Jordan?"

the men of Judah for me within three  
  
<sup>4</sup> days, and be present here yourself." <sup>2</sup> So all the men of Judah  
answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is a <sup>5</sup>

So Amasa went to assemble the men  
close relative of ours. Why then are you  
of Judah. But he delayed longer than  
angry over this matter? Have we ever  
the set time which David had appointed  
eaten at the king's expense? Or has he  
him.  
given us any gift?"

<sup>4</sup>  
<sup>3</sup> And the men of Israel answered the <sup>6</sup> And David said to Abishai,  
"Now Sheba

the son of Bichri will do us more harm  
men of Judah, and said, "We have ten than Absalom. Take your lord's  
servants shares in the king; therefore we also  
and pursue him, lest he find for himself

have more right to David than you. Why

fortified cities, and escape us."

then do you despise us--were we not

the first to advise bringing back our

king?" Yet the words of the men of 7 14

So Joab's men, with the Cherethites, And he went through all the tribes of

the Pelethites, and all the mighty men, Israel to Abel and Beth Maachah and all

went out after him. And they went out of the Berites. So they were gathered

Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of together and also went after Sheba. Bichri.

1 5

Then they came and besieged him in

8When they were at the large stone Abel of Beth Maachah; and they cast up

which is in Gibeon, Amasa came before a siege mound against the city, and it

them. Now Joab was dressed in battle stood by the rampart. And all the people

armor; on it was a belt with a sword who were with Joab battered the wall to

fastened in its sheath at his hips; and as throw it down. he was going forward, it fell out.

16

Then a wise woman cried out from the

'Then Joab said to Amasa, "Are you in city, "Hear, hear! Please say to Joab,

health, my brother?" And Joab took "Come nearby, that I may speak with

Amasa by the beard with his right hand you." to kiss him.

17

When he had come near to her, the

10

But Amasa did not notice the sword woman said, "Are you Joab?"  
He

that was in Joab's hand. And he struck answered, "I am." Then she said to him,

him with it in the stomach, and his "Hear the words of your maidservant."

entrails poured out on the ground; and And he answered, "I am listening." he did not strike him again. Thus he

died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother 1 8So she spoke, saying, "They used to pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. talk in former times, saying, "They shall

surely seek guidance at Abel,' and so

11Meanwhile one of Joab's men stood they would end disputes.

near Amasa, and said, "Whoever favors

Joab and whoever is for David--follow 1 ' I am among the peaceable and faithful Joab!" in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and

a mother in Israel. Why would you

12 But Amasa wallowed in his blood in swallow up the inheritance of the

the middle of the highway. And when LORD?" the man saw that all the people stood

still, he moved Amasa from the highway 2 0And Joab answered and said, "Far be to the field and threw a garment over it, far be it from me, that I should

him, when he saw that everyone who swallow up or destroy! came upon him halted.

2 1That is not so. But a man from the

13When he was removed from the

mountains of Ephraim, Sheba the son of

highway, all the people went on after Bichri by name, has raised his hand

Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. against the king, against David. Deliver

him only, and I will depart from the city."

So the woman said to Joab, "Watch, his 3Therefore David said to the Gibeonites,

head will be thrown to you over the "What shall I do for you? And with what

wall." shall I make atonement, that you may

bless the inheritance of the LORD?"

22

Then the woman in her wisdom went

to all the people. And they cut off the 4And the Gibeonites said to him, "We head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and will have no silver or gold from Saul or

threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a from his house, nor shall you kill any

trumpet, and they withdrew from the city, man in Israel for us." So he said,

every man to his tent. So Joab returned "Whatever you say, I will do for you."

to the king at Jerusalem.

5Then they answered the king, "As for

And Joab was over all the army of the man who consumed us and plotted

Israel; Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was against us, that we should be destroyed

over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; from remaining in any of the territories of

Israel,

Adoram was in charge of revenue;

Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was let seven men of his descendants be recorder; delivered to us, and we will hang them

before the LORD in Gibeah of Saul,

25Sheva was scribe; Zadok and Abiathar whom the LORD chose." And the king

were the priests; said, "I will give them."

2 But the king spared Mephibosheth the and Ira the Jairite was a chief minister

under David. son of Jonathan, the son of Saul,

because of the LORD's oath that was

between them, between David and

Jonathan the son of Saul.

2 1 Now there was a famine in the

days of David for three years, year after 8So the king took Armoni and

year; and David inquired of the LORD. Mephibosheth, the two sons of Rizpah

And the LORD answered, "It is because the daughter of Aiah, whom she bore to

of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, Saul, and the five sons of Michal the

because he killed the Gibeonites." daughter of Saul, whom she brought up

2 for Adriel the son of Barzillai the

So the king called the Gibeonites and Meholathite;

spoke to them. Now the Gibeonites

were not of the children of Israel, but of 'and he delivered them into the hands of

the remnant of the Amorites; the the Gibeonites, and they hanged them

children of Israel had sworn protection on the hill before the LORD. So they fell,

to them, but Saul had sought to kill them all seven together, and were put to

in his zeal for the children of Israel and death in the days of harvest, in the first

Judah. days, in the beginning of barley harvest. 117 0Now Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took But Abishai the son of Zeruiah came to

sackcloth and spread it for herself on his aid, and struck the Philistine and

the rock, from the beginning of harvest killed him. Then the men of David swore

until the late rains poured on them from to him, saying, "You shall go out no

heaven. And she did not allow the birds more with us to battle, lest you quench



of the air to rest on them by day nor the the lamp of Israel." beasts of the field by night.

1 8Now it happened afterward that there

11And David was told what Rizpah the was again a battle with the Philistines at

daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite

had done. killed Saph, who was one of the sons of

the giant.

12

Then David went and took the bones

of Saul, and the bones of Jonathan his 1' Again there was war at Gob with the son, from the men of Jabesh Gilead who Philistines, where Elhanan the son of

had stolen them from the street of Beth Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed

Shan, where the Philistines had hung the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the

them up, after the Philistines had struck shaft of whose spear was like a

down Saul in Gilboa. weaver's beam.

1 2 3 0 et again there was war at Gath,

So he brought up the bones of Saul

and the bones of Jonathan his son from where there was a man of great stature,

there; and they gathered the bones of who had six fingers on each hand and

those who had been hanged. six toes on each foot, twenty-four in

number; and he also was born to the

14 giant.

They buried the bones of Saul and

Jonathan his son in the country of

2 1

Benjamin in Zelah, in the tomb of Kish So when he defied Israel,  
Jonathan

his father. So they performed all that the the son of Shimea, David's  
brother,

king commanded. And after that God killed him. heeded the prayer  
for the land.

2 These four were born to the giant in

15

When the Philistines were at war again Gath, and fell by the hand of  
David and

with Israel, David and his servants with by the hand of his servants.  
him went down and fought against the

Philistines; and David grew faint.

1 22Then David spoke to the LORD 6Then Ishbi-Benob, who was  
one of the

the words of this song, on the day when

sons of the giant, the weight of whose the LORD had delivered him  
from the

bronze spear was three hundred

hand of all his enemies, and from the

shekels, who was bearing a new sword, hand of Saul. thought he could  
kill David.

21 And he said: "The LORD is my rock 3From the brightness before  
Him Coals and my fortress and my deliverer; of fire were kindled.

3The God of my strength, in whom I will 1 44The LORD thundered  
from heaven, trust; My shield and the horn of my And the Most High  
uttered His voice.

salvation, My stronghold and my refuge;

My Savior, You save me from violence. 1 5He sent out arrows and  
scattered

them; Lightning bolts, and He

41 will call upon the LORD, who is worthy vanquished them. to be  
praised; So shall I be saved from

my enemies. 16Then the channels of the sea were

seen, The foundations of the world were

5 When the waves of death surrounded uncovered, At the rebuke of  
the LORD,

me, The floods of ungodliness made me At the blast of the breath of  
His nostrils.

afraid.

1 7 He sent from above, He took me, He

6The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; drew me out of many waters.  
The snares of death confronted me.

1 8He delivered me from my strong

7In my distress I called upon the LORD, enemy, From those who hated  
me; For

And cried out to my God; He heard my they were too strong for me.  
voice from His temple, And my cry

entered His ears. 1 ' They confronted me in the day of my

calamity, But the LORD was my support.

"Then the earth shook and trembled;

The foundations of heaven quaked and <sup>20</sup>He also brought me out into  
a broad were shaken, Because He was angry. place; He delivered me  
because He

delighted in me.

'Smoke went up from His nostrils, And

devouring fire from His mouth; Coals <sup>21</sup>4

'The LORD rewarded me according to  
were kindled by it. my righteousness; According to the

cleanness of my hands He has

<sup>10</sup> He bowed the heavens also, and recompensed me. came down  
With darkness under His

feet. <sup>2</sup> For I have kept the ways of the LORD,

And have not wickedly departed from

<sup>11</sup> He rode upon a cherub, and flew; And my God. He was seen upon  
the wings of the wind.

<sup>2</sup> 3

<sup>1</sup> And as for His statutes, I did not depart

<sup>2</sup>He made darkness canopies around For all His judgments were  
before me;

Him, Dark waters and thick clouds of the from them. skies.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>36</sup> <sup>4</sup> was also blameless before Him, And 'You have also given me the  
shield of

I kept myself from my iniquity. Your salvation; Your gentleness has

made me great.

<sup>25</sup>Therefore the LORD has recompensed me according to my <sup>37</sup> ou  
enlarged my path under me; So

righteousness, my feet did not slip. According to my

cleanness in His eyes. 84 have pursued my enemies and

3

26§4 destroyed them; Neither did I turn back

With the merciful You will show

Yourself merciful; With a blameless man again till they were  
destroyed. You will show Yourself blameless;

3' And I have destroyed them and

27 wounded them, So that they could not

with the pure You will show Yourself

pure; And with the devious You will rise; They have fallen under my  
feet.

show Yourself shrewd. 0For You have armed me with strength

4

28 ou will save the humble people; But for the battle; You have  
subdued under

Your eyes are on the haughty, that You me those who rose against me.

may bring them down. 1 ou have also given me the necks of

4

29 'For You are my lamp, O LORD; The my enemies, So that I  
destroyed those

LORD shall enlighten my darkness. who hated me.

30For by You I can run against a troop; 4 2They looked, but there was  
none to

By my God I can leap over a wall. save; Even to the LORD, but He  
did not

answer them.

31As for God, His way is perfect; The 4 3Then I beat them as fine as  
the dust of word of the LORD is proven; He is a shield to all who trust  
in Him. the earth; I trod them like dirt in the

streets, And I spread them out.

32 'For who is God, except the LORD? 4 4 'You have also delivered me  
from the And who is a rock, except our God?

strivings of my people; You have kept

33 me as the head of the nations. A people God is my strength and  
power, And He I have not known shall serve me. makes my way  
perfect.

4 5

34 The foreigners submit to me; As soon

He makes my feet like the feet of deer,

as they hear, they obey me.

And sets me on my high places.

35He teaches my hands to make war, So 4 6The foreigners fade away,  
And come

frightened from their hideouts.

that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.

4 5 7§ Although my house is not so with God, 'The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of Yet He has made with me an everlasting

my salvation! covenant, Ordered in all things and

secure. For this is all my salvation and

4 all my desire; Will He not make it ' It is God who avenges me, And subdues the peoples under me; increase?

4 6But the sons of rebellion shall all be as ' He delivers me from my enemies. You also lift me up above those who rise thorns thrust away, Because they

against me; You have delivered me from cannot be taken with hands. the violent man.

7But the man who touches them Must be

50Therefore I will give thanks to You, O armed with iron and the shaft of a spear,

LORD, among the Gentiles, And sing And they shall be utterly burned with fire

praises to Your name. in their place."

5 8 1These are the names of the mighty He is the tower of salvation to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To men whom David had: Josheb-

David Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief and his descendants

forevermore." among the captains. He was called

Adino the Eznite, because he had killed

eight hundred men at one time.

2 3Now these are the last words of 'And after him was Eleazar the son of

David. Thus says David the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three

Jesse; Thus says the man raised up on mighty men with David when they defied

high, The anointed of the God of Jacob, the Philistines who were gathered there

And the sweet psalmist of Israel: for battle, and the men of Israel had  
2 retreated.

The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me,

And His word was on my tongue. 10He arose and attacked the Philistines

3The God of Israel said, The Rock of until his hand was weary, and his hand

stuck to the sword. The LORD brought

Israel spoke to me: "He who rules over about a great victory that day; and the

men must be just, Ruling in the fear of people returned after him only to

God. plunder.

4 1 And he shall be like the light of the 1And after him was Shammah the son morning when the sun rises, A morning of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had

without clouds, Like the tender grass gathered together into a troop where

springing out of the earth, By clear there was a piece of ground full of



lentils.

shining after rain.' So the people fled from the Philistines. <sup>12</sup>

But he stationed himself in the middle captain. However, he did not attain to

of the field, defended it, and killed the the first three. Philistines. So the LORD brought about

a great victory. <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the

son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who

<sup>13</sup>

Then three of the thirty chief men went had done many deeds. He had killed

down at harvest time and came to David two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also

at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of had gone down and killed a lion in the

Philistines encamped in the Valley of midst of a pit on a snowy day. Rephaim.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>And he killed an Egyptian, a

<sup>14</sup>David was then in the stronghold, and spectacular man. The Egyptian had a

the garrison of the Philistines was then spear in his hand; so he went down to

in Bethlehem. him with a staff, wrested the spear out of

the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with

<sup>15</sup>And David said with longing, "Oh, that his own spear.

someone would give me a drink of the

water from the well of Bethlehem, which <sup>2</sup> These things Benaiah the son of is by the gate!" Jehoiada did, and won a name among

three mighty men.

16 So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, 2  
3 He was more honored than the thirty, drew water from the well of  
Bethlehem but he did not attain to the first three.

that was by the gate, and took it and And David appointed him over  
his guard.

brought it to David. Nevertheless he

would not drink it, but poured it out to 2 4

Asahel the brother of Joab was one of

the LORD. the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of

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7 And he said, "Far be it from me, O Bethlehem,

LORD, that I should do this! Is this not 2 5 Shammah the Harodite,  
Elika the the blood of the men who went in Harodite, jeopardy of  
their lives?" Therefore he

would not drink it. These things were 2 6 Helez the Paltite, Ira the son  
of Ikkeish done by the three mighty men.

the Tekoite,

1' Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the 7 Abiezer the Anathothite,  
Mebunnai the

2

son of Zeruiah, was chief of another Hushathite, three. He lifted his  
spear against three

hundred men, killed them, and won a 2 8 Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai  
the name among these three.

Netophathite,

<sup>1</sup> ' Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their  
<sup>29</sup>Heleb the son of Baanah (the Israel, from Dan to Beersheba, and

Netophathite), Ittai the son of Ribai from count the people, that I may  
know the

Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, number of the people."

<sup>30</sup>Benaiah a Pirathonite, Hiddai from the OAnd Joab said to the king,  
"Now may

brooks of Gaash, the LORD your God add to the people a

hundred times more than there are, and

<sup>31</sup>Abi-Albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the may the eyes of my lord the  
king see it.

Barhumite, But why does my lord the king desire

this thing?"

<sup>32</sup>Eliahba the Shaalbonite (of the sons of Jashen), Jonathan, <sup>4</sup>  
Nevertheless the king's word prevailed

against Joab and against the captains of

<sup>33</sup>Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son the army. Therefore Joab  
and the captains of the army went out from the of Sharar the Hararite,  
presence of the king to count the people

<sup>3</sup> of Israel. <sup>4</sup>Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite,  
Eliam the son of <sup>5</sup> Ahithophel the Gilonite, And they crossed over the  
Jordan and

camped in Aroer, on the right side of the

<sup>35</sup>Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, town which is in the midst  
of the ravine

of Gad, and toward Jazer.

36 gal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani 6 Then they came to Gilead and to the the Gadite, land of Tahtim Hodshi; they came to

37 Dan Jaan and around to Sidon; Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite (armorbearer of Joab the son 7

and they came to the stronghold of  
of Zeruiah),

Tyre and to all the cities of the Hivites

38 ra the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, and the Canaanites. Then they went out

to South Judah as far as Beersheba.

38 ' and Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all. So when they had gone through all the

land, they came to Jerusalem at the end  
of nine months and twenty days.

24 Again the anger of the LORD was

aroused against Israel, and He moved "Then Joab gave the sum of the number

David against them to say, "Go, number of the people to the king. And there

Israel and Judah." were in Israel eight hundred thousand

valiant men who drew the sword, and

2 the men of Judah were five hundred So the king said to Joab the

commander of the army who was with thousand men. him, "Now go

throughout all the tribes of <sup>10</sup>And David's heart condemned him of the LORD was by the threshing floor

after he had numbered the people. So of Araunah the Jebusite. David said to the LORD, "I have sinned

greatly in what I have done; but now, I <sup>17</sup>Then David spoke to the LORD when pray, O LORD, take away the iniquity of he saw the angel who was striking the

Your servant, for I have done very people, and said, "Surely I have sinned,

foolishly." and I have done wickedly; but these

<sup>1</sup> hand, I pray, be against me and against

<sup>1</sup>Now when David arose in the morning, sheep, what have they done? Let Your

the word of the LORD came to the my father's house." prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

<sup>1</sup> ' And Gad came that day to David and

<sup>12</sup> Go and tell David, "Thus says the

said to him, "Go up, erect an altar to the

LORD: "I offer you three things; choose LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah

one of them for yourself, that I may do it the Jebusite." to you. '

<sup>1</sup> So David, according to the word of

<sup>13</sup> So Gad came to David and told him; Gad, went up as the LORD commanded.

and he said to him, "Shall seven years

of famine come to you in your land? Or <sup>2</sup> 0Now Araunah looked, and saw the shall you flee three months before your king and his servants coming toward

enemies, while they pursue you? Or him. So Araunah went out and bowed

shall there be three days' plague in your before the king with his face to the

land? Now consider and see what ground. answer I should take back to Him who

sent me." 21

Then Araunah said, "Why has my lord

1 the king come to his servant?" And 4 And David said to Gad, "I am in great David said, "To buy the threshing floor

distress. Please let us fall into the hand from you, to build an altar to the LORD,

of the LORD, for His mercies are great; that the plague may be withdrawn from

but do not let me fall into the hand of the people." man."

1 So the LORD sent a plague upon lord the king take and offer up whatever

5 2 Now Araunah said to David, "Let my

Israel from the morning till the appointed seems good to him. Look, here are oxen

time. From Dan to Beersheba seventy for burnt sacrifice, and threshing thousand men of the people died. implements and the yokes of the oxen

for wood.

16And when the angel stretched out His hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, the 2 3All these, O king, Araunah has given LORD relented

from the destruction, to the king." And Araunah said to the

and said to the angel who was king, "May the LORD your God accept

destroying the people, "It is enough; you." now restrain your hand."

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the Jebusite, the Amorite, and the  
Girgashite;

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 1 5the Hivite, the Arkite, and the Sinite;

2Cainan, Mahalalel, Jared, 6the Arvadite, the Zemarite, and the

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3Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, Hamathite.

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4 The sons of Shem were Elam, Asshur,

Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. Arphaxad, Lud, Aram, Uz, Hut,  
Gether,

5 and Meshech.

The sons of Japheth were Gomer,

Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech, 1 8Arphaxad begot Shelah, and  
Shelah and Tiras. begot Eber.

6The sons of Gomer were Ashkenaz, 1

' To Eber were born two sons: the name

Diphath, and Togarmah. of one was Peleg, for in his days the

7 earth was divided; and his brother's

The sons of Javan were Elishah, name was Joktan.

Tarshishah, Kittim, and Rodanim.

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8 Joktan begot Almodad, Sheleph,

The sons of Ham were Cush, Mizraim, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

Put, and Canaan.

2 1Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah,

'The sons of Cush were Seba, Havilah,

Sabta, Raama, and Sabtecha. The sons 2 2Ebal, Abimael, Sheba, of  
Raama were Sheba and Dedan.

1 Ophir, Havilah, and Jobab. All these 0 2 3

Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a were the sons of Joktan.  
mighty one on the earth.

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1 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, 1Mizraim begot Ludim, Anamim,

Lehabim, Naphtuhim, 2 5Eber, Peleg, Reu,

12 athrusim, Casluhim (from whom 2 6 came the Philistines and the  
Caphtorim). Serug, Nahor, Terah,

2 7

1 and Abram, who is Abraham. 3

Canaan begot Sidon, his firstborn, and  
Heth;

24 ' The sons of Abraham were Isaac and 0The sons of Shobal were Alian, Ishmael. Manahath, Ebal, Shephi, and Onam.

The sons of Zibeon were Ajah and Anah.

29These are their genealogies: The firstborn of Ishmael was Nebajoth; then 41

The son of Anah was Dishon. The

Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, sons of Dishon were Hamran, Eshban,

Ithran, and Cheran.

30Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, 4 2

The sons of Ezer were Bilhan, Zaavan,

and Jaakan. The sons of Dishan were

31Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These Uz and Aran. were the sons of Ishmael.

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Now these were the kings who reigned

32Now the sons born to Keturah, in the land of Edom before a king

Abraham's concubine, were Zimran, reigned over the children of Israel: Beta

Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and the son of Beor, and the name of his city

Shuah. The sons of Jokshan were was Dinhabah. Sheba and Dedan.

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And when Bela died, Jobab the son of

33The sons of Midian were Ephah, Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his place.

Epher, Hanoah, Abida, and Eldaah. All 5When Jobab died, Husham of the land

these were the children of Keturah. 4

of the Temanites reigned in his place.

34And Abraham begot Isaac. The sons

of Isaac were Esau and Israel. 4 6And when Husham died, Hadad the

son of Bedad, who attacked Midian in

35The sons of Esau were Eliphaz, Reuel, the field of Moab, reigned in  
his place.

Jeush, Jaalam, and Korah. The name of his city was Avith.

36And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, 47When Hadad died, Samlah  
of Omar, Zephi, Gatam, and Kenaz; and Masrekah reigned in his place.  
by Timna, Amalek.

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And when Samlah died, Saul of

37 Rehoboth-by-the-River reigned in his

The sons of Reuel were Nahath, Zerah,

Shammah, and Mizzah. place.

3' The sons of Seir were Lotan, Shobal, 4' When Saul died, Baal-Hanan  
the son Zibeon, Anah, Dishon, Ezer, and Dishan. of Achbor reigned in  
his place.

39And the sons of Lotan were Hori and 50And when Baal-Hanan died,  
Hadad Homam; Lotan's sister was Timna. reigned in his place; and the  
name of his

city was Pai. His wife's name was Mehetabel the daughter of Matred,  
the 7The son of Carmi was Achar, the daughter of Mezahab. troubler of  
Israel, who transgressed in

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Hadad died also. And the chiefs of

Edom were Chief Timnah, Chief Aliah, 8The son of Ethan was Azariah.  
Chief Jetheth,

2 9Also the sons of Hezron who were born

5 Chief Aholibamah, Chief Elah, Chief to him were Jerahmeel, Ram,  
and

Pinon, Chelubai.

5 1 3Chief Kenaz, Chief Teman, Chief 0Ram begot Amminadab, and  
Mibzar, Amminadab begot Nahshon, leader of

the children of Judah;

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Chief Magdiel, and Chief tram. These

were the chiefs of Edom. 1 1Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma

begot Boaz;

1 2Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot

2 These were the sons of Israel:

Jesse;

Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,

Zebulun, 13 Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, 2 Abinadab the second,  
Shimea the third,

Dan, Joseph, Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad,

and Asher. 4Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth,

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3 The sons of Judah were Er, Onan, and 1 Shelah. These three were born to him Ozem the sixth, and David the seventh. 5

by the daughter of Shua, the

1 6

Canaanitess. Er, the firstborn of Judah, Now their sisters were Zeruiah and

was wicked in the sight of the LORD; so Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah were

He killed him. Abishai, Joab, and Asahel--three.

4 1 And Tamar, his daughter-in-law, bore 7Abigail bore Amasa; and the father of him Perez and Zerah. All the sons of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. Judah were five.

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Caleb the son of Hezron had children

5The sons of Perez were Hezron and by Azubah, his wife, and by Jerioth.

Hamul. Now these were her sons: Jeshar,

Shobab, and Ardon.

6The sons of Zerah were Zimri, Ethan, Heman, Calcol, and Dara--five of them 1 ' When Azubah died, Caleb took in all. Ephrath as his wife, who bore him Hur. 2 31 0And Hur begot Uri, and Uri begot The son of Appaim was Ishi, the son of

Bezalel. Ishi was Sheshan, and Sheshan's son

was Ahlai.





Now afterward Hezron went in to the

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daughter of Machir the father of Gilead, The sons of Jada, the brother of

whom he married when he was sixty Shammai, were Jether and Jonathan;

years old; and she bore him Segub. Jether died without children.

22 33The sons of Jonathan were Peleth and

Segub begot Jair, who had twenty-  
three cities in the land of Gilead. Zaza. These were the sons of  
Jerahmeel.

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Geshur and Syria took from them the

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towns of Jair, with Kenath and its towns- Now Sheshan had no sons,  
only

-sixty towns.) All these belonged to the daughters. And Sheshan had  
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sons of Machir the father of Gilead. Egyptian servant whose name was  
Jarha.

24After Hezron died in Caleb Ephrathah,

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Hezron's wife Abijah bore him Ashhur Sheshan gave his daughter to  
Jarha

the father of Tekoa. his servant as wife, and she bore him

Attai.

<sup>25</sup>The sons of Jerahmeel, the firstborn of Hezron, were Ram, the firstborn, and <sup>36</sup>Attai begot Nathan, and Nathan begot Bunah, Oren, Ozem, and Ahijah. Zabad;

<sup>26</sup>Jerahmeel had another wife, whose <sup>37</sup>Zabad begot Ephlal, and Ephlal begot

name was Atarah; she was the mother Obed; of Onam.

<sup>38</sup>Obed begot Jehu, and Jehu begot

<sup>27</sup>

The sons of Ram, the firstborn of Azariah; Jerahmeel, were Maaz, Jamin, and Eker.

<sup>3'</sup> Azariah begot Helez, and Helez begot

<sup>2'</sup> The sons of Onam were Shammai and Eleasah; Jada. The sons of Shammai were

Nadab and Abishur. <sup>4</sup> OEleasah begot Sismai, and Sismai

begot Shallum;

<sup>29</sup>

And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail, and she bore him Ahban <sup>41</sup>Shallum begot Jekamiah, and and Molid. Jekamiah begot Elishama.

<sup>30</sup>The sons of Nadab were Seled and <sup>42</sup>

The descendants of Caleb the brother Appaim; Seled died without children. of Jerahmeel were Mesha, his firstborn,

who was the father of Ziph, and the

sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron.

4 54 3The sons of Hebron were Korah, The sons of Salma were  
Bethlehem,

Tappuah, Rekem, and Shema. the Netophathites, Atroth Beth Joab,  
half of the Manahethites, and the Zorites.

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Shema begot Raham the father of  
Jorkoam, and Rekem begot Shammai. 5 And the families of the scribes  
who

dwelt at Jabez were the Tirathites, the  
45 Shimeathites, and the Suchathites.

And the son of Shammai was Maon,  
and Maon was the father of Beth Zur. These were the Kenites who  
came from

Hammath, the father of the house of  
46Ephah, Caleb's

Rechab.  
concubine, bore Haran,

Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begot  
Gazez.

3Now these were the sons of David

47And the sons of Jahdai were Regem, who were born to him in  
Hebron: The

Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah, and firstborn was Amnon, by Ahinoam  
the

Shaaph. Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, Called  
by Abigail the Carmelitess;

48Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber and Tirhanah. 2the third,  
Absalom the son of Maacah,

the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur;

4 the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; ' She also bore Shaaph the  
father of

Madmannah, Sheva the father of

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Machbenah and the father of Gibeah. the fifth, Shephatiah, by Abital;  
the sixth,

And the daughter of Caleb was Achsah. Ithream, by his wife Eglah.

5 4 0These were the descendants of Caleb:

These six were born to him in Hebron.

The sons of Hur, the firstborn of There he reigned seven years and six  
Ephrathah, were Shobal the father of months, and in Jerusalem he  
reigned

Kirjath Jearim, thirty-three years.

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Salma the father of Bethlehem, and And these were born to him in  
Hareph the father of Beth Gader. Jerusalem: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan,  
and Solomon--four by Bathshua the  
52 daughter of Ammiel.

And Shobal the father of Kirjath Jearim  
had descendants: Haroeh, and half of  
the families of Manuhoth. 6Also there were Ibhar, Elishama,

The families of Kirjath Jearim were the

Ithrites, the Puthites, the Shumathites, 7Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, and the Mishraites. From these came

the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 8 Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet--nine in

all.

'These were all the sons of David, sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, and

besides the sons of the concubines, and the sons of Shechaniah. Tamar their sister.

1 The sons of Shemaiah were Hattush,

0Solomon's son was Rehoboam; Abijah 2 The son of Shechaniah was Shemaiah.

was his son, Asa his son, Jehoshaphat IgaI, Bariah, Neariah, and Shaphat--six

his son, in all.

1 2 1 3The sons of Neariah were Elioenai, Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash

his son, Hezekiah, and Azrikam--three in all.

1 2 2Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, 4The sons of Elioenai were Hodaviah, Jotham his son, Eliashib, Pelaiah, Akkub, Johanan,

Delaiah, and Anani--seven in all.

Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son,  
Manasseh his son,  
  
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4Amon his son, and Josiah his son. 4The sons of Judah were Perez,  
Hezron, Carmi, Hur, and Shobal.

1 2 5The sons of Josiah were Johanan the  
And Reaiah the son of Shobal begot  
firstborn, the second Jehoiakim, the Jahath, and Jahath begot Ahumai  
and  
third Zedekiah, and the fourth Shallum. Lahad. These were the  
families of the

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6The sons of Jehoiakim were Jeconiah Zorathites.  
his son and Zedekiah his son. 3These were the sons of the father of

1 Etam: Jezreel, Ishma, and Idbash; and 7And the sons of Jeconiah  
were Assir,  
the name of their sister was  
Shealtiel his son, Hazelelponi;

1 4 8  
and Malchiram, Pedaiah, Shenazzar, and Penuel was the father of  
Gedor,  
Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Nedabiah. and Ezer was the father of  
Hushah.

These were the sons of Hur, the

<sup>1</sup> firstborn of Ephrathah the father of ' The sons of Pedaiah were Zerubbabel

and Shimei. The sons of Zerubbabel Bethlehem. were Meshullam, Hananiah, Shelomith

their sister, <sup>5</sup> And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had

two wives, Helah and Naarah.

<sup>20</sup>

and Hashubah, Ohel, Berechiah,

Hasadiah, and Jushab-Hesed--five in all. <sup>6</sup> Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hephher,

Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were

<sup>21</sup> the sons of Naarah.

The sons of Hananiah were Pelatiah

and Jeshaiah, the sons of Rephaiah, the <sup>7</sup>The sons of Helah were Zereth, Zohar, bore Miriam, Shammai, and Ishbah the

and Ethnan; father of Eshtemoa.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> and Koz begot Anub, Zobebah, and the <sup>8</sup>(His wife Jehudijah bore Jered the families of Aharhel the son of Harum. father of Gedor, Heber the father of

Sochoh, and Jekuthiel the father of

'Now Jabez was more honorable than Zanoah.) And these were the sons of

his brothers, and his mother called his Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, whom

name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore Mered took. him in pain."

<sup>1</sup> ' The sons of Hodiah's wife, the sister of

10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel Naham, were the fathers of  
Keilah the

saying, "Oh, that You would bless me Garmite and of Eshtemoa the  
indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Maachathite.

Your hand would be with me, and that 0 And the sons of Shimon were  
Amnon,

You would keep me from evil, that I may 2 not cause pain!" So God  
granted him Rinnah, Ben-Hanan, and Tilon. And the

what he requested. sons of Ishi were Zoheth and Ben-

Zoheth.

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CheIub the brother of Shuhah begot

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Mehir, who was the father of Eshton. The sons of Shelah the son of  
Judah

were Er the father of Lecah, Laadah the

12 father of Mareshah, and the families of

And Eshton begot Beth-Rapha,

Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of Ir- the house of the linen workers  
of the

Nahash. These were the men of Rechah. house of Ashbea;

1 also Jokim, the men of Chozeba, and The sons of Kenaz were Othniel  
and

3 2

Seraiah. The sons of Othniel were Joash; Saraph, who ruled in Moab,  
and



Hathath, Jashubi-Lehem. Now the records are

ancient.

<sup>14</sup> and Meonothai who begot Ophrah. <sup>2</sup> Seraiah begot Joab the father of Ge <sup>3</sup>These were the potters and those who

Harashim, for they were craftsmen. dwell at Netaim and Gederah; there they

dwelt with the king for his work.

<sup>15</sup>The sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh were Iru, Elah, and Naam. The sons of Simeon were Nemuel, <sup>24</sup>

The son of Elah was Kenaz. Jamin, Jarib, Zerah, and Shaul,

<sup>1 2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, and <sup>6</sup>The sons of Jehallelel were Ziph, Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. Mishma his son.

<sup>17</sup>

The sons of Ezra were Jether, Mered,

Epher, and Jalon. And Mered's wife <sup>26</sup>And the sons of Mishma were Hamuel <sup>38</sup>these mentioned by name were

his son, Zacchur his son, and Shimei his leaders in their families, and their

SON. father's house increased greatly.

<sup>27 39</sup>

Shimei had sixteen sons and six So they went to the entrance of Gedor,

daughters; but his brothers did not have as far as the east side of the valley, to

many children, nor did any of their seek pasture for their flocks.  
families multiply as much as the children

of Judah. 4 0

And they found rich, good pasture, and

2 for some Hamites formerly lived there.

8They dwelt at Beersheba, Moladah, the land was broad, quiet, and  
peaceful;

Hazar Shual,

4 1

These recorded by name came in the

2' Bilhah, Ezem, Tolad, days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and

they attacked their tents and the

30Bethuel, Hormah, Ziklag, Meunites who were found there, and

utterly destroyed them, as it is to this

31 day. So they dwelt in their place, Beth Marcaboth, Hazar Susim,  
Beth

because there was pasture for their

Biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their

cities until the reign of David. flocks there.

32And their villages were Etam, Ain, 4 2Now some of them, five  
hundred men

of the sons of Simeon, went to Mount

Rimmon, Tochen, and Ashan--five

Seir, having as their captains Pelatiah,

cities--

Neariah, Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons

St of Ishi. and all the villages that were around

these cities as far as Baal. These were 4 3And they defeated the rest of  
the their dwelling places, and they

Amalekites who had escaped. They  
maintained their genealogy:

have dwelt there to this day.

34Meshobab, Jamlech, and Joshah the  
son of Amaziah;

5Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn

35 of Israel--he was indeed the firstborn, Joel, and Jehu the son of  
Joshibiah,

the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel; but because he defiled his father's  
bed,

his birthright was given to the sons of

36Elioenai, Jaakobah, Jeshohaiah, Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the

Asaiah, Adiel, Jesimiel, and Benaiah; genealogy is not listed according  
to the

birthright;

37 Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Alton, 2 the son of Jedaiah, the  
son of Shimri, yet Judah prevailed over his brothers,

the son of Shemaiah-- and from him came a ruler, although the

bthe sons of Reuben the firstborn of h and their brethren of their father's Israel were Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and house: Michael, Meshullam, Sheba,

Carmi. Jorai, Jachan, Zia, and Eber--seven in

all.

4The sons of Joel were Shemaiah his

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son, Gog his son, Shimei his son, These were the children of Abihail the

son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son

5 of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Micah his son, Reaiah his son, Baal his

son, Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of

Buz;

6and Beerah his son, whom Tiglath- 5Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni,

Pileser king of Assyria carried into 1 captivity. He was leader of the was chief of their father's house. Reubenites.

1 6And the Gadites dwelt in Gilead, in

7 Bashan and in its villages, and in all the And his brethren by their families, when

the genealogy of their generations was common-lands of Sharon within their

registered: borders. the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah,

17All these were registered by

8 genealogies in the days of Jotham king and Beta the son of Azaz, the

son of

Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam

Aroer, as far as Nebo and Baal Meon. king of Israel.

'Eastward they settled as far as the The sons of Reuben, the Gadites, and 1 8

entrance of the wilderness this side of half the tribe of Manasseh had forty-four

the River Euphrates, because their thousand seven hundred and sixty cattle had multiplied in the land of valiant men, men able to bear shield

Gilead. and sword, to shoot with the bow, and

skillful in war, who went to war.

10Now in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their 1' They made war with the Hagrites,

hand; and they dwelt in their tents Jetur, Naphish, and Nodab.

throughout the entire area east of Gilead. 0And they were helped against them,

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11 and the Hagrites were delivered into

And the children of Gad dwelt next to

them in the land of Bashan as far as their hand, and all who were with them,

Salcah: for they cried out to God in the battle.

He heeded their prayer, because they

12 put their trust in Him.

Joel was the chief, Shapham the next,

then Jaanai and Shaphat in Bashan, <sup>2</sup> Then they took away their livestock--

fifty thousand of their camels, two hundred and fifty thousand of their  
Aaron were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and

sheep, and two thousand of their Ithamar. donkeys--also one hundred  
thousand of

their men; <sup>4</sup> Eleazar begot Phinehas, and Phinehas

begot Abishua;

<sup>22</sup> or many fell dead, because the war

was God's. And they dwelt in their place <sup>5</sup>Abishua begot Bukki, and  
Bukki begot until the captivity. Uzzi;

<sup>23</sup> So the children of the half-tribe of <sup>6</sup>Uzzi begot Zerahiah, and  
Zerahiah Manasseh dwelt in the land. Their begot Meraioth; numbers  
increased from Bashan to Baal

Hermon, that is, to Senir, or Mount <sup>7</sup>

Hermon. begot Ahitub; Meraioth begot Amariah, and Amariah

<sup>24</sup> These were the heads of their fathers'

<sup>8</sup>Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot

houses: Ephraim, Ishi, Eliel, Azriel,

Ahimaaz;

Jeremiah, Hodaviah, and Jahdiel. They

were mighty men of valor, famous men, <sup>9</sup>Ahimaaz begot Azariah, and  
Azariah and heads of their fathers' houses. begot Johanan;

25 And they were unfaithful to the God of 10 their fathers, and played the harlot after Johanan begot Azariah (it was he who

the gods of the peoples of the land, ministered as priest in the temple that

Solomon built in Jerusalem);

whom God had destroyed before them.

2 1Azariah begot Amariah, and Amariah

6 1

So the God of Israel stirred up the

begot Ahitub;

spirit of Put king of Assyria, that is,

Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria. He 1 2Ahitub begot Zadok, and Zadok begot carried the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh into captivity. Shallum; He took them to Halah, Habor, Hara,

and the river of Gozan to this day. 13Shallum begot Hilkiah, and Hilkiah

begot Azariah;

14Azariah begot Seraiah, and Seraiah

6The sons of Levi were Gershon,

begot Jehozadak.

Kohath, and Merari.

1 5Jehozadak went into captivity when

2The sons of Kohath were Amram, Izhar,

the LORD carried Judah and Jerusalem

Hebron, and Uzziel.

into captivity by the hand of

3The children of Amram were Aaron, Nebuchadnezzar. Moses, and  
Miriam. And the sons of 1 30 6The sons of Levi were Gershon, Shimea  
his son, Haggiah his son, and

Kohath, and Merari. Asaiah his son.

17 31Now these are the men whom David

These are the names of the sons of

Gershon: Libni and Shimei. appointed over the service of song in

the house of the LORD, after the ark

18The sons of Kohath were Amram, came to rest.

Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel.

32

They were ministering with music

19The sons of Merari were Mahli and before the dwelling place of the  
Mushi. Now these are the families of the tabernacle of meeting, until  
Solomon

Levites according to their fathers: had built the house of the LORD in

Jerusalem, and they served in their

20 office according to their order.

Of Gershon were Libni his son, Jahath



his son, Zimmah his son, 33And these are the ones who

21 ministered with their sons: Of the sons

Joah his son, Iddo his son, Zerah his

of the Kohathites were Heman the

son, and Jeatherai his son.

singer, the son of Joel, the son of

2 Samuel, 2The sons of Kohath were Amminadab his son, Korah his  
son, Assir his son, 34

the son of Elkanah, the son of

2 Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of 3Elkanah his son, Ebiasaph his  
son,

Toah,

Assir his son,

2 the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, 4 35

Tahath his son, Uriel his son, Uziah the son of Mahath, the son of  
Amasai,

his son, and Shaul his son.

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2 the son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, 5The sons of Elkanah were  
Amasai and

the son of Azariah, the son of

Ahimoth. Zephaniah,

26As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah 37

the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the  
were Zophai his son, Nahath his son,

son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,

27 Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, and 38

the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the  
Elkanah his son. son of Levi, the son of Israel.

28The sons of Samuel were Joel the 3' And his brother Asaph, who  
stood at

firstborn, and Abijah the second. his right hand, was Asaph the son of

Berachiah, the son of Shimea,

2' The sons of Merari were Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzah  
his son, 4 51 OThe son of Michael, the son of Bukki his son, Uzzi his  
son, Zerariah

Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah, his son,

41T 52Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, he son of Ethni, the son of  
Zerah, the

son of Adaiah, Ahitub his son,

4 5 2T 3Zadok his son, and Ahimaaz his son. he son of Ethan, the son  
of Zimmah, the son of Shimei,

43 he son of Jahath, the son of Gershon, throughout their settlements  
in their

the son of Levi. territory, for they were given by lot to the

sons of Aaron, of the family of the

44 Kohathites:

Their brethren, the sons of Merari, on

the left hand, were Ethan the son of 5They gave them Hebron in the  
land of

Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of 5 Malluch, Judah, with its  
surrounding common-

lands.

45 he son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 56But  
the fields of the city and its villages

they gave to Caleb the son of

46 he son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the Jephunneh. son of Shamer,

57

And to the sons of Aaron they gave

47 he son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the one of the cities of refuge,  
Hebron; also

son of Merari, the son of Levi. Libnah with its common-lands, Jattir,

Eshtemoa with its common-lands,

48And their brethren, the Levites, were

58Hilen with its common-lands, Debir

appointed to every kind of service of the

tabernacle of the house of God. with its common-lands,

4 5' Ashan with its common-lands, and ' But Aaron and his sons offered sacrifices on the altar of burnt offering Beth Shemesh with its common-lands.

and on the altar of incense, for all the 60And from the tribe of Benjamin: Geba

work of the Most Holy Place, and to

make atonement for Israel, according to with its common-lands, Alemeth with its

all that Moses the servant of God had common-lands, and Anathoth with its

commanded. common-lands. All their cities among

their families were thirteen.

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Now these are the sons of Aaron: 1To the rest of the family of the tribe of

Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, 6 Abishua his son, the Kohathites they gave by lot ten cities

from half the tribe of Manasseh.

6 7 21

And to the sons of Gershon, From the family of the half-tribe of throughout their families, they gave Manasseh the sons of Gershon were

thirteen cities from the tribe of Issachar, given Golan in Bashan with its common-

from the tribe of Asher, from the tribe of lands and Ashtaroth with its common-

Naphtali, and from the tribe of lands. Manasseh in Bashan.

6 with its common-lands, Daberath with its

3To the sons of Merari, throughout their And from the tribe of  
Issachar: Kedesh

families, they gave twelve cities from the common-lands, tribe of  
Reuben, from the tribe of Gad,

and from the tribe of Zebulun. 73Ramoth with its common-lands, and

Anem with its common-lands.

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So the children of Israel gave these

cities with their common-lands to the 74And from the tribe of Asher:  
Mashal Levites. with its common-lands, Abdon with its

common-lands,

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And they gave by lot from the tribe of

the children of Judah, from the tribe of 75Hukok with its common-  
lands, and the children of Simeon, and from the Rehob with its  
common-lands. tribe of the children of Benjamin these

cities which are called by their names. 76And from the tribe of  
Naphtali: Kedesh

6 in Galilee with its common-lands, 6Now some of the families of the  
sons

Hammon with its common-lands, and

of Kohath were given cities as their Kirjathaim with its common-lands.  
territory from the tribe of Ephraim.

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6 From the tribe of Zebulun the rest of 7And they gave them one of the  
cities

the children of Merari were given

of refuge, Shechem with its common-lands  
Rimmon with its common-lands  
and

lands, in the mountains of Ephraim, also Tabor with its common-  
lands. Gezer with its common-lands,

7' And on the other side of the Jordan,

6' Jokmeam with its common-lands, Beth across from Jericho, on the  
east side of

Horon with its common-lands, the Jordan, they were given from the

tribe of Reuben: Bezer in the wilderness

6' Aijalon with its common-lands, and with its common-lands, Jahzah  
with its

Gath Rimmon with its common-lands. common-lands,

77 0And from the half-tribe of Manasseh: ' Kedemoth with its  
common-lands, and

Aner with its common-lands and Bileam Mephaath with its common-  
lands. with its common-lands, for the rest of

the family of the sons of Kohath. 80And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth  
in

Gilead with its common-lands, Mahanaim with its common-lands,  
81Heshbon with its common-lands, and Abijah, Anathoth, and  
Alemeth. All these

Jazer with its common-lands. are the sons of Becher.

9And they were recorded by genealogy

7The sons of Issachar were Tola, according to their generations, heads  
of

Puah, Jashub, and Shimron--four in all. their fathers' houses, twenty

thousand

two hundred mighty men of valor.

<sup>2</sup>The sons of Tola were Uzzi, Rephaiah, O Jeriel, Jahmai, Jibsam, and Shemuel, <sup>1</sup> The son of Jediahel was Bilhan, and the

heads of their father's house. The sons sons of Bilhan were Jeush, Benjamin,

of Tola were mighty men of valor in their Ehud, Chenaanah, Zethan, Tharshish,

generations; their number in the days of and Ahishahar.

David was twenty-two thousand six <sup>1</sup>All these sons of Jediahel were heads

hundred. <sup>1</sup>

of their fathers' houses; there were

<sup>3</sup>The son of Uzzi was Izrahiah, and the seventeen thousand two hundred sons of Izrahiah were Michael, Obadiah, mighty men of valor fit to go out for war

Joel, and Ishiah. All five of them were and battle.

chief men. <sup>2</sup>Shuppim and Huppim were the sons of

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<sup>4</sup> Ir, and Hushim was the son of Aher.

And with them, by their generations,

according to their fathers' houses, were <sup>13</sup>The sons of Naphtali were Jahziel, thirty-six thousand troops ready for war; for they had many wives and sons. Guni, Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of

Bilhah.

5Now their brethren among all the 4 families of Issachar were mighty men of 1 The descendants of Manasseh: his

valor, listed by their genealogies, eighty- Syrian concubine bore him Machir the

seven thousand in all. father of Gilead, the father of Asriel.

6 1 5Machir took as his wife the sister of

The sons of Benjamin were Beta,

Becher, and Jediael--three in all. Huppm and Shuppm, whose name was

Maachah. The name of Gilead's

7 grandson was Zelophehad, but The sons of Bela were Ezbon, Uzzi, Uzziel, Jerimoth, and Iri--five in all. They Zelophehad begot only daughters.

were heads of their fathers' houses, and 1 6(Maachah the wife of Machir bore a they were listed by their genealogies, twenty-two thousand and thirty-four son, and she called his name Peresh.

mighty men of valor. The name of his brother was Sheresh,

and his sons were Ulam and Rakem.

8The sons of Becher were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jerimoth, 1 2 7 8Now their possessions and dwelling The son of Ulam was Bedan.) These

were the descendants of Gilead the son places were Bethel and its towns: to the

of Machir, the son of Manasseh. east Naaran, to the west Gezer and its

towns, and Shechem and its towns, as



<sup>1</sup> far as Ayyah and its towns; <sup>1</sup> His sister Hammoleketh bore Ishhod, Abiezer, and Mahlah.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> and by the borders of the children of

<sup>1</sup> Manasseh were Beth Shean and its <sup>1</sup> And the sons of Shemida were Ahian,

Shechem, Likhi, and Aniam. towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo

and its towns, Dor and its towns. In

<sup>20</sup>The sons of Ephraim were Shuthelah, these dwelt the children of Joseph, the

Bered his son, Tahath his son, Eladah son of Israel.

his son, Tahath his son, <sup>30</sup>The sons of Asher were Imnah, Ishvah,

<sup>21</sup>Zabad his son, Shuthelah his son, and Ishvi, Beriah, and their sister Serah.

Ezer and Elead. The men of Gath who <sup>31</sup>The sons of Beriah were Heber and were born in that land killed them because they came down to take away Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith.

their cattle.

<sup>32</sup>And Heber begot Japhlet, Shomer,

<sup>22</sup> Hotham, and their sister Shua.

Then Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to

33

comfort him. The sons of Japhlet were Pasach,

Bimhal, and Ashvath. These were the

<sup>23</sup>And when he went in to his wife, she children of Japhlet.

conceived and bore a son; and he called

3 4

his name Beriah, because tragedy had The sons of Shemer were Ahi,  
Rohgah,

come upon his house. Jehubbah, and Aram.

2 3 45And the sons of his brother Helem Now his daughter was  
Sheerah, who

built Lower and Upper Beth Horon and were Zophah, Imna, Shelesh,  
and Amal.

Uzzen Sheerah;

36The sons of Zophah were Suah,

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and Rephah was his son, as well as Harnepher, Shual, Beri, Imrah,  
Resheph, and Telah his son, Tahan his  
son, 37Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah,

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6Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Jithran, and Beera.

Elishama his son, 38The sons of Jether were Jephunneh,

Pispah, and Ara.

27Nun his son, and Joshua his son.

3' The sons of Ulla were Arah, Haniel,  
and Rizia.

4 1 1 0AII these were the children of Asher, And by Hushim he begot  
Abitub and

heads of their fathers' houses, choice Elpaal. men, mighty men of  
valor, chief leaders.

And they were recorded by genealogies 1 2 The sons of Elpaal were Eber, Misham, among the army fit for battle; their and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod

number was twenty-six thousand. with its towns;

h and Beriah and Shema, who were

8Now Benjamin begot Beta his heads of their fathers' houses of the firstborn, Ashbel the second, Aharah the inhabitants of Aijalon, who drove out the third, inhabitants of Gath.

2 1 4 Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. Ahio, Shashak, Jeremoth,

3 1 5Zebadiah, Arad, Eder,

The sons of Beta were Addar, Gera, Abihud,

1 6MichaelI, Ispah, and Joha were the

4 sons of Beriah. Abishua, Naaman, Ahoah,

5 1 7Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, Gera, Shephuphan, and Huram.

6 1 8 shmerai, Jizliah, and Jobab were the

These are the sons of Ehud, who were

the heads of the fathers' houses of the sons of Elpaal. inhabitants of Geba, and who forced

them to move to Manahath: 1 ' Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi,

7 2 Naaman, Ahijah, and Gera who forced OEliehai, Zillethai, Eliel,  
them to move. He begot Uzza and

Ahihud. 2 1 Adaiah, Beraiah, and Shimrath were

the sons of Shimei.

8 Also Shazaraim had children in the country of Moab, after he had  
sent away 2 2 Shaphan, Eber, Eliel, Hushim and Baara his wives.

2 3 Abdon, Zichri, Hanan,

'By Hodesh his wife he begot Jobab,

Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, 24 Hananiah, Etam, Antothijah,

10 Jeuz, Sachiah, and Mirmah. These 2 5 Phadai, and Peniel were the  
sons of were his sons, heads of their fathers' Shashak. houses.

2 6 Shamsherai, Shehariah, Athaliah, 27 3' And the sons of Eshek his  
brother

Jaashiah, Elijah, and Zichri were the

sons of Jeroham. were Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the

second, and Eliphelet the third.

2' These were heads of the fathers'

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houses by their generations, chief men. The sons of Ulam were mighty  
men of

These dwelt in Jerusalem. valor--archers. They had many sons and

grandsons, one hundred and fifty in all.

2 These were all sons of Benjamin. ' Now the father of Gibeon, whose

wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at

Gibeon.

30And his firstborn son was Abdon, then genealogies, and indeed,  
they were 9So all Israel was recorded by

Zur, Kish, Baal, Nadab, inscribed in the book of the kings of

Israel. But Judah was carried away

31 captive to Babylon because of their Gedor, Ahio, Zecher,

unfaithfulness.

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and Mikloth, who begot Shimeah.

They also dwelt alongside their relatives 2And the first inhabitants  
who dwelt in in Jerusalem, with their brethren. their possessions in  
their cities were

Israelites, priests, Levites, and the

33Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and Nethinim. Saul begot  
Jonathan, Malchishua,

Abinadab, and Esh-Baal. 3Now in Jerusalem the children of Judah

dwelt, and some of the children of

34 Benjamin, and of the children of

The son of Jonathan was Merib-Baal,

and Merib-Baal begot Micah. Ephraim and Manasseh:

3 4Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of 5The sons of Micah were  
Pithon, Melech, Tarea, and Ahaz. Omri, the son of Imri, the son of  
Bani, of

the descendants of Perez, the son of

36And Ahaz begot Jehoaddah; Judah.

Jehoaddah begot Alemeth, Azmaveth, <sup>5</sup>Of the Shilonites: Asaiah the firstborn and Zimri; and Zimri begot Moza.

and his sons.

37Moza begot Binea, Raphah his son, <sup>6</sup>Of the sons of Zerah: Jeuel, and their Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

brethren--six hundred and ninety.

38Azel had six sons whose names were <sup>7</sup> these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael, Of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son

Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan. All of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the

these were the sons of Azel. son of Hassenuah;

<sup>8</sup> 17

Ibneiah the son of Jeroham; Elah the And the gatekeepers were Shallum,

son of Uzzi, the son of Michri; Akkub, Talmon, Ahiman, and their

Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the brethren. Shallum was the chief. son of Reuel, the son of Ibniyah;

<sup>1</sup> 8

Until then they had been gatekeepers

'and their brethren, according to their for the camps of the children of Levi at

generations--nine hundred and fifty-six. the King's Gate on the east. All these men were heads of a father's

house in their fathers' houses. <sup>1</sup> ' Shallum the son of Kore, the son of

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Of the priests: Jedaiah, Jehoiarib, and brethren, from his father's house, the

Jachin; Korahites, were in charge of the work of

the service, gatekeepers of the

11 Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of tabernacle. Their fathers had been

Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of keepers of the entrance to the camp of

Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the officer the LORD. over the house of God;

20

And Phinehas the son of Eleazar had

12 been the officer over them in time past;

Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of

Pashur, the son of Malchijah; Maasai the LORD was with him. the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah,

the son of Meshullam, the son of 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah Meshillemith, the son of Immer; was keeper of the door of the tabernacle

of meeting.

h and their brethren, heads of their

fathers' houses--one thousand seven 2 All those chosen as gatekeepers were hundred and sixty. They were very able two hundred and twelve. They were

men for the work of the service of the recorded by their genealogy, in their

house of God. villages. David and Samuel the seer had

appointed them to their trusted office.

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0 f the Levites: Shemaiah the son of

2 3

Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of So they and their children were in

Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; charge of the gates of the house of the

LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by

15Bakbakkar, Heresh, Galal, and assignment.

Mattaniah the son of Micah, the son of

2 4

Zichri, the son of Asaph; The gatekeepers were assigned to the

four directions: the east, west, north,

16Obadiah the son of Shemaiah, the son and south.

of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and 5And their brethren in their villages had

Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of 2 Elkanah, who lived in the villages of the to come with them from time to time for

Netophathites. seven days.

26For in this trusted office were four chief 35Jeiel the father of Gibeon, whose

gatekeepers; they were Levites. And wife's name was Maacah, dwelt at

they had charge over the chambers and Gibeon. treasuries of the house of God.



And they lodged all around the house Kish, Baal, Ner, Nadab,  
of God because they had the  
responsibility, and they were in charge 37 Gedor, Ahio, Zechariah,  
and Mikloth. of opening it every morning.

38And Mikloth begot Shimeam. They

28Now some of them were in charge of

also dwelt alongside their relatives in

the serving vessels, for they brought Jerusalem, with their brethren.  
them in and took them out by count.

2 3' Ner begot Kish, Kish begot Saul, and

' Some of them were appointed over the Saul begot Jonathan,  
Malchishua,

furnishings and over all the implements Abinadab, and Esh-Baal. of  
the sanctuary, and over the fine flour

and the wine and the oil and the incense 4 0The son of Jonathan was  
Merib-Baal, and the spices.

and Merib-Baal begot Micah.

30And some of the sons of the priests 4 1The sons of Micah were  
Pithon, made the ointment of the spices. Melech, Tahrea, and Ahaz.

31Mattithiah of the Levites, the firstborn 4 2And Ahaz begot Jarah;  
Jarah begot of Shallum the Korahite, had the trusted Alemeth,  
Azmaveth, and Zimri; and office over the things that were baked in  
Zimri begot Moza; the pans.

2And some of their brethren of the sons of Moza begot Binea,  
Rephaiah his son,

Eleasah his son, and Azel his son.

of the Kohathites were in charge of

preparing the showbread for every day. 4And Azel had six sons whose  
names Sabbath.

were these: Azrikam, Bocheru, Ishmael,

3These are the singers, heads of the Sheariah, Obadiah, and Hanan;  
these

fathers' houses of the Levites, who were the sons of Azel. lodged in the  
chambers, and were free

from other duties; for they were

employed in that work day and night. 10Now the Philistines fought  
against

Israel; and the men of Israel fled from

34 These heads of the fathers' houses of before the Philistines, and fell  
slain on

the Levites were heads throughout their Mount Gilboa. generations.  
They dwelt at Jerusalem.

21 Then the Philistines followed hard after David. Then they put his armor  
in the temple of Saul and his sons. And the Philistines of their gods, and  
fastened his head in

killed Jonathan, Abinadab, and the temple of Dagon. Malchishua,  
Saul's sons.

1 And when all Jabesh Gilead heard all

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The battle became fierce against Saul. that the Philistines had done  
to Saul,

The archers hit him, and he was

wounded by the archers. <sup>1</sup> 2aII the valiant men arose and took the

body of Saul and the bodies of his sons;

<sup>4</sup>Then Saul said to his armorbearer, and they brought them to Jabesh, and

"Draw your sword, and thrust me buried their bones under the tamarisk

through with it, lest these uncircumcised tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

men come and abuse me." But his

armorbearer would not, for he was <sup>1</sup> 3So Saul died for his unfaithfulness greatly afraid. Therefore Saul took a which he had committed against the

sword and fell on it. LORD, because he did not keep the

word of the LORD, and also because he

<sup>5</sup>And when his armorbearer saw that consulted a medium for guidance. Saul was dead, he also fell on his sword

and died. <sup>14</sup>But he did not inquire of the LORD;

therefore He killed him, and turned the

<sup>6</sup>So Saul and his three sons died, and all kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

his house died together.

<sup>7</sup>And when all the men of Israel who <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then all Israel came together to were in the valley saw that they had fled David at Hebron, saying, "Indeed we are

and that Saul and his sons were dead,

your bone and your flesh.

they forsook their cities and fled; then

the Philistines came and dwelt in them. <sup>2</sup> Also, in time past, even when Saul was

king, you were the one who led Israel

'So it happened the next day, when the

out and brought them in; and the LORD

Philistines came to strip the slain, that

your God said to you, "You shall

they found Saul and his sons fallen on

shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler

Mount Gilboa. over My people Israel."

And they stripped him and took his <sup>3</sup>Therefore all the elders of Israel came

head and his armor, and sent word

to the king at Hebron, and David made a

throughout the land of the Philistines to

covenant with them at Hebron before

proclaim the news in the temple of their

the LORD. And they anointed David

idols and among the people.

king over Israel, according to the word

of the LORD by Samuel.

<sup>41</sup> And David and all Israel went to <sup>3</sup>He was with David at Pasdammim. Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Now there the

Philistines were gathered

Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the for battle, and there was a piece of

land. ground full of barley. So the people fled

from the Philistines.

5But the inhabitants of Jebus said to

1 4

David, "You shall not come in here!" But they stationed themselves in the

Nevertheless David took the stronghold middle of that field, defended it, and

of Zion (that is, the City of David). killed the Philistines. So the LORD

brought about a great victory.

6Now David said, "Whoever attacks the 5Now three of the thirty chief men went

Jebusites first shall be chief and 1 captain." And Joab the son of Zeruiah down to the rock to David, into the cave

went up first, and became chief. of Adullam; and the army of the

Philistines encamped in the Valley of

7 Rephaim. Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David.

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David was then in the stronghold, and

8 the garrison of the Philistines was then And he built the city around it, from the

Millo to the surrounding area. Joab in Bethlehem. repaired the rest of the city.

1 7 And David said with longing, "Oh, that

'So David went on and became great, someone would give me a drink of water

and the LORD of hosts was with him. from the well of Bethlehem, which is by

the gate!"

10 Now these were the heads of the 1 mighty men whom David had, who So the three broke through the camp 8

strengthened themselves with him in his of the Philistines, drew water from the

kingdom, with all Israel, to make him well of Bethlehem that was by the gate,

king, according to the word of the LORD and took it and brought it to David.

concerning Israel. Nevertheless David would not drink it,

but poured it out to the LORD.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam the 1' And he said, "Far be it from me, O my

son of a Hachmonite, chief of the God, that I should do this! Shall I drink

captains; he had lifted up his spear the blood of these men who have put

against three hundred, killed by him at their lives in jeopardy? For at the risk of

one time. their lives they brought it." Therefore he

would not drink it. These things were

12 done by the three mighty men.

After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo,

the Ahohite, who was one of the three 20Abishai the brother of Joab was chief mighty men.

of another three. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred men, killed 2 ' Sibbechai the Hushathite, Ilai the them, and won a name among these Ahohite, three.

2 Of the three he was more honored son of Baanah the Netophathite, 1 30Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the

than the other two men. Therefore he

became their captain. However he did 31Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, of the

not attain to the first three. sons of Benjamin, Benaiah the

Pirathonite,

22Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who 32Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the

had done many deeds. He had killed Arbathite, two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also

had gone down and killed a lion in the 33Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the

midst of a pit on a snowy day. Shaalbonite,

23And he killed an Egyptian, a man of 34

the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,

great height, five cubits tall. In the Jonathan the son of Shageh the

Egyptian's hand there was a spear like a Hararite, weaver's beam; and he went down to

him with a staff, wrested the spear out of <sup>3</sup> 5Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite, the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with

Eliphai the son of Ur,

his own spear.

<sup>2</sup> 36Hepher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the <sup>4</sup>These things Benaiah the son of

Pelonite,

Jehoiada did, and won a name among

three mighty men. <sup>37</sup>Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai the son of

<sup>2</sup> Ezbai, <sup>5</sup> indeed he was more honored than the

thirty, but he did not attain to the first <sup>38</sup> Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the three. And David appointed him over his guard. son of Hagri,

<sup>26</sup> <sup>39</sup>Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the

Also the mighty warriors were Asahel

the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Berothite (the armorbearer of Joab the

Dodo of Bethlehem, son of Zeruiah),

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<sup>7</sup>Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the <sup>4</sup> 0 ra the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, Pelonite,



Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of

28 ra the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite, Ahlai, Abiezer the Anathothite,

4 5 2

Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite Eluzai, Jerimoth, Bealiah,  
Shemariah,

(a chief of the Reubenites) and thirty and Shephatiah the Haruphite;  
with him,

4 Hanan the son of Maachah, Joshaphat Jashobeam, the Korahites; 3  
6Elkana h, Jisshiah, Azarel, Joezer, and

the Mithnite,

7and Joelah and Zebadiah the sons of

44

Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeroham of Gedor.

Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,

4 stronghold in the wilderness, mighty

5Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his 8Some Gadites joined David at  
the

brother, the Tizite, men of valor, men trained for battle, who

could handle shield and spear, whose

46Eliel the Mahavite, Jeribai and faces were like the faces of lions, and

Joshaviah the sons of Elnaam, lthmah were as swift as gazelles on the

the Moabite, mountains:

47Eliel, Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite. Ezer the first, Obadiah the  
second,

Eliab the third,

<sup>10</sup>Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Now these were the men who

fifth,

came to David at Ziklag while he was

still a fugitive from Saul the son of Kish; <sup>1</sup>

Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh,

and they were among the mighty men,

helpers in the war, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth,

<sup>2</sup>armed with bows, using both the right <sup>3</sup>Jeremiah the tenth, and  
Machbanai

hand and the left in hurling stones and <sup>1</sup> shooting arrows with the  
bow. They the eleventh.

were of Benjamin, Saul's brethren. <sup>4</sup>These were from the sons of Gad,

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<sup>3</sup>The chief was Ahiezer, then Joash, the captains of the army; the least  
was over

sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; Jeziel a hundred, and the greatest  
was over a

and Pelet the sons of Azmaveth; thousand.

Berachah, and Jehu the Anathothite; 5These are the ones who crossed the

1

4 Jordan in the first month, when it had Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man

among the thirty, and over the thirty; overflowed all its banks; and they put to

Jeremiah, Jahaziel, Johanan, and flight all those in the valleys, to the east

Jozabad the Gederathite; and to the west.

1 2 6Then some of the sons of Benjamin 3Now these were the numbers of the and Judah came to David at the divisions that were equipped for war,

stronghold. and came to David at Hebron to turn

over the kingdom of Saul to him,

17 according to the word of the LORD:

And David went out to meet them, and

answered and said to them, "If you have 4 the sons of Judah bearing shield

come peaceably to me to help me, my 2 heart will be united with you; but if to and spear, six thousand eight hundred

betray me to my enemies, since there is armed for war; no wrong in my hands, may the God of

our fathers look and bring judgment." 2 5 f the sons of Simeon, mighty men of

valor fit for war, seven thousand one

1 ' Then the Spirit came upon Amasai, hundred; chief of the captains, and he said: "We

are yours, O David; We are on your side, <sup>26</sup> f the sons of Levi four thousand six O son of Jesse! Peace, peace to you, hundred; And peace to your helpers! For your

God helps you." So David received them, <sup>27</sup>Jehoiada, the leader of the Aaronites, and made them captains of the troop. and with him three thousand seven <sup>1</sup> hundred;

' And some from Manasseh defected to

David when he was going with the <sup>2</sup> 8Zadok, a young man, a valiant warrior, Philistines to battle against Saul; but and from his father's house twenty-two

they did not help them, for the lords of

captains;

the Philistines sent him away by

agreement, saying, "He may defect to <sup>2</sup> his master Saul and endanger our ' of the sons of Benjamin, relatives of

heads." Saul, three thousand (until then the

greatest part of them had remained loyal

<sup>2</sup> to the house of Saul); <sup>0</sup>When he went to Ziklag, those of

Manasseh who defected to him were <sup>30</sup> the sons of Ephraim twenty

Adnah, Jozabad, Jediael, Michael,

Jozabad, Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousand eight hundred, mighty men of

the valor, famous men throughout their thousands who were from

Manasseh. father's house;

1 And they helped David against the 3 1 the half-tribe of Manasseh  
eighteen

bands of raiders, for they were all thousand, who were designated by  
mighty men of valor, and they were name to come and make David  
king;

captains in the army. 32 the sons of Issachar who had

22 understanding of the times, to know

For at that time they came to David

day by day to help him, until it was a what Israel ought to do, their  
chiefs were

great army, like the army of God.

two hundred; and all their brethren were and oxen and sheep  
abundantly, for

at their command; there was joy in Israel.

33 Zebulun there were fifty thousand who went out to battle, expert  
in war 1 3 Then David consulted with the with all weapons of war,  
stouthearted

captains of thousands and hundreds,

men who could keep ranks; and with every leader.

34

Naphtali one thousand captains, 2

And David said to all the assembly of

and with them thirty-seven thousand Israel, "If it seems good to you,  
and if it

with shield and spear; is of the LORD our God, let us send out

3 to our brethren everywhere who are left 5 the Danites who could keep battle

in all the land of Israel, and with them to

formation, twenty-eight thousand six the priests and Levites who are in their

hundred; cities and their common-lands, that they

may gather together to us;

36 Asher, those who could go out to

war, able to keep battle formation, forty h and let us bring the ark of our God back thousand; to us, for we have not inquired at it since

the days of Saul."

37 f the Reubenites and the Gadites and

the half-tribe of Manasseh, from the 4 Then all the assembly said that they other side of the Jordan, one hundred would do so, for the thing was right in

and twenty thousand armed for battle the eyes of all the people. with every kind of weapon of war.

3' All these men of war, who could keep 5So David gathered all Israel together,

from Shihor in Egypt to as far as the

ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, entrance of Hamath, to bring the ark of

to make David king over all Israel; and God from Kirjath Jearim. all the rest of Israel were of one mind to

make David king. 6

And David and all Israel went up to

3 ' And Baalah, to Kirjath Jearim, which

they were there with David three belonged to Judah, to bring up from  
days, eating and drinking, for their there the ark of God the LORD,  
who

brethren had prepared for them. dwells between the cherubim, where  
His

name is proclaimed.

40 Moreover those who were near to

them, from as far away as Issachar and 7 So they carried the ark of God  
on a Zebulun and Naphtali, were bringing new cart from the house of  
Abinadab,

food on donkeys and camels, on mules and Uzza and Ahio drove the  
cart. and oxen--provisions of flour and cakes

of figs and cakes of raisins, wine and oil 8 Then David and all Israel  
played music

before God with all their might, with singing, on harps, on stringed

3 Then David took more wives in instruments, on tambourines, on  
Jerusalem, and David begot more sons cymbals, and with trumpets.  
and daughters.

'And when they came to Chidon's 4 And these are the names of his  
children threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to whom he had in  
Jerusalem: Shammua,

hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled. Shobab, Nathan, Solomon,

1 s 0

Then the anger of the LORD was lbhar, Elishua, Elpelet,  
aroused against Uzza, and He struck

him because he put his hand to the ark; <sup>6</sup> Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, and he died there before God.

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1 And David became angry because of <sup>7</sup> Elishama, Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

the LORD's outbreak against Uzza; <sup>8</sup> Now when the Philistines heard that therefore that place is called Perez Uzza David had been anointed king over all to this day. Israel, all the Philistines went up to

<sup>1</sup> search for David. And David heard of it <sup>2</sup> David was afraid of God that day, and went out against them.

saying, "How can I bring the ark of God

to me?" <sup>3</sup> Then the Philistines went and made a

<sup>1</sup> raid on the Valley of Rephaim. <sup>3</sup> So David would not move the ark with

him into the City of David, but took it <sup>10</sup> And David inquired of God, saying, aside into the house of Obed-Edom the

"Shall I go up against the Philistines?

Gittite. Will You deliver them into my hand?"

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to him, "Go up, for I will <sup>4</sup> The ark of God remained with the deliver them into your hand."

family of Obed-Edom in his house three

months. And the LORD blessed the <sup>11</sup>

So they went up to Baal Perazim, and



house of Obed-Edom and all that he

David defeated them there. Then David  
had.

said, "God has broken through my  
enemies by my hand like a breakthrough of water." Therefore they

1 4Now Hiram king of Tyre sent called the name of that place  
Baal

messengers to David, and cedar trees, Perazim.

with masons and carpenters, to build 2And when they left their gods  
there,

him a house. 1

David gave a commandment, and they  
2 were burned with fire. So David knew that the LORD had

established him as king over Israel, for 3Then the Philistines once  
again made

his kingdom was highly exalted for the 1 sake of His people Israel. a  
raid on the valley.

14Therefore David inquired again of God, 6 f the sons of Merari,  
Asaiah the chief,

and God said to him, "You shall not go and two hundred and twenty  
of his

up after them; circle around them, and brethren; come upon them in  
front of the mulberry

trees. 7of the sons of Gershon, Joel the chief,

and one hundred and thirty of his

And it shall be, when you hear a sound brethren;  
 of marching in the tops of the mulberry  
 trees, then you shall go out to battle, for sof the sons of Elizaphan,  
 Shemaiah the God has gone out before you to strike chief, and two  
 hundred of his brethren;  
 the camp of the Philistines."

1 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, 6 So David did as God  
 commanded him, and eighty of his brethren;

and they drove back the army of the

Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer. 1 0 the sons of Uzziel,  
 Amminadab the

1 chief, and one hundred and twelve of his 7 Then the fame of David  
 went out into brethren.

all lands, and the LORD brought the fear

of him upon all nations. 1 1And David called for Zadok and

Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites:

for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel,

1 5David built houses for himself in and Amminadab.

the City of David; and he prepared a

place for the ark of God, and pitched a 1 2

He said to them, "You are the heads of  
 tent for it. the fathers' houses of the Levites;

sanctify yourselves, you and your

2 brethren, that you may bring up the ark Then David said, "No one

may carry

the ark of God but the Levites, for the of the LORD God of Israel to the place I

LORD has chosen them to carry the ark have prepared for it. of God and to minister before Him

forever." <sup>1</sup> 3 For because you did not do it the first

time, the LORD our God broke out

3 against us, because we did not consult And David gathered all Israel together

at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Him about the proper order." LORD to its place, which he had

prepared for it. <sup>1</sup> 4

So the priests and the Levites

sanctified themselves to bring up the ark

4 of the LORD God of Israel. Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites:

<sup>1</sup> 5 And the children of the Levites bore

sof the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, the ark of God on their shoulders, by its

and one hundred and twenty of his poles, as Moses had commanded

brethren; according to the word of the LORD. <sup>16</sup> Then David spoke to the leaders of the Obed-Edom and Jehiah, doorkeepers

Levites to appoint their brethren to be for the ark. the singers accompanied by instruments

of music, stringed instruments, harps, <sup>2</sup> 5

So David, the elders of Israel, and the

and cymbals, by raising the voice with captains over thousands went to bring

resounding joy. up the ark of the covenant of the LORD

from the house of Obed-Edom with joy.

17

So the Levites appointed Heman the  
son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph 2 6

And so it was, when God helped the  
the son of Berechiah; and of their Levites who bore the ark of the  
brethren, the sons of Merari, Ethan the covenant of the LORD, that  
they offered  
son of Kushaiah; seven bulls and seven rams.

1 2 ' and with them their brethren of the 7David was clothed with a  
robe of fine second rank: Zechariah, Ben, Jaaziel, linen, as were all the  
Levites who bore

Shemiramoth, Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, the ark, the singers, and Chenaniah  
the Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattithiah, music master with the singers.  
David Eliphelah, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, and also wore a linen ephod.  
Jeiel, the gatekeepers;

2 8Thus all Israel brought up the ark of

1 ' the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan,

the covenant of the LORD with shouting  
were to sound the cymbals of bronze; and with the sound of the horn,  
with

2 music with stringed instruments and

0Zechariah, Aziel, Shemiramoth, Jehiel, trumpets and with cymbals,  
making

Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah, harps. with strings according to

Alamoth;

2 ' And it happened, as the ark of the

21Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-

covenant of the LORD came to the City

Edom, Jeiel, and Azaziah, to direct with of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter,

harps on the Sheminith; looked through a window and saw King

David whirling and playing music; and

22 she despised him in her heart.

Chenaniah, leader of the Levites, was  
instructor in charge of the music,  
because he was skillful;

1 6So they brought the ark of God,

23Berechiah and Elkanah were

and set it in the midst of the tabernacle

doorkeepers for the ark; that David had erected for it. Then they

2 offerings before God. 4Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel, offered  
burnt offerings and peace

Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and

Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the 2 And when David had finished  
offering trumpets before the ark of God; and the burnt offerings and  
the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the 12Remember His  
marvelous works name of the LORD. which He has done, His wonders,  
and

the judgments of His mouth,

3Then he distributed to everyone of 3 1 Israel, both man and woman,  
to 0 seed of Israel His servant, You everyone a loaf of bread, a piece of  
children of Jacob, His chosen ones! meat, and a cake of raisins.

1 4

He is the LORD our God; His

4And he appointed some of the Levites judgments are in all the earth.  
to minister before the ark of the LORD,

to commemorate, to thank, and to praise 15Remember His covenant  
forever, The the LORD God of Israel: word which He commanded, for  
a

thousand generations,

5Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, then Jeiel, Shemiramoth,  
1 6The covenant which He made with Jehiel, Mattithiah, Eliab,  
Benaiah, and Abraham, And His oath to Isaac, Obed-Edom: Jeiel with  
stringed

instruments and harps, but Asaph made 1 7And confirmed it to Jacob  
for a statute, music with cymbals;

To Israel for an everlasting covenant,

6Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests

1 ' Saying, "To you I will give the land of  
regularly blew the trumpets before the

Canaan As the allotment of your  
ark of the covenant of God.

inheritance,"

7On that day David first delivered this

1 ' When you were few in number, Indeed

psalm into the hand of Asaph and his very few, and strangers in it.  
brethren, to thank the LORD:

2 0When they went from one nation to

'Oh, give thanks to the LORD! Call upon another, And from one  
kingdom to

His name; Make known His deeds

another people,

among the peoples!

2 1

He permitted no man to do them

'Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; Talk

wrong; Yes, He rebuked kings for their

of all His wondrous works! sakes,

10

Glory in His holy name; Let the hearts 22

of those rejoice who seek the LORD! Saying, "Do not touch My  
anointed

ones, And do My prophets no harm."

11 3Sing to the LORD, all the earth;

Seek the LORD and His strength; 2

Seek His face evermore!

Proclaim the good news of His salvation

from day to day.

24Declare His glory among the nations, thanks to Your holy name, To

His wonders among all peoples. Your praise."

23 5For the LORD is great and greatly to 6Blessed be the LORD God of Israel be praised; He is also to be feared From everlasting to everlasting! And all

above all gods. the people said, "Amen!" and praised

the LORD.

26

For all the gods of the peoples are

37

idols, But the LORD made the heavens. So he left Asaph and his brothers

there before the ark of the covenant of

27 the LORD to minister before the ark

Honor and majesty are before Him;

Strength and gladness are in His place. regularly, as every day's work required;

28 3' and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight

Give to the LORD, O families of the

peoples, Give to the LORD glory and brethren, including Obed-Edom the son

strength. of Jeduthun, and Hosah, to be

gatekeepers;

2' Give to the LORD the glory due His 3' and Zadok the priest and his



brethren

name; Bring an offering, and come

before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the priests, before the  
tabernacle of the

the beauty of holiness! LORD at the high place that was at

Gibeon,

30 Tremble before Him, all the earth. The way to offer burnt offerings  
to the LORD on earth also is firmly established, It shall not be moved.  
the altar of burnt offering regularly

morning and evening, and to do

31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth according to all that is written  
in the Law of the LORD which He commanded earth be glad; And let  
them say among Israel; the nations, "The LORD reigns."

32 Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; and with them Heman and  
Jeduthun

and the rest who were chosen, who

Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it.

were designated by name, to give

33 Then the trees of the woods shall thank the LORD, because His  
mercy

endures forever;

rejoice before the LORD, For He is

coming to judge the earth. 4 2and with them Heman and Jeduthun,

3 to sound aloud with trumpets and 4 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for  
He is cymbals and the musical instruments of good! For His mercy  
endures forever. God. Now the sons of Jeduthun were

35And say, "Save us, O God of our gatekeepers. salvation; Gather us  
together, and

deliver us from the Gentiles, To give 43Then all the people departed,  
every made you a name like the name of the

man to his house; and David returned to great men who are on the  
earth. bless his house.

9Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant  
them, that

1 they may dwell in a place of their own 7Now it came to pass,  
when David

was dwelling in his house, that David and move no more; nor shall the  
sons of

wickedness oppress them anymore, as

said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I

previously,

dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of

the covenant of the LORD is under tent 1 0since the time that I  
commanded curtains."

judges to be over My people Israel. Also

2 I will subdue all your enemies.

Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that

is in your heart, for God is with you." Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will

build you a house.

3But it happened that night that the word <sup>1</sup>1And it shall be, when your days are of God came to Nathan, saying, fulfilled, when you must go to be with <sup>4</sup> your fathers, that I will set up your seed

Go and tell My servant David, "Thus

after you, who will be of your sons; and I

says the LORD: "You shall not build Me

will establish his kingdom.

a house to dwell in.

<sup>1</sup> 2He shall build Me a house, and I will

<sup>5</sup>For I have not dwelt in a house since

establish his throne forever.

the time that I brought up Israel, even to

this day, but have gone from tent to tent, <sup>1</sup> 3 will be his Father, and he shall be My and from one tabernacle to another. son; and I will not take My mercy away <sup>6</sup> from him, as I took it from him who was

Wherever I have moved about with all before you.

Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any

of the judges of Israel, whom I <sup>1</sup> 4And I will establish him in My house commanded to shepherd My people,

saying, "Why have you not built Me a and in My kingdom forever; and

his

house of cedar? throne shall be established forever. '

<sup>1</sup> 5According to all these words and

<sup>7</sup>Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, "Thus says the LORD of according to all this vision, so Nathan

hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, spoke to David.

from following the sheep, to be ruler <sup>16</sup>Then King David went in and sat over My people Israel.

before the LORD; and he said: "Who am

<sup>8</sup> I, O LORD God? And what is my house,

And I have been with you wherever you

that You have brought me this far?

have gone, and have cut off all your

enemies from before you, and have

<sup>17</sup>

And yet this was a small thing in Your Your servant David be established

sight, O God; and You have also spoken before You. of Your servant's house for a great while

to come, and have regarded me <sup>2</sup> 5For You, O my God, have revealed to according to the rank of a man of high Your servant that You will build him a

degree, O LORD God. house. Therefore Your servant has

found it in his heart to pray before You.

<sup>18</sup>What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You <sup>2</sup> 6

And now, LORD, You are God, and  
know Your servant. have promised this goodness to Your  
servant.

1' O LORD, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart,  
You have 2 7

Now You have been pleased to bless  
done all this greatness, in making the house of Your servant, that it  
may  
known all these great things. continue before You forever; for You  
have blessed it, O LORD, and it shall be  
20

O LORD, there is none like You, nor is blessed forever."  
there any God besides You, according  
to all that we have heard with our ears.

2 1 8After this it came to pass that 1 And who is like Your people  
Israel, the David attacked the Philistines, subdued one nation on the  
earth whom God went them, and took Gath and its towns from to  
redeem for Himself as a people--to the hand of the Philistines. make  
for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out  
nations 2 from before Your people whom You Then he defeated Moab,  
and the

redeemed from Egypt? Moabites became David's servants, and  
brought tribute.

22For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people  
forever; and You, 3And David defeated Hadadezer king of

LORD, have become their God. Zobah as far as Hamath, as he went to

<sup>2</sup> Euphrates. <sup>3</sup> And now, O LORD, the word which You have spoken concerning Your <sup>4</sup> servant and concerning his house, let it David took from him one thousand

be established forever, and do as You chariots, seven thousand horsemen,

and twenty thousand foot soldiers. Also

have said.

David hamstringed all the chariot horses,

<sup>2</sup> except that he spared enough of them <sup>4</sup> So let it be established, that Your for one hundred chariots. name may be magnified forever, saying,

"The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, <sup>5</sup>When the Syrians of Damascus came is Israel's God.' And let the house of to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand of the <sup>13</sup>He also put garrisons in Edom, and all Syrians. the Edomites became David's servants.

And the LORD preserved David

<sup>6</sup> wherever he went. Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became

David's servants, and brought tribute. <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>So David reigned over all Israel, and

So the LORD preserved David wherever administered judgment and justice to all

he went. his people.

And David took the shields of gold that Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the

were on the servants of Hadadezer, and army; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud

brought them to Jerusalem. was recorder;

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> Also from Tibhath and from Chun, cities <sup>6</sup> Zadok the son of Ahitub and of Hadadezer, David brought a large Abimelech the son of Abiathar were the

amount of bronze, with which Solomon priests; Shavsha was the scribe; made the bronze Sea, the pillars, and

the articles of bronze. <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over

the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and

'Now when Tou king of Hamath heard David's sons were chief ministers at the

that David had defeated all the army of king's side. Hadadezer king of Zobah,

<sup>10</sup>

he sent Hadoram his son to King <sup>1</sup> <sup>9</sup> It happened after this that Nahash

David, to greet him and bless him,

the king of the people of Ammon died,

because he had fought against

and his son reigned in his place.

Hadadezer and defeated him (for

Hadadezer had been at war with Tou); <sup>2</sup> and Hadoram brought with

him all kinds Then David said, "I will show kindness

of articles of gold, silver, and bronze. to Hanun the son of Nahash,  
because

his father showed kindness to me." So

1 David sent messengers to comfort him 1

King David also dedicated these to the concerning his father. And  
David's

LORD, along with the silver and gold servants came to Hanun in the  
land of

that he had brought from all these

the people of Ammon to comfort him.

nations--from Edom, from Moab, from

the people of Ammon, from the 3And the princes of the people of  
Philistines, and from Amalek.

Ammon said to Hanun, "Do you think

1 that David really honors your father 2Moreover Abishai the son of  
Zeruiah

because he has sent comforters to you?

killed eighteen thousand Edomites in the Did his servants not come to  
you to

Valley of Salt. search and to overthrow and to spy out

the land?"

4Therefore Hanun took David's servants, brother, and they set  
themselves in

shaved them, and cut off their garments battle array against the  
people of



in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent Ammon. them away.

1 2

Then he said, "If the Syrians are too

5Then some went and told David about strong for me, then you shall help me;

the men; and he sent to meet them, but if the people of Ammon are too

because the men were greatly ashamed. strong for you, then I will help you. And the king said, "Wait at Jericho until

your beards have grown, and then 1 3Be of good courage, and let us be return." strong for our people and for the cities of

our God. And may the LORD do what is

6When the people of Ammon saw that good in His sight." they had made themselves repulsive to

David, Hanun and the people of Ammon 1 4So Joab and the people who were with sent a thousand talents of silver to hire him drew near for the battle against the

for themselves chariots and horsemen Syrians, and they fled before him. from Mesopotamia, from Syrian Maacah,

and from Zobah. 15When the people of Ammon saw that 7 the Syrians were fleeing, they also fled

So they hired for themselves thirty-two before Abishai his brother, and entered

thousand chariots, with the king of the city. So Joab went to Jerusalem. Maacah and his people, who came and

encamped before Medeba. Also the 1 6Now when the Syrians saw that they people of Ammon gathered together had been defeated by Israel, they sent from their cities, and came to battle. messengers and brought the Syrians 8 who were beyond the River, and

Now when David heard of it, he sent Shophach the commander of

Joab and all the army of the mighty men. Hadadezer's army went before them.

Then the people of Ammon came out 1 7When it was told David, he gathered

and put themselves in battle array all Israel, crossed over the Jordan and

before the gate of the city, and the kings came upon them, and set up in battle

who had come were by themselves in array against them. So when David had

the field. set up in battle array against the Syrians,

1 they fought with him.

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When Joab saw that the battle line

was against him before and behind, he 18Then the Syrians fled before Israel; chose some of Israel's best, and put and David killed seven thousand

them in battle array against the Syrians. charioteers and forty thousand foot

1 soldiers of the Syrians, and killed

1 And the rest of the people he put Shophach the commander of the army.

under the command of Abishai his 19And when the servants of Hadadezer 6Yet again there was war at Gath, where

saw that they were defeated by Israel, there was a man of great stature, with

they made peace with David and twenty-four fingers and toes, six on each

became his servants. So the Syrians hand and six on each foot; and he also

were not willing to help the people of was born to the giant. Ammon anymore.

7So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's brother, killed

2 him. Olt happened in the spring of the

year, at the time kings go out to battle,

that Joab led out the armed forces and 8These were born to the giant in Gath,

ravaged the country of the people of and they fell by the hand of David and

Ammon, and came and besieged by the hand of his servants. Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.

And Joab defeated Rabbah and

overthrew it. 2 1 Now Satan stood up against Israel,

2 and moved David to number Israel.

Then David took their king's crown from

his head, and found it to weigh a talent 2

So David said to Joab and to the

of gold, and there were precious stones

in it. And it was set on David's head. leaders of the people, "Go, number

Israel from Beersheba to Dan, and bring

Also he brought out the spoil of the city

the number of them to me that I may

in great abundance.

know it."

3And he brought out the people who 3And Joab answered, "May the LORD were in it, and put them to work with make His people a hundred times more saws, with iron picks, and with axes. So than they are. But, my lord the king, are David did to all the cities of the people of they not all my lord's servants? Why Ammon. Then David and all the people then does my lord require this thing? returned to Jerusalem. Why should he be a cause of guilt in

4 Israel?"

Now it happened afterward that war

broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, 4Nevertheless the king's word prevailed at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite

against Joab. Therefore Joab departed

killed Sippai, who was one of the sons

and went throughout all Israel and came

of the giant. And they were subdued.

to Jerusalem.

5Again there was war with the Philistines, 5

Then Joab gave the sum of the number

and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi

of the people to David. All Israel had

the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the

one million one hundred thousand men

shaft of whose spear was like a

who drew the sword, and Judah had

weaver's beam.

four hundred and seventy thousand men

who drew the sword.

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But he did not count Levi and Benjamin So the LORD sent a plague  
upon

among them, for the king's word was Israel, and seventy thousand  
men of

abominable to Joab. Israel fell.

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And God was displeased with this And God sent an angel to Jerusalem  
thing; therefore He struck Israel. to destroy it. As he was destroying,  
the

LORD looked and relented of the

8 disaster, and said to the angel who was So David said to God, "I have  
sinned

greatly, because I have done this thing; destroying, "It is enough; now  
restrain

but now, I pray, take away the iniquity of your hand." And the angel  
of the LORD

Your servant, for I have done very stood by the threshing floor of  
Ornan the

foolishly." Jebusite.

"Then the LORD spoke to Gad, David's 16Then David lifted his eyes and  
saw the

seer, saying, angel of the LORD standing between

earth and heaven, having in his hand a

10 Go and tell David, saying, "Thus says drawn sword stretched out over

Jerusalem. So David and the elders,  
the LORD: "I offer you three things;

clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces.  
choose one of them for yourself, that I

may do it to you. '17 And David said to God, "Was it not I 11 who  
commanded the people to be

So Gad came to David and said to him,  
numbered? I am the one who has  
"Thus says the LORD: "Choose for  
sinned and done evil indeed; but these  
yourself,  
sheep, what have they done? Let Your

1 hand, I pray, O LORD my God, be 2 either three years of famine, or  
three against me and my father's house, but months to be defeated by  
your foes with not against Your people that they should the sword of  
your enemies overtaking be plagued." you, or else for three days the  
sword of

the LORD--the plague in the land, with 18 Therefore, the angel of the  
LORD the angel of the LORD destroying

throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now commanded Gad to say to  
David that

consider what answer I should take David should go and erect an altar  
to

the LORD on the threshing floor of

back to Him who sent me."

Ornan the Jebusite.

13And David said to Gad, "I am in great

1 ' So David went up at the word of Gad,  
distress. Please let me fall into the hand

which he had spoken in the name of the  
of the LORD, for His mercies are very  
great; but do not let me fall into the hand LORD.

of man." 2 0Now Ornan turned and saw the angel;

and his four sons who were with him hid  
themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat.

2 2 1

So David came to Ornan, and Ornan ' For the tabernacle of the  
LORD and

looked and saw David. And he went out the altar of the burnt offering,  
which

from the threshing floor, and bowed Moses had made in the  
wilderness,

before David with his face to the ground. were at that time at the high  
place in

Gibeon.

22

Then David said to Ornan, "Grant me

the place of this threshing floor, that I But David could not go before it to

may build an altar on it to the LORD. inquire of God, for he was afraid of the

You shall grant it to me at the full price, sword of the angel of the LORD. that the plague may be withdrawn from

the people."

2 22Then David said, "This is the

3 But Ornan said to David, "Take it to house of the LORD God, and this is the

yourself, and let my lord the king do altar of burnt offering for Israel." what is good in his eyes. Look, I also

give you the oxen for burnt offerings, the 2

So David commanded to gather the threshing implements for wood, and the

wheat for the grain offering; I give it all." aliens who were in the land of Israel;

and he appointed masons to cut hewn

2 stones to build the house of God. 4Then King David said to Ornan, "No,

but I will surely buy it for the full price, 3And David prepared iron in abundance

for I will not take what is yours for the

for the nails of the doors of the gates

LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that



and for the joints, and bronze in

which costs me nothing."

abundance beyond measure,

25

So David gave Ornan six hundred 4

and cedar trees in abundance; for the

shekels of gold by weight for the place.

Sidonians and those from Tyre brought

2 much cedar wood to David. 6And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and 5

Now David said, "Solomon my son is

peace offerings, and called on the

LORD; and He answered him from young and inexperienced, and the

heaven by fire on the altar of burnt house to be built for the LORD must be

exceedingly magnificent, famous and

offering.

glorious throughout all countries. I will

2 now make preparation for it." So David 7 So the LORD commanded the angel, made abundant preparations before him and he returned his sword to its sheath. death.

28At that time, when David saw that the 6Then he called for his son Solomon,

LORD had answered him on the

and charged him to build a house for the

threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite, he LORD God of Israel.  
sacrificed there.

7And David said to Solomon: "My son, hundred thousand talents of  
gold and

as for me, it was in my mind to build a one million talents of silver,  
and bronze

house to the name of the LORD my and iron beyond measure, for it is  
so

God; abundant. I have prepared timber and

stone also, and you may add to them.

8but the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "You have shed much  
blood and 1 5Moreover there are workmen with you have made great  
wars; you shall not in abundance: woodsmen and build a house for My  
name, because stonecutters, and all types of skillful men

you have shed much blood on the earth for every kind of work. in My  
sight.

1 6

Of gold and silver and bronze and iron

'Behold, a son shall be born to you, who there is no limit. Arise and  
begin working,

shall be a man of rest; and I will give and the LORD be with you." him  
rest from all his enemies all around.

His name shall be Solomon, for I will 1 7David also commanded all the  
leaders give peace and quietness to Israel in his of Israel to help  
Solomon his son, saying,

days.

18 Is not the LORD your God with you?

10He shall build a house for My name,

And has He not given you rest on every

and he shall be My son, and I will be his side? For He has given the inhabitants

Father; and I will establish the throne of of the land into my hand, and the land is

his kingdom over Israel forever.' subdued before the LORD and before

His people.

11

Now, my son, may the LORD be with

you; and may you prosper, and build the <sup>1</sup> ' Now set your heart and your soul to house of the LORD your God, as He seek the LORD your God. Therefore

has said to you. arise and build the sanctuary of the

LORD God, to bring the ark of the

<sup>12</sup> Only may the LORD give you wisdom covenant of the LORD and the holy

and understanding, and give you charge articles of God into the house that is to

concerning Israel, that you may keep be built for the name of the LORD." the law of the LORD your God.

13

Then you will prosper, if you take care <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> So when David was old and full of

to fulfill the statutes and judgments with days, he made his son Solomon king

which the LORD charged Moses over Israel. concerning Israel. Be strong and of

good courage; do not fear nor be <sup>2</sup>

And he gathered together all the

dismayed.

leaders of Israel, with the priests and the

<sup>1</sup> Levites. <sup>4</sup> Indeed I have taken much trouble for the house of the LORD one <sup>3</sup> Now the Levites were numbered from the most holy things, to burn incense

the age of thirty years and above; and before the LORD, to minister to Him,

the number of individual males was and to give the blessing in His name

thirty-eight thousand. forever.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Of these, twenty-four thousand were to Now the sons of Moses the man of

look after the work of the house of the God were reckoned to the tribe of Levi.

LORD, six thousand were officers and

judges, <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> The sons of Moses were Gershon and

Eliezer.

four thousand were gatekeepers, and four thousand praised the LORD with <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> Of the sons of Gershon, Shebuel was musical instruments, "which I made," the first. said David, "for giving praise."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Of the descendants of Eliezer,

Also David separated them into Rehabiah was the first. And Eliezer had

divisions among the sons of Levi: no other sons, but the sons of Rehabiah

Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. were very many.

7Of the Gershonites: Laadan and Shimei. 8

1 Of the sons of Izhar, Shelomith was the first.

8The sons of Laadan: the first Jehiel,

then Zetham and Joel--three in all. 1 ' Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the

first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the

'The sons of Shimei: Shelomith, Haziel, third, and Jekameam the fourth. and Haran--three in all. These were the

heads of the fathers' houses of Laadan. 2Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah was the

1

0And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, Zina, first and Jesshiah the second.

Jeush, and Beriah. These were the four 2 1The sons of Merari were Mahli and sons of Shimei. Mushi. The sons of Mahli were Eleazar

and Kish.

11

Jahath was the first and Zizah the

second. But Jeush and Beriah did not 2 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, have many sons; therefore they were but only daughters; and their brethren,

assigned as one father's house. the sons of Kish, took them as wives.

12The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, 2 3

The sons of Mushi were Mahli, Eder,

Hebron, and Uzziel--four in all. and Jeremoth--three in all.

13The sons of Amram: Aaron and 2 4

These were the sons of Levi by their

Moses; and Aaron was set apart, he and fathers' houses--the heads of the his sons forever, that he should sanctify fathers' houses as they were counted

individually by the number of their needs of the holy place, and the needs

names, who did the work for the service of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the

of the house of the LORD, from the age work of the house of the LORD. of twenty years and above.

25 For David said, "The LORD God of 24Now these are the divisions of the

Israel has given rest to His people, that sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were

they may dwell in Jerusalem forever";

Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar.

26

and also to the Levites, "They shall no 2

And Nadab and Abihu died before their

longer carry the tabernacle, or any of father, and had no children; therefore

the articles for its service." Eleazar and Ithamar ministered as

2 priests. 7For by the last words of David the

Levites were numbered from twenty 3Then David with Zadok of the

sons of

years old and above;

Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of

2 Ithamar, divided them according to the 8 because their duty was to help the schedule of their service.

sons of Aaron in the service of the

house of the LORD, in the courts and in 4

There were more leaders found of the the chambers, in the purifying of all holy

sons of Eleazar than of the sons of

things and the work of the service of the Ithamar, and thus they were divided.

house of God, Among the sons of Eleazar were sixteen

2 heads of their fathers' houses, and eight

' both with the showbread and the fine heads of their fathers' houses among

flour for the grain offering, with the the sons of Ithamar. unleavened cakes and what is baked in

the pan, with what is mixed and with all 5

Thus they were divided by lot, one kinds of measures and sizes;

group as another, for there were officials

30 o stand every morning to thank and of the sanctuary and officials of the

house of God, from the sons of Eleazar

praise the LORD, and likewise at and from the sons of Ithamar.  
evening;

6And the scribe, Shemaiah the son of

31

and at every presentation of a burnt Nethanel, one of the Levites,  
wrote them

offering to the LORD on the Sabbaths down before the king, the  
leaders,

and on the New Moons and on the set Zadok the priest, Ahimelech the  
son of

feasts, by number according to the Abiathar, and the heads of the  
fathers'

ordinance governing them, regularly houses of the priests and Levites,  
one

before the LORD; father's house taken for Eleazar and one

for Ithamar.

32

and that they should attend to the

needs of the tabernacle of meeting, the 7 2 Now the first lot fell to  
Jehoiarib, the 0And the rest of the sons of Levi: of the second to  
Jedaiah, sons of Amram, Shubael; of the sons of

Shubael, Jehdeiah.

8the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 1Concerning Rehabiah, of  
the sons of

2

'the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Rehabiah, the first was Issiah.  
Mijamin,



2 Of the Izharites, Shelomoth; of the

10The seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to sons of Shelomoth, Jahath.

Abijah, 3Of the sons of Hebron, Jeriah was the

2

11 he ninth to Jeshua, the tenth to first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel  
the

Shecaniah, third, and Jekameam the fourth.

1 Of the sons of Uzziel, Michah; of the he eleventh to Eliashib, the  
twelfth to

2T 2 4

Jakim, sons of Michah, Shamir.

1 2 5The brother of Michah, Isshiah; of the 3 he thirteenth to Huppah,  
the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, sons of Isshiah, Zechariah.

14t 6The sons of Merari were Mahli and

2

he fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to  
Immer, Mushi; the son of Jaaziah, Beno.

1 2 5t seventeenth 7The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were he to Hezir,  
the eighteenth to Happizzetz, Beno, Shoham, Zaccur, and Ibri.

1 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons.

6 he nineteenth to Pethahiah, the 2 8

twentieth to Jehezekel,

2 ' Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel.

17T

he twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty- 0Also the sons of Mushi  
were Mahli,

second to Gamut, 3

Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the

18T sons of the Levites according to their

he twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-  
fourth to Maaziah. fathers' houses.

1 1These also cast lots just as their

9 3

This was the schedule of their service

for coming into the house of the LORD brothers the sons of Aaron did,  
in the

according to their ordinance by the hand presence of King David,  
Zadok,

of Aaron their father, as the LORD God Ahimelech, and the heads of  
the fathers'

of Israel had commanded him. houses of the priests and Levites. The

chief fathers did just as their younger

brethren.

songs of the LORD, all who were skillful,

2 was two hundred and eighty-eight. 5Moreover David and the

captains

of the army separated for the service 8And they cast lots for their duty, the some of the sons of Asaph, of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy small as well as the great, the teacher

with harps, stringed instruments, and with the student. cymbals. And the number of the skilled

men performing their service was: 'Now the first lot for Asaph came out for

Joseph; the second for Gedaliah, him

2 with his brethren and sons, twelve; Of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, Joseph, Nethaniah, and Asharelah; the sons of

1 0

Asaph were under the direction of the third for Zaccur, his sons and his

Asaph, who prophesied according to the brethren, twelve; order of the king.

1 the fourth for Jizri, his sons and his

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OI Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: brethren, twelve;

Gedaliah, Zeri, Jeshaiiah, Shimei,

Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under 1 2the fifth for Nethaniah, his sons and the direction of their father Jeduthun, his brethren, twelve; who prophesied with a harp to give

thanks and to praise the LORD. 1 3

the sixth for Bukkiah, his sons and his

4 brethren, twelve;

Of Heman, the sons of Heman: Bukkiah,

Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, <sup>14</sup>

the seventh for Jesharelah, his sons

Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti,

and his brethren, twelve;

Romamti-Ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi,

Hothir, and Mahazioth. <sup>15</sup>the eighth for Jeshaiiah, his sons and <sup>5</sup> his  
brethren, twelve;

All these were the sons of Heman the

king's seer in the words of God, to exalt <sup>16</sup>the ninth for Mattaniah, his  
sons and his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen his brethren, twelve;  
sons and three daughters.

<sup>17</sup>

<sup>6</sup> the tenth for Shimei, his sons and his All these were under the  
direction of

their father for the music in the house of brethren, twelve; the LORD,  
with cymbals, stringed

instruments, and harps, for the service <sup>1'</sup> the eleventh for Azarel, his  
sons and of the house of God. Asaph, Jeduthun, his brethren, twelve;  
and Heman were under the authority of

the king. <sup>1'</sup> the twelfth for Hashabiah, his sons and

his brethren, twelve;

<sup>7</sup>So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in  
the <sup>22</sup> <sup>0</sup>The thirteenth for Shubael, his sons And the sons of  
Meshelemiah were

and his brethren, twelve; Zechariah the firstborn, Jediael the

second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the

21T fourth,

he fourteenth for Mattithiah, his sons  
and his brethren, twelve;

3Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth,

22T Eliehoenai the seventh.

he fifteenth for Jeremoth, his sons  
and his brethren, twelve;

4 Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom were

2 3 he sixteenth for Hananiah, his sons Shemaiah the firstborn,  
Jehozabad the

and his brethren, twelve; second, Joah the third, Sacar the fourth,

Nethanel the fifth,

24The seventeenth for Joshbekashah, his 5 sons and his brethren,  
twelve; Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh,

Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him.

25T he eighteenth for Hanani, his sons 6 and his brethren, twelve; Also  
to Shemaiah his son were sons

born who governed their fathers' houses,

26T because they were men of great ability.

he nineteenth for Mallothi, his sons  
and his brethren, twelve; 7

The sons of Shemaiah were Othni,

2 Rephael, Obed, and Elzabad, whose 7The twentieth for Eliathah, his  
sons and

brothers Elihu and Semachiah were

his brethren, twelve;

able men.

2 ' the twenty-first for Hothir, his sons and

8 All these were of the sons of Obed-

his brethren, twelve;

Edom, they and their sons and their

2 brethren, able men with strength for the ' the twenty-second for  
Giddalti, his work: sixty-two of Obed-Edom.

sons and his brethren, twelve;

3 And Meshelemiah had sons and 0The twenty-third for Mahazioth, his

brethren, eighteen able men.

sons and his brethren, twelve;

1 0Also Hosah, of the children of Merari,

31The twenty-fourth for Romamti-Ezer,

had sons: Shimri the first (for though he

his sons and his brethren, twelve. was not the firstborn, his father  
made

him the first),

2 6Concerning the divisions of the 1 1Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the  
third,

gatekeepers: of the Korahites, Zechariah the fourth; all the sons and Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the brethren of Hosah were thirteen. sons of Asaph.

1 2 2

Among these were the divisions of the The sons of Jehieli, Zetham and Joel

gatekeepers, among the chief men, his brother, were over the treasuries of

having duties just like their brethren, to the house of the LORD. serve in the house of the LORD.

2 3

Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the

13

And they cast lots for each gate, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites:

small as well as the great, according to

their father's house. 2 4Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son

1 treasuries. 4The lot for the East Gate fell to of Moses, was overseer of the

Shelemiah. Then they cast lots for his

son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and 2 5And his brethren by Eliezer were his lot came out for the North Gate; Rehabiah his son, Jeshaiiah his son,

Joram his son, Zichri his son, and

15 Obed-Edom the South Gate, and to

Shelomith his son.

his sons the storehouse.

26This Shelomith and his brethren were

16 To Shuppim and Hosah the lot came over all the treasures of the  
dedicated

out for the West Gate, with the things which King David and the heads  
Shallecheth Gate on the ascending of fathers' houses, the captains over  
highway--watchman opposite watchman. thousands and hundreds,  
and the

captains of the army, had dedicated.

17

On the east were six Levites, on the

2 7

north four each day, on the south four Some of the spoils won in  
battles they

each day, and for the storehouse two by dedicated to maintain the  
house of the

two. LORD.

1 2 8

' As for the Parbar on the west, there And all that Samuel the seer,  
Saul the

were four on the highway and two at the son of Kish, Abner the son of  
Ner, and

Parbar. Joab the son of Zeruiah had dedicated,

every dedicated thing, was under the

1 hand of Shelomith and his brethren. ' These were the divisions of the  
gatekeepers among the sons of Korah

and among the sons of Merari. 2' Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his

sons performed duties as officials and



20 judges over Israel outside Jerusalem.

Of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasuries of the house of God and over

30

the treasuries of the dedicated things. Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his

brethren, one thousand seven hundred

21 The sons of Laadan, the descendants able men, had the oversight of Israel on

of the Gershonites of Laadan, heads of the west side of the Jordan for all the

their fathers' houses, of Laadan the business of the LORD, and in the Gershonite: Jehieli. service of the king.

31 Among the Hebronites, Jerijah was Jehoiada the priest, who was chief; in

head of the Hebronites according to his division were twenty-four thousand.

genealogy of the fathers. In the fortieth

year of the reign of David they were 6 This was the Benaiah who was mighty

sought, and there were found among among the thirty, and was over the

them capable men at Jazer of Gilead. thirty; in his division was Ammizabad his

son.

32 And his brethren were two thousand

seven hundred able men, heads of 7 The fourth captain for the fourth month fathers' houses, whom King David made was Asahel the brother of Joab, and

officials over the Reubenites, the Zebadiah his son after him; in his

Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, division were twenty-four thousand. for every matter pertaining to God and

the affairs of the king. <sup>8</sup>The fifth captain for the fifth month was

Shamhuth the Izrahite; in his division

were twenty-four thousand.

27And the children of Israel,

according to their number, the heads of <sup>9</sup>The sixth captain for the sixth month

fathers' houses, the captains of was ma the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite; in thousands and hundreds and their his division were twenty-four thousand. officers, served the king in every matter

of the military divisions. These divisions <sup>10</sup>The seventh captain for the seventh came in and went out month by month month was Helez the Pelonite, of the

throughout all the months of the year, children of Ephraim; in his division were

each division having twenty-four twenty-four thousand. thousand.

<sup>11</sup>

The eighth captain for the eighth

<sup>2</sup>Over the first division for the first month month was Sibbechai the Hushathite, of

was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel, and the Zarhites; in his division were twenty-

in his division were twenty-four four thousand. thousand;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>The ninth captain for the ninth month

t he was of the children of Perez, and the was Abiezer the Anathothite, of the

chief of all the captains of the army for Benjamites; in his division

were twenty-

the first month. four thousand.

41 over the division of the second month 3The tenth captain for the tenth month was Dodai an Ahohite, and of his was Maharai the Netophathite, of the

division Mikloth also was the leader; in Zarhites; in his division were twenty-four

his division were twenty-four thousand. thousand.

51 4 The third captain of the army for the The eleventh captain for the eleventh third month was Benaiah, the son of month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of

2 4

the children of Ephraim; in his division Joab the son of Zeruiah began a

were twenty-four thousand. census, but he did not finish, for wrath

came upon Israel because of this

15The twelfth captain for the twelfth census; nor was the number recorded in

month was Heldai the Netophathite, of the account of the chronicles of King

Othniel; in his division were twenty-four David. thousand.

2 5And Azmaveth the son of Adiel was

16 over the king's treasuries; and

Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel:

the officer over the Reubenites was Jehonathan the son of Uzziah was over

Eliezer the son of Zichri; over the the storehouses in the field, in the cities,

Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of in the villages, and in the fortresses.

Maachah; 6Ezri the son of Chelub was over those

2

1 7 ver the Levites, Hashabiah the son of who did the work of the field for titling

Kemuel; over the Aaronites, Zadok; the ground.

1 2 7 8 ver Judah, Elihu, one of David's And Shimei the Ramathite was over brothers; over Issachar, Omri the son of the vineyards, and Zabdi the Shiphmite

Michael; was over the produce of the vineyards

for the supply of wine.

19 ver Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah; over Naphtali, Jerimoth the 2 8Baal-Hanan the Gederite was over the son of Azriel; olive trees and the sycamore trees that

were in the lowlands, and Joash was

20 ver the children of Ephraim, Hoshea over the store of oil. the son of Azaziah; over the half-tribe of

Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiah; 2 ' And Shitrai the Sharonite was over the

herds that fed in Sharon, and Shaphat

21 ver the half-tribe of Manasseh in the son of Adlai was over the herds that

were in the valleys.

Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah; over

Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner; 30 Obil the Ishmaelite was over the

22 ver Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. camels, Jehdeiah the Meronothite was

These were the leaders of the tribes of over the donkeys,

Israel. 31 and Jaziz the Hagrite was over the

23 But David did not take the number of flocks. All these were the officials over

those twenty years old and under, King David's property.

because the LORD had said He would 32 Also Jehonathan, David's uncle, was a multiply Israel like the stars of the heavens. counselor, a wise man, and a scribe;

and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was was pleased with me to make me king

with the king's sons. over all Israel.

33 Ahithophel was the king's counselor, 5 And of all my sons (for the LORD has and Hushai the Archite was the king's given me many sons) He has chosen

companion. my son Solomon to sit on the throne of

the kingdom of the LORD over Israel.

34

After Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son

of Benaiah, then Abiathar. And the 6 Now He said to me, "It is your son general of the king's army was Joab. Solomon who shall build My house and

My courts; for I have chosen him to be

My son, and I will be his Father.

28Now David assembled at Jerusalem all the leaders of Israel: the  
7Moreover I will establish his kingdom

officers of the tribes and the captains of forever, if he is steadfast to  
observe My

the divisions who served the king, the commandments and My  
judgments, as it

captains over thousands and captains is this day.'

over hundreds, and the stewards over 8Now therefore, in the sight of  
all Israel, all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons,  
with the the assembly of the LORD, and in the

officials, the valiant men, and all the hearing of our God, be careful to  
seek

mighty men of valor. out all the commandments of the LORD

your God, that you may possess this

2 good land, and leave it as an inheritance

Then King David rose to his feet and

for your children after you forever.

said, "Hear me, my brethren and my

people: I had it in my heart to build a

house of rest for the ark of the covenant '"As for you, my son Solomon,  
know the

of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God of your father, and serve  
Him with a

God, and had made preparations to loyal heart and with a willing  
mind; for

build it. the LORD searches all hearts and

understands all the intent of the

3But God said to me, "You shall not thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be

build a house for My name, because found by you; but if you forsake Him, He

you have been a man of war and have will cast you off forever.

shed blood.' OConsider now, for the LORD has

1

4 chosen you to build a house for the However the LORD God of Israel chose

me above all the house of my father to sanctuary; be strong, and do it."

be king over Israel forever, for He has 1 1Then David gave his son Solomon the chosen Judah to be the ruler. And of the house of Judah, the house of my father, plans for the vestibule, its houses, its

and among the sons of my father, He treasuries, its upper chambers, its inner

chambers, and the place of the mercy overshadowed the ark of the covenant

seat; of the LORD.

1 1 2

and the plans for all that he had by the " All this," said David, "the LORD made

Spirit, of the courts of the house of the me understand in writing, by

His hand

LORD, of all the chambers all around, of upon me, all the works of these plans."

the treasuries of the house of God, and

of the treasuries for the dedicated 2 0

And David said to his son Solomon,

things; "Be strong and of good courage, and do

it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the

13

also for the division of the priests and LORD God--my God--will be with you.

the Levites, for all the work of the He will not leave you nor forsake you,

service of the house of the LORD, and until you have finished all the work for

for all the articles of service in the house the service of the house of the LORD.

of the LORD.

21

Here are the divisions of the priests

14 He gave gold by weight for things of and the Levites for all the service of the

gold, for all articles used in every kind of house of God; and every willing

service; also silver for all articles of craftsman will be with you for all manner

silver by weight, for all articles used in of workmanship, for every kind of



every kind of service; service; also the leaders and all the

people will be completely at your

<sup>15</sup>the weight for the lampstands of gold, command."

and their lamps of gold, by weight for

each lampstand and its lamps; for the

lampstands of silver by weight, for the <sup>29</sup>Furthermore King David  
said to all

lampstand and its lamps, according to the assembly: "My son Solomon,  
whom

the use of each lampstand.

alone God has chosen, is young and

<sup>1</sup> inexperienced; and the work is great, <sup>6</sup>And by weight he gave gold  
for the

because the temple is not for man but

tables of the showbread, for each table, for the LORD God. and silver  
for the tables of silver;

<sup>2</sup>Now for the house of my God I have

<sup>17</sup> also pure gold for the forks, the basins, prepared with all my might:  
gold for

the pitchers of pure gold, and the golden things to be made of gold,  
silver for

bowls--he gave gold by weight for every things of silver, bronze for  
things of

bowl; and for the silver bowls, silver by bronze, iron for things of iron,  
wood for

weight for every bowl; things of wood, onyx stones, stones to

be set, glistening stones of various

18 and refined gold by weight for the altar colors, all kinds of precious stones, and

of incense, and for the construction of marble slabs in abundance. the chariot, that is, the gold cherubim

that spread their wings and 3Moreover, because I have set my  
10Therefore David blessed the LORD affection on the house of my God, I before all the assembly; and David said:

have given to the house of my God, "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel,

over and above all that I have prepared our Father, forever and ever. for the holy house, my own special

treasure of gold and silver: 1 1 ours, O LORD, is the greatness, The

power and the glory, The victory and the

4 majesty; For all that is in heaven and in three thousand talents of gold, of the

gold of Ophir, and seven thousand earth is Yours; Yours is the kingdom, O

talents of refined silver, to overlay the LORD, And You are exalted as head

walls of the houses; over all.

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the gold for things of gold and the silver Both riches and honor come from You,

for things of silver, and for all kinds of And You reign over all. In Your hand is

work to be done by the hands of power and might; In Your hand it is to

craftsmen. Who then is willing to make great And to give strength to all.

consecrate himself this day to the

LORD?" <sup>13</sup> Now therefore, our God, We thank

You And praise Your glorious name.

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of the fathers' houses,

leaders of the tribes of Israel, the <sup>14</sup> But who am I, and who are my people, captains of thousands and of hundreds, That we should be able to offer so

with the officers over the king's work, willingly as this? For all things come

offered willingly. from You, And of Your own we have

given You.

<sup>7</sup> They gave for the work of the house of

God five thousand talents and ten <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> For we are aliens and pilgrims before thousand darics of gold, ten thousand You, As were all our fathers; Our days

talents of silver, eighteen thousand on earth are as a shadow, And without

talents of bronze, and one hundred hope. thousand talents of iron.

<sup>1</sup> 64§

<sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, all this abundance

And whoever had precious stones gave that we have prepared to build You a

them to the treasury of the house of the house for Your holy name is from Your

LORD, into the hand of Jehiel the hand, and is all Your own. Gershonite.

<sup>17</sup> a know also, my God, that You test the

"Then the people rejoiced, for they had heart and have pleasure in uprightness.

offered willingly, because with a loyal As for me, in the uprightness of my

heart they had offered willingly to the heart I have willingly offered all these

LORD; and King David also rejoiced things; and now with joy I have seen

greatly. Your people, who are present here to

offer willingly to You.

<sup>1</sup> O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and father, and prospered; and all Israel

Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in obeyed him. the intent of the thoughts of the heart of

Your people, and fix their heart toward <sup>2</sup> All the leaders and the mighty men, You. and also all the sons of King David,

submitted themselves to King Solomon.

<sup>1</sup> ' And give my son Solomon a loyal heart to keep Your commandments and <sup>2</sup> So the LORD exalted Solomon Your testimonies and Your statutes, to exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and

do all these things, and to build the bestowed on him such royal majesty as

temple for which I have made provision." had not been on any king before him in

<sup>2</sup>

0Then David said to all the assembly, Israel.

"Now bless the LORD your God." So all <sup>2</sup> 6Thus David the son of Jesse reigned the assembly blessed the LORD God of over all Israel. their fathers, and bowed their heads and

prostrated themselves before the LORD <sup>2</sup> 7

And the period that he reigned over and the king.

Israel was forty years; seven years he

2 reigned in Hebron, and thirty-three years 1And they made sacrifices  
to the LORD

he reigned in Jerusalem.

and offered burnt offerings to the LORD

on the next day: a thousand bulls, a 2 8

So he died in a good old age, full of

thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with

days and riches and honor; and

their drink offerings, and sacrifices in

Solomon his son reigned in his place.

abundance for all Israel.

2 they ate and drank before the 2So 2 ' Now the acts of King David,  
first and

LORD with great gladness on that day. of Samuel the seer, in the book  
of And they made Solomon the son of last, indeed they are written in  
the book

Nathan the prophet, and in the book of

David king the second time, and

Gad the seer,

anointed him before the LORD to be the

leader, and Zadok to be priest. 30with all his reign and his might, and  
the

2 events that happened to him, to Israel, 3

Then Solomon sat on the throne of the

and to all the kingdoms of the lands.

LORD as king instead of David his

# 2nd Chronicles

8And Solomon said to God: "You have shown great mercy to David my father,

1 and have made me king in his place. Now Solomon the son of David was

strengthened in his kingdom, and the 'Now, O LORD God, let Your promise to

LORD his God was with him and exalted

him exceedingly. David my father be established, for You

have made me king over a people like

2 the dust of the earth in multitude.

And Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the

captains of thousands and of hundreds, 1 0Now give me wisdom and knowledge, to the judges, and to every leader in all

Israel, the heads of the fathers' houses. that I may go out and come in before

this people; for who can judge this great

3Then Solomon, and all the assembly people of Yours?"

with him, went to the high place that was 11Then God said to Solomon: "Because at Gibeon; for the tabernacle of meeting this was in your heart, and you have not with God was there, which Moses the asked riches or wealth or honor or the servant of the LORD had made

in the life of your enemies, nor have you asked wilderness. long life--  
but have asked wisdom and <sup>4</sup> knowledge for yourself, that you may

But David had brought up the ark of

judge My people over whom I have

God from Kirjath Jearim to the place

made you king--

David had prepared for it, for he had

pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>wisdom and knowledge are  
granted to <sup>5</sup> you; and I will give you riches and

Now the bronze altar that Bezalel the

wealth and honor, such as none of the

son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, he

kings have had who were before you,

put before the tabernacle of the LORD;

nor shall any after you have the like."

Solomon and the assembly sought Him

there. <sup>13</sup>So Solomon came to Jerusalem from <sup>6</sup> the high place that was  
at Gibeon, from

And Solomon went up there to the

before the tabernacle of meeting, and

bronze altar before the LORD, which

reigned over Israel.

was at the tabernacle of meeting, and



offered a thousand burnt offerings on it. <sup>1</sup> 4And Solomon gathered chariots and <sup>7</sup> horsemen; he had one thousand four

On that night God appeared to

hundred chariots and twelve thousand

Solomon, and said to him, "Ask! What

horsemen, whom he stationed in the

shall I give you?" chariot cities and with the king in

Jerusalem.

<sup>1</sup> 5Also the king made silver and gold as And the temple which I  
build will be

common in Jerusalem as stones, and he great, for our God is greater  
than all

made cedars as abundant as the gods. sycamores which are in the  
lowland.

<sup>6</sup> But who is able to build Him a temple,

<sup>16</sup>

And Solomon had horses imported since heaven and the heaven of  
from Egypt and Keveh; the king's heavens cannot contain Him? Who  
am I

merchants bought them in Keveh at the then, that I should build Him  
a temple,

current price. except to burn sacrifice before Him?

<sup>1</sup> 7They also acquired and imported from Therefore send me at once  
a man

Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels skillful to work in gold and  
silver, in

of silver, and a horse for one hundred bronze and iron, in purple and

crimson

and fifty; thus, through their agents, they and blue, who has skill to engrave with

exported them to all the kings of the the skillful men who are with me in

Hittites and the kings of Syria. Judah and Jerusalem, whom David my father provided.

2Then Solomon determined to build a 8Also send me cedar and cypress and

temple for the name of the LORD, and a algum logs from Lebanon, for I know

royal house for himself. that your servants have skill to cut

timber in Lebanon; and indeed my

2 servants will be with your servants,

Solomon selected seventy thousand

men to bear burdens, eighty thousand to 'to prepare timber for me in abundance,

quarry stone in the mountains, and three

for the temple which I am about to build

thousand six hundred to oversee them.

shall be great and wonderful.

3Then Solomon sent to Hiram king of 1 0And indeed I will give to your servants, Tyre, saying: 4 As you have dealt with the woodsmen who cut timber, twenty David my father, and sent him cedars to thousand kors of ground wheat, twenty build himself a house to dwell in, so deal thousand kors of barley, twenty with me. thousand baths of wine, and twenty 4 thousand baths of oil.

Behold, I am building a temple for the  
name of the LORD my God, to dedicate <sup>1</sup>

Then Hiram king of Tyre answered in  
it to Him, to burn before Him sweet

writing, which he sent to Solomon: 4  
incense, for the continual showbread,

Because the LORD loves His people,  
for the burnt offerings morning and

He has made you king over them.  
evening, on the Sabbaths, on the New

Moons, and on the set feasts of the <sup>1</sup> 2Hiram also said: 4 Blessed be the  
LORD our God. This is an ordinance forever to Israel. LORD God of  
Israel, who made heaven

and earth, for He has given King David a wise son, endowed with  
prudence and  
understanding, who will build a temple <sup>3</sup>Now Solomon began to build  
the for the LORD and a royal house for

house of the LORD at Jerusalem on  
himself!

Mount Moriah, where the LORD had

<sup>1</sup> appeared to his father David, at the <sup>3</sup> And now I have sent a skillful  
man, place that David had prepared on the

endowed with understanding, Hiram my threshing floor of Ornan the  
Jebusite.

master craftsman

2 And he began to build on the second

14 (the son of a woman of the daughters day of the second month in the fourth

of Dan, and his father was a man of year of his reign. Tyre), skilled to work in gold and silver,

bronze and iron, stone and wood, purple 3This is the foundation which Solomon

and blue, fine linen and crimson, and to laid for building the house of God: The

make any engraving and to accomplish

length was sixty cubits (by cubits

any plan which may be given to him, according to the former measure) and

with your skillful men and with the skillful the width twenty cubits. men of my lord David your father.

1

5Now therefore, the wheat, the barley, 4 And the vestibule that was in front of

the sanctuary was twenty cubits long

the oil, and the wine which my lord has across the width of the house, and the

spoken of, let him send to his servants. height was one hundred and twenty. He

1 overlaid the inside with pure gold. 6And we will cut wood from Lebanon,

as much as you need; we will bring it to 5The larger room he paneled with you in rafts by sea to Joppa, and you cypress which he overlaid with fine gold,

will carry it up to Jerusalem. and he carved palm trees and

1 chainwork on it. 7Then Solomon numbered all the aliens

who were in the land of Israel, after the 6 And he decorated the house with census in which David his father had precious stones for beauty, and the gold

numbered them; and there were found was gold from Parvaim. to be one hundred and fifty-three

thousand six hundred. 7

He also overlaid the house--the beams

1 and doorposts, its walls and doors--with

' And he made seventy thousand of gold; and he carved cherubim on the

them bearers of burdens, eighty walls. thousand stonecutters in the mountain,

and three thousand six hundred 8 overseers to make the people work. And he made the Most Holy Place. Its

length was according to the width of the

house, twenty cubits, and its width

twenty cubits. He overlaid it with six

hundred talents of fine gold.

'The weight of the nails was fifty shekels the one on the right hand Jachin, and

of gold; and he overlaid the upper area the name of the one on the left Boaz.

with gold.

10 n the Most Holy Place he made two

4Moreover he made a bronze altar:

cherubim, fashioned by carving, and twenty cubits was its length,  
twenty

overlaid them with gold. cubits its width, and ten cubits its height.

11

The wings of the cherubim were 2

Then he made the Sea of cast bronze,

twenty cubits in overall length: one wing

ten cubits from one brim to the other; it

of the one cherub was five cubits, was completely round. Its height  
was

touching the wall of the room, and the

five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits

other wing was five cubits, touching the measured its circumference.  
wing of the other cherub;

3

1 And under it was the likeness of oxen 2 ne wing of the other cherub  
was five

encircling it all around, ten to a cubit, all

cubits, touching the wall of the room, the way around the Sea. The  
oxen were

and the other wing also was five cubits, cast in two rows, when it was  
cast. touching the wing of the other cherub.

1

3The wings of these cherubim spanned 4 It stood on twelve oxen: three  
looking

toward the north, three looking toward

twenty cubits overall. They stood on the west, three looking toward the south,

their feet, and they faced inward. and three looking toward the east; the

<sup>1</sup> Sea was set upon them, and all their

<sup>4</sup> And he made the veil of blue, purple, back parts pointed inward.

crimson, and fine linen, and wove

cherubim into it. <sup>5</sup> It was a handbreadth thick; and its brim

<sup>1</sup> was shaped like the brim of a cup, like a <sup>5</sup>Also he made in front of the temple

lily blossom. It contained three thousand

two pillars thirty-five cubits high, and the baths. capital that was on the top of each of

them was five cubits. <sup>6</sup> He also made ten lavers, and put five

<sup>1</sup> on the right side and five on the left, to <sup>6</sup>He made wreaths of chainwork, as in

wash in them; such things as they

the inner sanctuary, and put them on top offered for the burnt offering they would

of the pillars; and he made one hundred wash in them, but the Sea was for the

pomegranates, and put them on the priests to wash in. wreaths of chainwork.

<sup>1</sup> Then he set up the pillars before the according to their design, and set them

7 7 And he made ten lampstands of gold

temple, one on the right hand and the in the temple, five on the right side and

other on the left; he called the name of five on the left.

8 1 He also made ten tables, and placed 7 n the plain of Jordan the king had them in the temple, five on the right side them cast in clay molds, between

and five on the left. And he made one Succoth and Zeredah. hundred bowls of gold.

1 8

And Solomon had all these articles

'Furthermore he made the court of the made in such great abundance that the

priests, and the great court and doors weight of the bronze was not for the court; and he overlaid these determined. doors with bronze.

1 ' Thus Solomon had all the furnishings

10 He set the Sea on the right side, made for the house of God: the altar of

toward the southeast. gold and the tables on which was the

showbread;

11 Then Hiram made the pots and the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram 20 the lampstands with their lamps of finished doing the work that he was to pure gold, to burn in the prescribed

do for King Solomon for the house of manner in front of the inner sanctuary,

God:

2 1

with the flowers and the lamps and the



12 he two pillars and the bowl-shaped

wick-trimmers of gold, of purest gold;

capitals that were on top of the two

pillars; the two networks covering the 2 the trimmers, the bowls, the  
ladles, two bowl-shaped capitals which were on and the censers of  
pure gold. As for the

top of the pillars; entry of the sanctuary, its inner doors to

1 the main hall of the temple, were gold.

3 our hundred pomegranates for the the Most Holy Place, and the  
doors of

two networks (two rows of pomegranates for each network, to

cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that 5So all the work that  
Solomon had were on the pillars);

done for the house of the LORD was

1 finished; and Solomon brought in the 4

he also made carts and the lavers on things which his father David  
had

the carts; dedicated: the silver and the gold and all

1 the furnishings. And he put them in the 5 ne Sea and twelve oxen  
under it;

treasuries of the house of God.

1 2 6 also the pots, the shovels, the forks-- Now Solomon assembled the  
elders of and all their articles Hiram his master Israel and all the  
heads of the tribes, the

craftsman made of burnished bronze for chief fathers of the children

of Israel, in

King Solomon for the house of the Jerusalem, that they might bring the ark

LORD. of the covenant of the LORD up from

the City of David, which is Zion.

3Therefore all the men of Israel 11And it came to pass when the priests assembled with the king at the feast, came out of the Most Holy Place (for all

which was in the seventh month. the priests who were present had

sanctified themselves, without keeping

4 to their divisions), So all the elders of Israel came, and the Levites took up the ark.

1 2

and the Levites who were the singers,

5 all those of Asaph and Heman and Then they brought up the ark, the tabernacle of meeting, and all the holy Jeduthun, with their sons and their

furnishings that were in the tabernacle. brethren, stood at the east end of the

The priests and the Levites brought altar, clothed in white linen, having

them up. cymbals, stringed instruments and harps,

and with them one hundred and twenty

6 priests sounding with trumpets--

Also King Solomon, and all the

congregation of Israel who were 1 3 ndeed it came to pass, when the assembled with him before the ark, were sacrificing sheep and oxen

that could trumpeters and singers were as one, to

not be counted or numbered for make one sound to be heard in  
praising

multitude. and thanking the LORD, and when they

lifted up their voice with the trumpets

7 and cymbals and instruments of music,

Then the priests brought in the ark of

the covenant of the LORD to its place, and praised the LORD, saying:  
"For He

into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to is good, For His mercy  
endures forever,"

the Most Holy Place, under the wings of that the house, the house of  
the LORD,

the cherubim. was filled with a cloud,

14

8 so that the priests could not continue For the cherubim spread their  
wings

over the place of the ark, and the ministering because of the cloud; for  
the

cherubim overshadowed the ark and its glory of the LORD filled the  
house of

poles. God.

"The poles extended so that the ends of

the poles of the ark could be seen from 6Then Solomon spoke: "The  
LORD

the holy place, in front of the inner said He would dwell in the dark  
cloud.

sanctuary; but they could not be seen

from outside. And they are there to this 21 have surely built You an  
exalted day. house, And a place for You to dwell in

1

0Nothing was in the ark except the two forever."

tablets which Moses put there at Horeb, 3Then the king turned around  
and

when the LORD made a covenant with blessed the whole assembly of  
Israel,

the children of Israel, when they had while all the assembly of Israel  
was

come out of Egypt. standing.

4And he said: "Blessed be the LORD assembly of Israel, and spread out  
his

God of Israel, who has fulfilled with His hands hands what He spoke  
with His mouth to

my father David, saying, 13(for Solomon had made a bronze

platform five cubits long, five cubits wide,

5 Since the day that I brought My people and three cubits high, and  
had set it in

out of the land of Egypt, I have chosen the midst of the court; and he  
stood on it,

no city from any tribe of Israel in which knelt down on his knees  
before all the

to build a house, that My name might be assembly of Israel, and  
spread out his

there, nor did I choose any man to be a hands toward heaven); ruler  
over My people Israel.

6Yet I have chosen Jerusalem, that My there is no God in heaven or on earth

name may be there, and I have chosen like You, who keep Your covenant and

David to be over My people Israel.' mercy with Your servants who walk

before You with all their hearts.

7Now it was in the heart of my father 5 ou have kept what You promised

David to build a temple for the name of 1 the LORD God of Israel. Your servant David my father; You have

both spoken with Your mouth and

8 fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. But the LORD said to my father David,

"Whereas it was in your heart to build a

temple for My name, you did well in that 1 6Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now it was in your heart. keep what You promised Your servant

David my father, saying, "You shall not

'Nevertheless you shall not build the fail to have a man sit before Me on the

temple, but your son who will come from throne of Israel, only if your sons take

your body, he shall build the temple for heed to their way, that they walk in My

My law as you have walked before Me.' name.'

117 0And now, 0 LORD God of Israel, let So the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke, and I have filled the Your word come true, which You have

position of my father David, and sit on spoken to Your servant David.  
the throne of Israel, as the LORD

promised; and I have built the temple for 18 But will God indeed dwell  
with men on the name of the LORD God of Israel. the earth? Behold,  
heaven and the

heaven of heavens cannot contain You.

11 How much less this temple which I have

And there I have put the ark, in which

is the covenant of the LORD which He built! made with the children  
of Israel."

1 ' Yet regard the prayer of Your servant

12Then Solomon stood before the altar and his supplication, O LORD  
my God,

of the LORD in the presence of all the and listen to the cry and the  
prayer which Your servant is praying before name, and turn from their  
sin because

You: You afflict them,

2 2 0 hat Your eyes may be open toward 7

then hear in heaven, and forgive the

this temple day and night, toward the sin of Your servants, Your  
people Israel,

place where You said You would put that You may teach them the  
good way

Your name, that You may hear the in which they should walk; and  
send rain

prayer which Your servant makes on Your land which You have given  
to

toward this place. Your people as an inheritance.

22 1 And may You hear the supplications of

" When there is famine in the land,

Your servant and of Your people Israel, pestilence or blight or mildew,  
locusts or

when they pray toward this place. Hear grasshoppers; when their  
enemies

from heaven Your dwelling place, and besiege them in the land of  
their cities;

when You hear, forgive. whatever plague or whatever sickness

there is;

22 f anyone sins against his neighbor, and is forced to take an oath,  
and 2 ' whatever prayer, whatever comes and takes an oath before  
Your supplication is made by anyone, or by

altar in this temple, all Your people Israel, when each one

knows his own burden and his own grief,

23 hen hear from heaven, and act, and and spreads out his hands to  
this

judge Your servants, bringing retribution temple: on the wicked by  
bringing his way on his

own head, and justifying the righteous then 30 hear from heaven Your  
dwelling

by giving him according to his place, and forgive, and give to  
everyone righteousness. according to all his ways, whose heart

You know (for You alone know the

24 Or if Your people Israel are defeated hearts of the sons of men),

before an enemy because they have 31 that sinned against You, and  
return and they may fear You, to walk in Your

confess Your name, and pray and make ways as long as they live in the land

supplication before You in this temple, which You gave to our fathers.

23 5 hen hear from heaven and forgive the 2

Moreover, concerning a foreigner,

sin of Your people Israel, and bring who is not of Your people Israel, but has

them back to the land which You gave come from a far country for the sake of

to them and their fathers. Your great name and Your mighty hand

and Your outstretched arm, when they

26a When the heavens are shut up and come and pray in this temple;

there is no rain because they have 33then hear from heaven Your dwelling

sinned against You, when they pray

toward this place and confess Your place, and do according to all for which

the foreigner calls to You, that all Your people who have sinned against

peoples of the earth may know Your You. name and fear You, as do Your people

Israel, and that they may know that this 4 0Now, my God, I pray, let Your eyes be temple which I have built is called by open and let Your ears be attentive to

Your name. the prayer made in this place.



341 4a When Your people go out to battle 'Now therefore, Arise, O LORD God, against their enemies, wherever You to Your resting place, You and the ark of

send them, and when they pray to You Your strength. Let Your priests, O LORD

toward this city which You have chosen God, be clothed with salvation, And let

and the temple which I have built for Your saints rejoice in goodness. Your name,

42 O LORD God, do not turn away the

35 hen hear from heaven their prayer

face of Your Anointed; Remember the

and their supplication, and maintain their mercies of Your servant David." cause.

36a When they sin against You (for there

7 When Solomon had finished praying,

is no one who does not sin), and You

become angry with them and deliver fire came down from heaven and them to the enemy, and they take them consumed the burnt offering and the

captive to a land far or near; sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD

filled the temple.

37yet when they come to themselves in 2 the land where they were carried captive, And the priests could not enter the

and repent, and make supplication to house of the LORD, because the glory

You in the land of their captivity, saying, of the LORD had filled the LORD's

"We have sinned, we have done wrong, house.

and have committed wickedness'; 3When all the children of Israel saw how

3' and when they return to You with all the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their their heart and with all their soul in the faces to the ground on the pavement, land of their captivity, where they have and worshiped and praised the LORD, been carried captive, and pray toward saying: "For He is good, For His mercy their land which You gave to their endures forever." fathers, the city which You have chosen,

and toward the temple which I have built

for Your name: 4Then the king and all the people offered

sacrifices before the LORD.

39 hen hear from heaven Your dwelling place their prayer and their supplications, 5King Solomon offered a sacrifice of

and maintain their cause, and forgive twenty-two thousand bulls and one

hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So

the king and all the people dedicated the Then the LORD appeared to Solomon

house of God. by night, and said to him: "I have heard

your prayer, and have chosen this place

6 for Myself as a house of sacrifice. And the priests attended to their services; the Levites also with

1 3

instruments of the music of the LORD, When I shut up heaven and there is no

which King David had made to praise rain, or command the locusts to devour

the LORD, saying, "For His mercy the land, or send pestilence among My

endures forever," whenever David people, offered praise by their ministry. The

priests sounded trumpets opposite them, 1 4if My people who are called by My while all Israel stood. name will humble themselves, and pray

and seek My face, and turn from their

7Furthermore Solomon consecrated the wicked ways, then I will hear from

middle of the court that was in front of heaven, and will forgive their sin and

the house of the LORD; for there he heal their land. offered burnt offerings and the fat of the

peace offerings, because the bronze 15

Now My eyes will be open and My

altar which Solomon had made was not ears attentive to prayer made in this

able to receive the burnt offerings, the place. grain offerings, and the fat.

1 6For now I have chosen and sanctified

'At that time Solomon kept the feast this house, that My name may be there

seven days, and all Israel with him, a forever; and My eyes and My heart will

very great assembly from the entrance be there perpetually. of Hamath to the Brook of Egypt.

1 7As for you, if you walk before Me as

'And on the eighth day they held a your father David walked, and do

sacred assembly, for they observed the according to all that I have commanded

dedication of the altar seven days, and you, and if you keep My statutes and My

the feast seven days. judgments,

1 1 0 On the twenty-third day of the seventh 8then I will establish the throne of your month he sent the people away to their kingdom, as I covenanted with David

tents, joyful and glad of heart for the your father, saying, "You shall not fail to

good that the LORD had done for David, have a man as ruler in Israel.' for Solomon, and for His people Israel.

1 statutes and My commandments which I

1Thus Solomon finished the house of 1" But if you turn away and forsake My

the LORD and the king's house; and have set before you, and go and serve

Solomon successfully accomplished all other gods, and worship them, that came into his heart to make in the

house of the LORD and in his own

house.

20 Then I will uproot them from My land

cities and the cities of the cavalry, and

which I have given them; and this house all that Solomon desired to build in

which I have sanctified for My name I Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the

will cast out of My sight, and will make it land of his dominion. a proverb and a byword among all

peoples. 21 All the people who were left of the

Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites,

21 'And as for this house, which is and Jebusites, who were not of Israel--

exalted, everyone who passes by it will

be astonished and say, "Why has the 8 that is, their descendants who were left LORD done thus to this land and this in the land after them, whom the

house?' children of Israel did not destroy--from

these Solomon raised forced labor, as it

22

Then they will answer, "Because they is to this day.

forsook the LORD God of their fathers,

who brought them out of the land of 'But Solomon did not make the

children

Egypt, and embraced other gods, and of Israel servants for his work.  
Some

worshiped them and served them; were men of war, captains of his  
officers,

therefore He has brought all this captains of his chariots, and his  
cavalry.

calamity on them."

10And others were chiefs of the officials of King Solomon: two  
hundred and fifty,

8It came to pass at the end of twenty who ruled over the people.

years, when Solomon had built the

house of the LORD and his own house, 1 Now Solomon brought the  
daughter of

Pharaoh up from the City of David to the

2 house he had built for her, for he said, that the cities which Hiram  
had given to

Solomon, Solomon built them; and he "My wife shall not dwell in the  
house of

settled the children of Israel there. David king of Israel, because the  
places

to which the ark of the LORD has come

3And Solomon went to Hamath Zobah are holy."

and seized it. 12Then Solomon offered burnt offerings 4 to the LORD on  
the altar of the LORD

He also built Tadmor in the wilderness,

which he had built before the vestibule,

and all the storage cities which he built

in Hamath. <sup>13</sup>According to the daily rate, offering

<sup>5</sup> according to the commandment of He built Upper Beth Horon and Lower

Moses, for the Sabbaths, the New

Beth Horon, fortified cities with walls,

gates, and bars, Moons, and the three appointed yearly

feasts--the Feast of Unleavened Bread,

<sup>6</sup> the Feast of Weeks, and the Feast of

also Baalath and all the storage cities Tabernacles.

that Solomon had, and all the chariot

<sup>14</sup>

And, according to the order of David for Solomon that he could not explain it

his father, he appointed the divisions of to her. the priests for their service, the Levites

for their duties (to praise and serve <sup>3</sup>And when the queen of Sheba had

before the priests) as the duty of each seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house

day required, and the gatekeepers by that he had built, their divisions at each gate; for so David

the man of God had commanded. <sup>4</sup>

the food on his table, the seating of his

<sup>1</sup> servants, the service of his waiters and <sup>5</sup>They did not depart from the command

their apparel, his cupbearers and their

of the king to the priests and Levites apparel, and his entryway by which he

concerning any matter or concerning the went up to the house of the LORD, there

treasuries. was no more spirit in her.

16 Now all the work of Solomon was well- 5Then she said to the king: "It was a true ordered from the day of the foundation report which I heard in my own land

of the house of the LORD until it was about your words and your wisdom. finished. So the house of the LORD was

completed. 6However I did not believe their words

1 until I came and saw with my own eyes; 7Then Solomon went to Ezion Geber

and indeed the half of the greatness of

and Elath on the seacoast, in the land of your wisdom was not told me. You

Edom. exceed the fame of which I heard.

1 7 8And Hiram sent him ships by the hand

Happy are your men and happy are

of his servants, and servants who knew these your servants, who stand the sea. They went with the servants of continually before you and hear your

Solomon to Ophir, and acquired four wisdom! hundred and fifty talents of gold from

there, and brought it to King Solomon. 8



Blessed be the LORD your God, who  
delighted in you, setting you on His  
throne to be king for the LORD your

9Now when the queen of Sheba heard God! Because your God has  
loved

of the fame of Solomon, she came to Israel, to establish them forever,

Jerusalem to test Solomon with hard therefore He made you king over  
them,

questions, having a very great retinue, to do justice and  
righteousness." camels that bore spices, gold in

abundance, and precious stones; and 'And she gave the king one  
hundred

when she came to Solomon, she spoke and twenty talents of gold,  
spices in

with him about all that was in her heart. great abundance, and  
precious stones;

there never were any spices such as

2 those the queen of Sheba gave to King So Solomon answered all her  
questions; there was nothing so difficult Solomon.

11 0Also, the servants of Hiram and the 8The throne had six steps,  
with a servants of Solomon, who brought gold footstool of gold, which  
were fastened to

from Ophir, brought algum wood and the throne; there were armrests  
on

precious stones. either side of the place of the seat, and

two lions stood beside the armrests.

11

And the king made walkways of the

algun wood for the house of the LORD <sup>1</sup> ' Twelve lions stood there, one on each and for the king's house, also harps and side of the six steps; nothing like this

stringed instruments for singers; and had been made for any other kingdom.

there were none such as these seen

before in the land of Judah. <sup>2</sup> King Solomon's drinking vessels OAI

were gold, and all the vessels of the

<sup>12</sup>

Now King Solomon gave to the queen House of the Forest of Lebanon were

of Sheba all she desired, whatever she pure gold. Not one was silver, for this

asked, much more than she had brought was accounted as nothing in the days of

to the king. So she turned and went to Solomon. her own country, she and her servants.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>For the king's ships went to Tarshish

<sup>13</sup>

The weight of gold that came to with the servants of Hiram. Once every

Solomon yearly was six hundred and three years the merchant ships came,

sixty-six talents of gold, bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and

monkeys.

<sup>14</sup>besides what the traveling merchants and traders brought. And all the kings of <sup>2</sup> So King Solomon surpassed all the Arabia and governors of the country kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

brought gold and silver to Solomon.

2 3And all the kings of the earth sought

15And King Solomon made two hundred the presence of Solomon to  
hear his

large shields of hammered gold; six wisdom, which God had put in his  
heart.

hundred shekels of hammered gold

went into each shield. 2 4Each man brought his present: articles

1 spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate

6He also made three hundred shields of of silver and gold, garments,  
armor,

hammered gold; three hundred shekels year by year. of gold went into  
each shield. The king

put them in the House of the Forest of 25Solomon had four thousand  
stalls for Lebanon. horses and chariots, and twelve

thousand horsemen whom he stationed

17Moreover the king made a great in the chariot cities and with the  
king at

throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure Jerusalem. gold.

2 4 6So he reigned over all the kings from Your father made our yoke  
heavy; now

the River to the land of the Philistines, therefore, lighten the  
burdensome

as far as the border of Egypt. service of your father and his heavy

yoke which he put on us, and we will

27 serve you."

The king made silver as common in  
Jerusalem as stones, and he made

cedar trees as abundant as the sycamores which are in the lowland. after three days." And the people

departed.

28And they brought horses to Solomon from Egypt and from all lands.  
6Then King Rehoboam consulted the

elders who stood before his father

2 Solomon while he still lived, saying, ' Now the rest of the acts of  
Solomon,

first and last, are they not written in the "How do you advise me to  
answer these

book of Nathan the prophet, in the people?" prophecy of Ahijah the  
Shilonite, and in

the visions of Iddo the seer concerning 7And they spoke to him, saying,  
"If you Jeroboam the son of Nebat? are kind to these people, and  
please

them, and speak good words to them,

30Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all they will be your servants  
forever." Israel forty years.

8But he rejected the advice which the

31 elders had given him, and consulted the

Then Solomon rested with his fathers,

and was buried in the City of David his young men who had grown up  
with him,

father. And Rehoboam his son reigned who stood before him. in his  
place.

'And he said to them, "What advice do

you give? How should we answer this

1 people who have spoken to me, saying, OAnd Rehoboam went to  
Shechem,

"Lighten the yoke which your father put  
for all Israel had gone to Shechem to  
on us'?"  
make him king.

10Then the young men who had grown  
2So it happened, when Jeroboam the up with him spoke to him,  
saying, "Thus  
son of Nebat heard it (he was in Egypt,  
you should speak to the people who  
where he had fled from the presence of  
have spoken to you, saying, "Your father  
King Solomon), that Jeroboam returned made our yoke heavy, but you  
make it  
from Egypt. lighter on us'--thus you shall say to

3Then they sent for him and called him. them: "My little finger shall  
be thicker  
than my father's waist!  
And Jeroboam and all Israel came and  
spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 1

And now, whereas my father put a  
heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you  
with and he died. Therefore King Rehoboam  
whips, but I will chastise you with mounted his chariot in haste to flee  
to  
scourges!" Jerusalem.

So Jeroboam and all the people came ' So Israel has been in rebellion against

to Rehoboam on the third day, as the the house of David to this day. king had directed, saying, "Come back

to me the third day."

1 1 1 Now when Rehoboam came to 3Then the king answered them roughly.

Jerusalem, he assembled from the

King Rehoboam rejected the advice of house of Judah and Benjamin one

the elders, hundred and eighty thousand chosen

1 men who were warriors, to fight against

4 and he spoke to them according to the Israel, that he might restore the kingdom

advice of the young men, saying, "My to Rehoboam. father made your yoke heavy, but I will

add to it; my father chastised you with 2 But the word of the LORD came to whips, but I will chastise you with

Shemaiah the man of God, saying,

scourges!"

1 "Speak to Rehoboam the son of

5So the king did not listen to the people; 3

Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel

for the turn of events was from God, that in Judah and Benjamin,  
saying, the LORD might fulfill His word, which

He had spoken by the hand of Ahijah <sup>4</sup>

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not  
the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of

Nebat. go up or fight against your brethren! Let

every man return to his house, for this

<sup>1</sup> thing is from Me." <sup>6</sup>Now when all Israel saw that the king

did not listen to them, the people <sup>5</sup>So Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem,  
and answered the king, saying: "What share built cities for defense in  
Judah. have we in David? We have no

inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every <sup>0</sup>And he built Bethlehem, Etam,  
Tekoa,

man to your tents, O Israel! Now see to

your own house, O David!" So all Israel

departed to their tents. <sup>7</sup>Beth Zur, Sochoh, Adullam,

<sup>17</sup>

But Rehoboam reigned over the 'Gath, Mareshah, Ziph,  
children of Israel who dwelt in the cities  
of Judah. 'Adoraim, Lachish, Azekah,

<sup>11</sup> <sup>0</sup> <sup>8</sup>Then King Rehoboam sent Hadoram, Zorah, Aijalon, and  
Hebron, which are who was in charge of revenue; but the in Judah

and Benjamin, fortified cities.

children of Israel stoned him with stones, <sup>1 2 1 0</sup>After her he took Maachah the And he fortified the strongholds, and

put captains in them, and stores of food, granddaughter of Absalom; and she

oil, and wine. bore him Abijah, Attai, Ziza, and

Shelomith.

<sup>12</sup>

Also in every city he put shields and

<sup>2 1</sup>

spears, and made them very strong, Now Rehoboam loved Maachah the

having Judah and Benjamin on his side. granddaughter of Absalom more than all

his wives and his concubines; for he

<sup>13</sup> took eighteen wives and sixty

And from all their territories the priests

and the Levites who were in all Israel concubines, and begot twenty-eight

took their stand with him. sons and sixty daughters.

<sup>1</sup> And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the For the Levites left their common-

<sup>4 2</sup>

lands and their possessions and came son of Maachah as chief, to be leader

to Judah and Jerusalem, for Jeroboam among his brothers; for he intended to



and his sons had rejected them from make him king. serving as priests to the LORD.

2 3

He dealt wisely, and dispersed some

15Then he appointed for himself priests of his sons throughout all the territories

for the high places, for the demons, and of Judah and Benjamin, to every fortified

the calf idols which he had made. city; and he gave them provisions in abundance. He also sought many wives

16 for them.

And after the Levites left, those from

all the tribes of Israel, such as set their

heart to seek the LORD God of Israel,

came to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the 1 2Now it came to pass, when

LORD God of their fathers. Rehoboam had established the kingdom

and had strengthened himself, that he

17 So they strengthened the kingdom of forsook the law of the LORD, and all

Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Israel along with him. Solomon strong for three years,

because they walked in the way of 2And it happened in the fifth year of King David and Solomon for three years. Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt

came up against Jerusalem, because

18Then Rehoboam took for himself as they had transgressed against the

wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth LORD, the son of David, and of Abihail the

daughter of Eliah the son of Jesse. 3with twelve hundred chariots, sixty

1 number who came with him out of

9And she bore him children: Jeush, thousand horsemen, and people without

Shamariah, and Zaham. Egypt--the Lubim and the Sukkiim and  
the Ethiopians.

4 11

And he took the fortified cities of Judah And whenever the king entered the

and came to Jerusalem. house of the LORD, the guard would go

and bring them out; then they would

5 take them back into the guardroom. Then Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam and the leaders of Judah,

12

who were gathered together in When he humbled himself, the wrath Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said of the LORD turned from him, so as not

to them, "Thus says the LORD: "You to destroy him completely; and things

have forsaken Me, and therefore I also also went well in Judah. have left you in the hand of Shishak."

13Thus King Rehoboam strengthened

6So the leaders of Israel and the king himself in Jerusalem and reigned. Now

humbled themselves; and they said, Rehoboam was forty-one years

old

"The LORD is righteous." when he became king; and he reigned

seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city

7 which the LORD had chosen out of all Now when the LORD saw that they

humbled themselves, the word of the the tribes of Israel, to put His name

LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, "They there. His mother's name was Naamah,

have humbled themselves; therefore I an Ammonitess. will not destroy them, but I will grant

them some deliverance. My wrath shall 1 4And he did evil, because he did not not be poured out on Jerusalem by the prepare his heart to seek the LORD.

hand of Shishak.

15The acts of Rehoboam, first and last,

'Nevertheless they will be his servants, are they not written in the book of

that they may distinguish My service Shemaiah the prophet, and of lddo the

from the service of the kingdoms of the seer concerning genealogies? And there

nations." were wars between Rehoboam and

Jeroboam all their days.

'So Shishak king of Egypt came up

against Jerusalem, and took away the 16

So Rehoboam rested with his fathers,

treasures of the house of the LORD and and was buried in the City of David.

the treasures of the king's house; he Then Abijah his son reigned in his place.

took everything. He also carried away  
the gold shields which Solomon had  
made.

1 3In the eighteenth year of King

1 Jeroboam, Abijah became king over 0Then King Rehoboam made  
bronze

Judah.

shields in their place, and committed

them to the hands of the captains of the 2 guard, who guarded the  
doorway of the He reigned three years in Jerusalem.

king's house. His mother's name was Michaiah the

daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there

was war between Abijah and Jeroboam.

3Abijah set the battle in order with an 10But as for us, the LORD is our  
God, army of valiant warriors, four hundred and we have not forsaken  
Him; and the

thousand choice men. Jeroboam also priests who minister to the  
LORD are

drew up in battle formation against him the sons of Aaron, and the  
Levites

with eight hundred thousand choice men, attend to their duties.  
mighty men of valor.

1 And they burn to the LORD every

4Then Abijah stood on Mount Zemaraim, morning and every evening  
burnt

which is in the mountains of Ephraim, sacrifices and sweet incense;  
they also

and said, "Hear me, Jeroboam and all set the showbread in order on  
the pure

Israel: gold table, and the lampstand of gold

with its lamps to burn every evening; for

5 we keep the command of the LORD our Should you not know that  
the LORD

God of Israel gave the dominion over God, but you have forsaken  
Him. Israel to David forever, to him and his

sons, by a covenant of salt? 1 2

Now look, God Himself is with us as

our head, and His priests with sounding

6 trumpets to sound the alarm against you. Yet Jeroboam the son of  
Nebat, the

servant of Solomon the son of David, O children of Israel, do not fight  
against

rose up and rebelled against his lord. the LORD God of your fathers,  
for you

shall not prosper!"

7Then worthless rogues gathered to him, 3But Jeroboam caused an  
ambush to

and strengthened themselves against 1 Rehoboam the son of Solomon,  
when go around behind them; so they were in

Rehoboam front of Judah, and the ambush was was young and

inexperienced and could not withstand behind them. them.

And when Judah looked around, to

8And now you think to withstand the their surprise the battle line was at both

kingdom of the LORD, which is in the front and rear; and they cried out to the

hand of the sons of David; and you are LORD, and the priests sounded the

a great multitude, and with you are the trumpets. gold calves which Jeroboam made for

you as gods. 1 5

Then the men of Judah gave a shout;

and as the men of Judah shouted, it

'Have you not cast out the priests of the happened that God struck Jeroboam

LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the and all Israel before Abijah and Judah.

Levites, and made for yourselves priests,

like the peoples of other lands, so that 1 6And the children of Israel fled before whoever comes to consecrate himself Judah, and God delivered them into

with a young bull and seven rams may their hand. be a priest of things that are not gods?

1 4 7

Then Abijah and his people struck He commanded Judah to seek the them with a great slaughter; so five LORD God of their fathers, and to hundred thousand choice men of Israel observe the law and the commandment.

fell slain.

5He also removed the high places and

1 ' Thus the children of Israel were the incense altars from all the cities of

subdued at that time; and the children of Judah, and the kingdom was quiet

Judah prevailed, because they relied on under him. the LORD God of their fathers.

6And he built fortified cities in Judah, for

1' And Abijah pursued Jeroboam and the land had rest; he had no war in

took cities from him: Bethel with its those years, because the LORD had

villages, Jeshanah with its villages, and given him rest. Ephraim with its villages.

7Therefore he said to Judah, "Let us

20

So Jeroboam did not recover strength build these cities and make walls around

again in the days of Abijah; and the them, and towers, gates, and bars, while

LORD struck him, and he died. the land is yet before us, because we

have sought the LORD our God; we

21 have sought Him, and He has given us

But Abijah grew mighty, married

fourteen wives, and begot twenty-two rest on every side." So they built and

sons and sixteen daughters. prospered.

2 8 2And Asa had an army of three hundred Now the rest of the acts of Abijah, his ways, and his sayings are written in the thousand from

Judah who carried

annals of the prophet Iddo. shields and spears, and from Benjamin

two hundred and eighty thousand men

who carried shields and drew bows; all

these were mighty men of valor.

1 4So Abijah rested with his fathers,

and they buried him in the City of David. 9

Then Zerah the Ethiopian came out

Then Asa his son reigned in his place.

against them with an army of a million

In his days the land was quiet for ten

men and three hundred chariots, and he

years.

came to Mareshah.

2Asa did what was good and right in the 0

1 So Asa went out against him, and they

eyes of the LORD his God,

set the troops in battle array in the

3 Valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. for he removed the altars of the  
foreign

gods and the high places, and broke 1 1And Asa cried out to the LORD  
his down the sacred pillars and cut down

God, and said, "LORD, it is nothing for



the wooden images.

You to help, whether with many or with  
those who have no power; help us, O

LORD our God, for we rest on You, and <sup>4</sup>but when in their trouble  
they turned to in Your name we go against this the LORD God of  
Israel, and sought

multitude. O LORD, You are our God; Him, He was found by them. do  
not let man prevail against You!"

<sup>5</sup>And in those times there was no peace

<sup>12</sup>

So the LORD struck the Ethiopians to the one who went out, nor to  
the one

before Asa and Judah, and the who came in, but great turmoil was on  
Ethiopians fled. all the inhabitants of the lands.

<sup>16</sup> <sup>3</sup>And Asa and the people who were So nation was destroyed by  
nation, and

with him pursued them to Gerar. So the city by city, for God troubled  
them with

Ethiopians were overthrown, and they every adversity. could not  
recover, for they were broken

before the LORD and His army. And <sup>7</sup>But you, be strong and do not let  
your they carried away very much spoil. hands be weak, for your  
work shall be

rewarded!"

<sup>14</sup>

Then they defeated all the cities

around Gerar, for the fear of the LORD <sup>8</sup>And when Asa heard these  
words and came upon them; and they plundered all the prophecy of

Oded the prophet, he

the cities, for there was exceedingly took courage, and removed the much spoil in them. abominable idols from all the land of

<sup>1</sup> which he had taken in the mountains of

5They also attacked the livestock Judah and Benjamin and from the cities

enclosures, and carried off sheep and Ephraim; and he restored the altar of the

camels in abundance, and returned to LORD that was before the vestibule of

Jerusalem. the LORD.

’Then he gathered all Judah and

1 Benjamin, and those who dwelt with 5Now the Spirit of God came upon

Azariah the son of Oded. them from Ephraim, Manasseh, and

Simeon, for they came over to him in

<sup>2</sup> great numbers from Israel when they

And he went out to meet Asa, and said

saw that the LORD his God was with

to him: "Hear me, Asa, and all Judah him. and Benjamin. The LORD is with you

while you are with Him. If you seek Him, <sup>1</sup> 0So they gathered together at He will be found by you; but if you Jerusalem in the third month, in the forsake Him, He will forsake you. fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

3For a long time Israel has been without <sup>1</sup> 1And they offered to the LORD at that the true God, without a teaching priest, time seven hundred bulls and seven and without law; thousand sheep from the spoil they had

brought.

<sup>12</sup>

Then they entered into a covenant to might let none go out or come in to Asa

seek the LORD God of their fathers with king of Judah. all their heart and with all their soul;

<sup>2</sup> Then Asa brought silver and gold from

<sup>h</sup> and whoever would not seek the the treasuries of the house of the LORD

LORD God of Israel was to be put to and of the king's house, and sent to

death, whether small or great, whether Ben-Hadad king of Syria, who dwelt in

man or woman. Damascus, saying,

<sup>14</sup>Then they took an oath before the <sup>3</sup>"Let there be a treaty between you and

LORD with a loud voice, with shouting me, as there was between my father

and trumpets and rams' horns. and your father. See, I have sent you

silver and gold; come, break your treaty

<sup>15</sup>And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for with Baasha king of Israel, so that he

they had sworn with all their heart and will withdraw from me." sought Him with all their soul; and He

was found by them, and the LORD gave 4So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and them rest all around. sent the captains of his armies against

the cities of Israel. They attacked Ijon,

16Also he removed Maachah, the mother Dan, Abel Maim, and all the storage

of Asa the king, from being queen cities of Naphtali. mother, because she had made an

obscene image of Asherah; and Asa cut 5Now it happened, when Baasha heard down her obscene image, then crushed it, that he stopped building Ramah and

and burned it by the Brook Kidron. ceased his work.

1 6 7But the high places were not removed Then King Asa took all Judah, and they

from Israel. Nevertheless the heart of carried away the stones and timber of

Asa was loyal all his days. Ramah, which Baasha had used for

building; and with them he built Geba

18He also brought into the house of God and Mizpah.

the things that his father had dedicated 7And at that time Hanani the seer came and that he himself had dedicated: silver and gold and utensils. to Asa king of Judah, and said to him:

"Because you have relied on the king of

1 Syria, and have not relied on the LORD ' And there was no war until the thirty -

fifth year of the reign of Asa. your God, therefore the army of the king

of Syria has escaped from your hand.

8Were the Ethiopians and the Lubim not

1 6In the thirty-sixth year of the reign

a huge army with very many chariots

of Asa, Baasha king of Israel came up and horsemen? Yet, because you relied

against Judah and built Ramah, that he on the LORD, He delivered them into 2And he placed troops in all the fortified your hand. cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the

land of Judah and in the cities of

'For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro Ephraim which Asa his father had taken.

throughout the whole earth, to show

3

Himself strong on behalf of those whose Now the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, heart is loyal to Him. In this you have because he walked in the former ways

done foolishly; therefore from now on of his father David; he did not seek the

you shall have wars." Baals,

1 4 0Then Asa was angry with the seer, but sought the God of his father, and

and put him in prison, for he was walked in His commandments and not

enraged at him because of this. And according to the acts of Israel. Asa oppressed some of the people at

that time. 5Therefore the LORD established the

kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave

Note that the acts of Asa, first and last, presents to Jehoshaphat, and he had

are indeed written in the book of the riches and honor in abundance. kings of Judah and Israel.

1 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, of the LORD; moreover he removed the

2 OAnd his heart took delight in the ways

Asa became diseased in his feet, and high places and wooden images from

his malady was severe; yet in his Judah. disease he did not seek the LORD, but

the physicians. 7Also in the third year of his reign he

sent his leaders, Ben-Hail, Obadiah,

13

So Asa rested with his fathers; he died Zechariah, Nethanel, and Michaiah, to

in the forty-first year of his reign. teach in the cities of Judah.

1 8 4They buried him in his own tomb, And with them he sent Levites:

which he had made for himself in the Shemaiah, Nethaniah, Zebadiah, Asahel,

City of David; and they laid him in the Shemiramoth, Jehonathan, Adonijah,

bed which was filled with spices and Tobijah, and Tobadonijah--the Levites;

various ingredients prepared in a and with them Elishama and Jehoram,

mixture of ointments. They made a very the priests. great burning for him.

'So they taught in Judah, and had the

Book of the Law of the LORD with them;

1 they went throughout all the cities of 7Then Jehoshaphat his son

Judah and taught the people.

reigned in his place, and strengthened

himself against Israel. 1 0And the fear of the LORD fell on all the

kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war 1' These served the king, besides those against Jehoshaphat. the king put in the fortified cities

throughout all Judah.

11

Also some of the Philistines brought

Jehoshaphat presents and silver as

tribute; and the Arabians brought him 1 8Jehoshaphat had riches and flocks, seven thousand seven hundred honor in abundance; and by marriage

rams and seven thousand seven he allied himself with Ahab. hundred male goats.

1 So Jehoshaphat became increasingly Ahab in Samaria; and Ahab killed sheep

2 2 After some years he went down to visit

powerful, and he built fortresses and and oxen in abundance for him

and the

storage cities in Judah. people who were with him, and

<sup>1</sup> persuaded him to go up with him to <sup>3</sup>He had much property in the cities of

Ramoth Gilead.

Judah; and the men of war, mighty men

of valor, were in Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>So Ahab king of Israel said to <sup>1</sup> Jehoshaphat king of Judah, "Will you go

4

These are their numbers, according to with me against Ramoth Gilead?" And

their fathers' houses. Of Judah, the he answered him, "I am as you are, and

captains of thousands: Adnah the my people as your people; we will be

captain, and with him three hundred with you in the war." thousand mighty men of valor;

<sup>1</sup> and next to him was Jehohanan the Israel, "Please inquire for the word of

<sup>5</sup> <sup>4</sup>Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of

captain, and with him two hundred and the LORD today." eighty thousand;

<sup>5</sup>Then the king of Israel gathered the

<sup>16</sup> and next to him was Amasiah the son prophets together, four hundred men,



of Zichri, who willingly offered himself to and said to them, "Shall we go to war

the LORD, and with him two hundred against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I

thousand mighty men of valor. refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for God will deliver it into the king's hand."

17

Of Benjamin: Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him two hundred 6But Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still thousand men armed with bow and a prophet of the LORD here, that we

shield; may inquire of Him?"

17 ' and next to him was Jehozabad, and So the king of Israel said to with him one hundred and eighty Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man by

thousand prepared for war. whom we may inquire of the LORD; but

I hate him, because he never prophesies good concerning me, but always evil. He is Micaiah the son of and they shall be delivered into your

ImIa." And Jehoshaphat said, "Let not hand!" the king say such things!"

15

So the king said to him, "How many

8Then the king of Israel called one of his times shall I make you swear that you

officers and said, "Bring Micaiah the son tell me nothing but the truth in the name

of ImIa quickly!" of the LORD?"

"The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat Then he said, "I saw all Israel king of Judah, clothed in their robes, sat scattered on the mountains, as sheep each on his throne; and they sat at a that have no shepherd. And the LORD threshing floor at the entrance of the said, "These have no master. Let each gate of Samaria; and all the prophets return to his house in peace." prophesied before them.

1 Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he ONow Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah And the king of Israel said to had made horns of iron for himself; and would not prophesy good concerning he said, "Thus says the LORD: "With me, but evil?" these you shall gore the Syrians until they are destroyed." 18Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear 1 sitting on His throne, and all the host of 1And all the prophets prophesied so, the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and heaven standing on His right hand and prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into His left. the king's hand." 1 ' And the LORD said, "Who will 12Then the messenger who had gone to persuade Ahab king of Israel to go up,

call Micaiah spoke to him, saying, "Now that he may fall at Ramoth Gilead?' So

listen, the words of the prophets with one spoke in this manner, and another

one accord encourage the king. spoke in that manner. Therefore please let your word be like

the word of one of them, and speak 2 0Then a spirit came forward and stood encouragement." before the LORD, and said, "I will

persuade him.' The LORD said to him,

13 And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, "In what way?' whatever my God says, that I will

speak." 2 1So he said, "I will go out and be a lying

1 And the LORD said, "You shall

4Then he came to the king; and the spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.'

king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to persuade him and also prevail; go out

war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I and do so.' refrain?" And he said, "Go and prosper, 22Therefore look! The LORD has put a small or great, but only with the king of

lying spirit in the mouth of these Israel." prophets of yours, and the LORD has

declared disaster against you." 31 so it was, when the captains of the

chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they

23

Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah said, "It is the king of Israel!" Therefore

went near and struck Micaiah on the they surrounded him to attack; but

cheek, and said, "Which way did the Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD

spirit from the LORD go from me to helped him, and God diverted them from

Speak to you?" him.

24And Micaiah said, "Indeed you shall 32For so it was, when the captains of the

see on that day when you go into an chariots saw that it was not the king of

inner chamber to hide!" Israel, that they turned back from

pursuing him.

25Then the king of Israel said, "Take Micaiah, and return him to Amon the 33Now a certain man drew a bow at governor of the city and to Joash the random, and struck the king of Israel

king's son; between the joints of his armor. So he

said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn

26and say, "Thus says the king: "Put this around and take me out of the battle, for

fellow in prison, and feed him with bread I am wounded." of affliction and water of affliction, until I

return in peace. ' 34The battle increased that day, and the

king of Israel propped himself up in his

27 chariot facing the Syrians until evening;

But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in

peace, the LORD has not spoken by and about the time of sunset he died.

me." And he said, "Take heed, all you

people!"

1 9Then Jehoshaphat the king of

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat Judah returned safely to his house in

the king of Judah went up to Ramoth Jerusalem. Gilead.

2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer

2' And the king of Israel said to went out to meet him, and said to King

Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the

go into battle; but you put on your wicked and love those who hate the

robes." So the king of Israel disguised LORD? Therefore the wrath of the

himself, and they went into battle. LORD is upon you.

30Now the king of Syria had commanded 3Nevertheless good things are found in

the captains of the chariots who were you, in that you have removed the with him, saying, "Fight with no one wooden images from the land, and have your brethren. Do this, and you will not

prepared your heart to seek God." be guilty.

4 11

So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; And take notice: Amariah the chief

and he went out again among the priest is over you in all matters of the

people from Beersheba to the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, mountains of Ephraim, and brought the ruler of the house of Judah,

for all

them back to the LORD God of their the king's matters; also the Levites will

fathers. be officials before you. Behave

courageously, and the LORD will be

5 with the good." Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah,

city by city,

2 Olt happened after this that the

6and said to the judges, "Take heed to people of Moab with the people of

what you are doing, for you do not judge Ammon, and others with them besides

for man but for the LORD, who is with the Ammonites, came to battle against

you in the judgment. Jehoshaphat.

7 2 Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, be upon you; take care and do it, for saying, "A great multitude is coming

there is no iniquity with the LORD our against you from beyond the sea, from

God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes." Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar"

(which is En Gedi).

8Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for OAnd Jehoshaphat feared, and set controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed himself to seek the LORD, and

some of the Levites and priests, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

some of the chief fathers of Israel, when

they returned to Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>

So Judah gathered together to ask help

from the LORD; and from all the cities of

'And he commanded them, saying, Judah they came to seek the LORD.

"Thus you shall act in the fear of the

LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart: <sup>5</sup>Then Jehoshaphat stood in the

<sup>1</sup> assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in <sup>0</sup>Whatever case comes to you from

the house of the LORD, before the new

your brethren who dwell in their cities, court, whether of bloodshed or offenses

against law or commandment, against hand said: "O LORD God of our fathers,

statutes or ordinances, you shall warn are You not God in heaven, and do You

them, lest they trespass against the

not rule over all the kingdoms of the

LORD and wrath come upon you and

nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of

to withstand You? Asaph, in the midst of the assembly.

<sup>7 1</sup> Are You not our God, who drove out <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah the inhabitants of this land before Your and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and

people Israel, and gave it to the you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the  
descendants of Abraham Your friend LORD to you: "Do not be afraid  
nor  
forever? dismayed because of this great

multitude, for the battle is not yours, but

'And they dwell in it, and have built You God's. a sanctuary in it for  
Your name, saying,

<sup>1</sup> 6Tomorrow go down against them.

"If disaster comes upon us--sword, They will surely come up by the  
Ascent

judgment, pestilence, or famine--we will of Ziz, and you will find them  
at the end

stand before this temple and in Your of the brook before the  
Wilderness of

presence (for Your name is in this Jeruel.

temple), and cry out to You in our <sup>7</sup> ou will not need to fight in this  
battle.

affliction, and You will hear and save.'<sup>1</sup>

Position yourselves, stand still and see

<sup>10</sup>And now, here are the people of the salvation of the LORD, who is  
with

Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir--whom you, O Judah and Jerusalem!'  
Do not

You would not let Israel invade when fear or be dismayed; tomorrow  
go out

they came out of the land of Egypt, but against them, for the LORD is  
with you."

they turned from them and did not



destroy them-- 1' And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with

his face to the ground, and all Judah

11here they are, rewarding us by coming and the inhabitants of  
Jerusalem bowed

to throw us out of Your possession before the LORD, worshiping the  
LORD.

which You have given us to inherit.

1' Then the Levites of the children of the

12 Kohathites and of the children of the

O our God, will You not judge them?

For we have no power against this great Korahites stood up to praise  
the LORD

multitude that is coming against us; nor God of Israel with voices loud  
and high.

do we know what to do, but our eyes are 2 OSo they rose early in the  
morning and upon You."

went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa;

13 and as they went out, Jehoshaphat

Now all Judah, with their little ones,

their wives, and their children, stood stood and said, "Hear me, O  
Judah and

before the LORD. you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in

the LORD your God, and you shall be

1 established; believe His prophets, and 4Then the Spirit of the LORD  
came

you shall prosper."

upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the

son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son 2 2 17

And when he had consulted with the Then they returned, every man  
of

people, he appointed those who should Judah and Jerusalem, with  
Jehoshaphat

sing to the LORD, and who should in front of them, to go back to  
Jerusalem

praise the beauty of holiness, as they with joy, for the LORD had made  
them

went out before the army and were rejoice over their enemies. saying:  
"Praise the LORD, For His

mercy endures forever." 2 8

So they came to Jerusalem, with

2 trumpets, to the house of the LORD.

2Now when they began to sing and to stringed instruments and harps  
and

praise, the LORD set ambushes against

the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount 2 ' And the fear of God was  
on all the Seir, who had come against Judah; and kingdoms of those  
countries when they

they were defeated. heard that the LORD had fought against

the enemies of Israel.

23

For the people of Ammon and Moab

stood up against the inhabitants of 30Then the realm of Jehoshaphat  
was Mount Seir to utterly kill and destroy quiet, for his God gave him  
rest all

them. And when they had made an end around. of the inhabitants of Seir, they helped to

destroy one another. 31So Jehoshaphat was king over Judah.

2 He was thirty-five years old when he 4 So when Judah came to a place became king, and he reigned twenty-five

overlooking the wilderness, they looked years in Jerusalem. His mother's name

toward the multitude; and there were was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. their dead bodies, fallen on the earth.

No one had escaped. 32

And he walked in the way of his father

2 Asa, and did not turn aside from it, doing 5When Jehoshaphat and his people

what was right in the sight of the LORD.

came to take away their spoil, they

found among them an abundance of 33

Nevertheless the high places were not valuables on the dead bodies, and

taken away, for as yet the people had precious jewelry, which they stripped off

not directed their hearts to the God of for themselves, more than they could their fathers. carry away; and they were three days

gathering the spoil because there was 34Now the rest of the acts of

so much.

Jehoshaphat, first and last, indeed they

2 are written in the book of Jehu the son 6And on the fourth day they assembled

of Hanani, which is mentioned in the

in the Valley of Berachah, for there they book of the kings of Israel.  
blessed the LORD; therefore the name

of that place was called The Valley of 35After this Jehoshaphat king of  
Judah Berachah until this day.

allied himself with Ahaziah king of Israel,

who acted very wickedly.

36And he allied himself with him to make as a wife; and he did evil in  
the sight of

ships to go to Tarshish, and they made the LORD. the ships in Ezion  
Geber.

7Yet the LORD would not destroy the

37

But Eliezer the son of Dodavah of house of David, because of the  
Mareshah prophesied against covenant that He had made with David,  
Jehoshaphat, saying, "Because you and since He had promised to give  
a

have allied yourself with Ahaziah, the lamp to him and to his sons  
forever. LORD has destroyed your works." Then

the ships were wrecked, so that they sIn his days Edom revolted  
against were not able to go to Tarshish. Judah's authority, and made a  
king over

themselves.

2 1 And Jehoshaphat rested with his 'So Jehoram went out with his officers,

fathers, and was buried with his fathers and all his chariots with him. And he

in the City of David. Then Jehoram his rose by night and attacked the Edomites

son reigned in his place. who had surrounded him and the

captains of the chariots.

2He had brothers, the sons of 0Thus Edom has been in revolt against Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, Zechariah, 1 Azaryahu, Michael, and Shephatiah; all Judah's authority to this day. At that time

these were the sons of Jehoshaphat Libnah revolted against his rule, king of Israel. because he had forsaken the LORD

God of his fathers.

3Their father gave them great gifts of 1 1Moreover he made high places in the silver and gold and precious things, with fortified cities in Judah; but he gave the mountains of Judah, and caused the

kingdom to Jehoram, because he was inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit

the firstborn. harlotry, and led Judah astray.

4 1 2And a letter came to him from Elijah

Now when Jehoram was established

over the kingdom of his father, he the prophet, saying, 4 Thus says the strengthened himself and killed all his LORD God of your father

David: 4

brothers with the sword, and also others Because you have not walked in the

of the princes of Israel. ways of Jehoshaphat your father, or in

the ways of Asa king of Judah,

<sup>5</sup>Jehoram was thirty-two years old when <sup>3</sup> he became king, and he reigned eight <sup>1</sup> but have walked in the way of the

years in Jerusalem. kings of Israel, and have made Judah

and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play

<sup>6</sup> the harlot like the harlotry of the house And he walked in the way of the kings

of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had of Ahab, and also have killed your

done, for he had the daughter of Ahab brothers, those of your father's household, who were better than

yourself, <sup>22</sup>Then the inhabitants of Jerusalem

<sup>1</sup> made Ahaziah his youngest son king in <sup>4</sup>behold, the LORD will strike your

his place, for the raiders who came with

people with a serious affliction--your the Arabians into the camp had killed all

children, your wives, and all your the older sons. So Ahaziah the son of

possessions; Jehoram, king of Judah, reigned.

<sup>15</sup> and you will become very sick with a <sup>2</sup> Ahaziah was forty-two years

old when disease of your intestines, until your he became king, and he reigned one

intestines come out by reason of the year in Jerusalem. His mother's name

sickness, day by day. was Athaliah the granddaughter of Omri.

16Moreover the LORD stirred up against 3He also walked in the ways of the

Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines and house of Ahab, for his mother advised

the Arabians who were near the him to do wickedly. Ethiopians.

1 And they came up into Judah and LORD, like the house of Ahab; for they

7 4Therefore he did evil in the sight of the

invaded it, and carried away all the were his counselors after the death of

possessions that were found in the his father, to his destruction. king's house, and also his sons and his

wives, so that there was not a son left to 5

He also followed their advice, and went him except Jehoahaz, the youngest of

with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of his sons.

Israel to war against Hazael king of

1 Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians 8After all this the LORD struck him in

wounded Joram.

his intestines with an incurable disease.

6 Then he returned to Jezreel to recover

1 ' Then it happened in the course of time,

from the wounds which he had received

after the end of two years, that his at Ramah, when he fought against intestines came out because of his Hazael king of Syria. And Azariah the

sickness; so he died in severe pain. And son of Jehoram, king of Judah, went

his people made no burning for him, like down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in

the burning for his fathers. Jezreel, because he was sick.

20 He was thirty-two years old when he 7His going to Joram was God's occasion became king. He reigned in Jerusalem for Ahaziah's downfall; for when he

eight years and, to no one's sorrow, arrived, he went out with Jehoram

departed. However they buried him in against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom

the City of David, but not in the tombs of the LORD had anointed to cut off the

the kings. house of Ahab.

8And it happened, when Jehu was Obed, Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and

executing judgment on the house of Elishaphat the son of Zichri.



Ahab, and found the princes of Judah

and the sons of Ahaziah's brothers who 2 And they went throughout Judah and served Ahaziah, that he killed them. gathered the Levites from all the cities of

Judah, and the chief fathers of Israel,

"Then he searched for Ahaziah; and and they came to Jerusalem. they caught him (he was hiding in

Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. 3Then all the assembly made a

When they had killed him, they buried covenant with the king in the house of

him, "because," they said, "he is the son God. And he said to them, "Behold, the

of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD king's son shall reign, as the LORD has

with all his heart." So the house of said of the sons of David. Ahaziah had no one to assume power

over the kingdom. 4

This is what you shall do: One-third of

1 you entering on the Sabbath, of the

0 Now when Athaliah the mother of priests and the Levites, shall be keeping

Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she watch over the doors; arose and destroyed all the royal heirs

of the house of Judah. s

one-third shall be at the king's house;

1 and one-third at the Gate of the 1But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the

Foundation. All the people shall be in

king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, the courts of the house of the LORD.

and stole him away from among the

king's sons who were being murdered, <sup>6</sup> But let no one come into the house of and put him and his nurse in a bedroom. the LORD except the priests and those

So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of King of the Levites who serve. They may go

Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest in, for they are holy; but all the people

(for she was the sister of Ahaziah), hid shall keep the watch of the LORD. him from Athaliah so that she did not kill

him. <sup>7</sup>

And the Levites shall surround the king

<sup>1</sup> on all sides, every man with his <sup>2</sup>And he was hidden with them in the

weapons in his hand; and whoever

house of God for six years, while comes into the house, let him be put to

Athaliah reigned over the land.

death. You are to be with the king when

he comes in and when he goes out."

<sup>2</sup> Min the seventh year Jehoiada <sup>8</sup> So the Levites and all Judah did

strengthened himself, and made a according to all that Jehoiada the priest

covenant with the captains of hundreds: commanded. And each man took his

Azariah the son of Jeroham, Ishmael the men who were to be on duty on the

son of Jehohanan, Azariah the son of Sabbath, with those who were going off duty on the Sabbath; for Jehoiada the <sup>15</sup>So they seized her; and she went by priest had not dismissed the divisions. way of the entrance of the Horse Gate

into the king's house, and they killed her

'And Jehoiada the priest gave to the there. captains of hundreds the spears and the

1 6

large and small shields which had Then Jehoiada made a covenant

belonged to King David, that were in the between himself, the people, and the

temple of God. king, that they should be the LORD's

people.

<sup>10</sup>Then he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the <sup>17</sup>And all the people went to the temple right side of the temple to the left side of of Baal, and tore it down. They broke in

the temple, along by the altar and by the pieces its altars and images, and killed

temple, all around the king. Mattan the priest of Baal before the

altars.

<sup>11</sup> And they brought out the king's son,

<sup>18</sup>

put the crown on him, gave him the <sup>18</sup>Also Jehoiada appointed the oversight

Testimony, and made him king. Then of the house of the LORD to the hand of

Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, the priests, the Levites, whom David

and said, "Long live the king!" had assigned in the house of the LORD,  
to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD,

12Now when Athaliah heard the noise of as it is written in the Law of  
Moses, with

the people running and praising the king, rejoicing and with singing,  
as it was

she came to the people in the temple of established by David. the  
LORD.

1 ' And he set the gatekeepers at the

13When she looked, there was the king gates of the house of the  
LORD, so that

standing by his pillar at the entrance; no one who was in any way  
unclean

and the leaders and the trumpeters should enter. were by the king. All  
the people of the

land 2 were rejoicing and blowing 0Then he took the captains of  
hundreds, trumpets, also the singers with musical the nobles, the  
governors of the people,

instruments, and those who led in praise. and all the people of the  
land, and

So Athaliah tore her clothes and said, brought the king down from the  
house of

"Treason! Treason!" the LORD; and they went through the

Upper Gate to the king's house, and set

14 the king on the throne of the kingdom.

And Jehoiada the priest brought out  
the captains of hundreds who were set

2 1

over the army, and said to them, "Take So all the people of the land

rejoiced;

her outside under guard, and slay with and the city was quiet, for they had slain

the sword whoever follows her." For the Athaliah with the sword. priest had said, "Do not kill her in the

house of the LORD."

9 And they made a proclamation

24Joash was seven years old when throughout Judah and Jerusalem to

bring to the LORD the collection that he became king, and he reigned forty

Moses the servant of God had imposed years in Jerusalem. His mother's name

on Israel in the wilderness. was Zibiah of Beersheba.

1 0

2 Then all the leaders and all the people

Joash did what was right in the sight of

rejoiced, brought their contributions, and the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. put them into the chest until all had

given.

OAnd Jehoiada took two wives for him, 1 So it was, at that time, when the chest and he had sons and daughters. was brought to the king's official by the 4 hand of the Levites, and when they saw

Now it happened after this that Joash

that there was much money, that the

set his heart on repairing the house of king's scribe and the high priest's officer the LORD.

came and emptied the chest, and took it

5 and returned it to its place. Thus they

Then he gathered the priests and the did day by day, and gathered money in

Levites, and said to them, "Go out to the abundance. cities of Judah, and gather from all

Israel money to repair the house of your 1 2The king and Jehoiada gave it to those God from year to year, and see that you

who did the work of the service of the

do it quickly." However the Levites did

house of the LORD; and they hired

not do it quickly.

masons and carpenters to repair the

6 house of the LORD, and also those who

So the king called Jehoiada the chief worked in iron and bronze to restore the

priest, and said to him, "Why have you house of the LORD. not required the Levites to bring in from

Judah and from Jerusalem the collection, 13So the workmen labored, and the work according to the commandment of

was completed by them; they restored

Moses the servant of the LORD and of

the house of God to its original condition

the assembly of Israel, for the

and reinforced it.

tabernacle of witness?"

1 4

7 When they had finished, they brought

For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked

the rest of the money before the king  
woman, had broken into the house of

and Jehoiada; they made from it articles  
God, and had also presented all the

for the house of the LORD, articles for  
dedicated things of the house of the

serving and offering, spoons and  
LORD to the Baals.

vessels of gold and silver. And they

8 offered burnt offerings in the house of Then at the king's command  
they made the LORD continually all the days of

a chest, and set it outside at the gate of Jehoiada. the house of the  
LORD.

15But Jehoiada grew old and was full of as he died, he said, "The  
LORD look on

days, and he died; he was one hundred it, and repay!" and thirty years  
old when he died.

2 3

So it happened in the spring of the

16

And they buried him in the City of year that the army of Syria came  
up

David among the kings, because he had against him; and they came to Judah

done good in Israel, both toward God and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the

and His house. leaders of the people from among the

people, and sent all their spoil to the

<sup>17</sup>Now after the death of Jehoiada the king of Damascus.

leaders of Judah came and bowed down <sup>4</sup>For the army of the Syrians came with

to the king. And the king listened to <sup>2</sup> them. a small company of men; but the LORD

delivered a very great army into their

<sup>18</sup>Therefore they left the house of the hand, because they had forsaken the

LORD God of their fathers, and served LORD God of their fathers. So they

wooden images and idols; and wrath executed judgment against Joash. came upon Judah and Jerusalem

because of their trespass. <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>

And when they had withdrawn from

him (for they left him severely wounded),

<sup>19</sup>Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring his own servants conspired against him

them back to the LORD; and they because of the blood of the sons of

testified against them, but they would Jehoiada the priest, and killed him on

not listen. his bed. So he died. And they buried



him in the City of David, but they did not

20 bury him in the tombs of the kings.

Then the Spirit of God came upon

Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, 2 6These are the ones who conspired who stood above the people, and said to them, "Thus says God: "Why do you against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath

transgress the commandments of the the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the

LORD, so that you cannot prosper? son of Shimrith the Moabiteess. Because you have forsaken the LORD,

He also has forsaken you." 2 7

Now concerning his sons, and the

many oracles about him, and the

21 repairing of the house of God, indeed

So they conspired against him, and at

the command of the king they stoned they are written in the annals of the

him with stones in the court of the house book of the kings. Then Amaziah his

of the LORD. son reigned in his place.

22Thus Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jehoiada his father 2 5Amaziah was twenty-five years

had done to him, but killed his son; and old when he became king, and he

reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem.

His mother's name was Jehoaddan of before the enemy; for God has

power to

Jerusalem. help and to overthrow."

29 And he did what was right in the sight Then Amaziah said to the man of God, of the LORD, but not with a loyal heart. "But what shall we do about the hundred

talents which I have given to the troops

3 of Israel?" And the man of God Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established for him, that answered, "The LORD is able to give

he executed his servants who had you much more than this." murdered his father the king.

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So Amaziah discharged the troops that

4 had come to him from Ephraim, to go However he did not execute their

children, but did as it is written in the back home. Therefore their anger was

Law in the Book of Moses, where the greatly aroused against Judah, and they

LORD commanded, saying, "The fathers returned home in great anger. shall not be put to death for their

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children, nor shall the children be put to Then Amaziah strengthened himself,

death for their fathers; but a person shall and leading his people, he went to the

die for his own sin." Valley of Salt and killed ten thousand of

the people of Seir.

5Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah 2Also the children of Judah took captive

together and set over them captains of 1 thousands and captains of hundreds, ten thousand alive, brought them to the

according to their fathers' houses, top of the rock, and cast them down throughout all Judah and Benjamin; and from the top of the rock, so that they all

he numbered them from twenty years were dashed in pieces. old and above, and found them to be

three hundred thousand choice men, 1 3But as for the soldiers of the army able to go to war, who could handle which Amaziah had discharged, so that

spear and shield. they would not go with him to battle,

they raided the cities of Judah from

6He also hired one hundred thousand Samaria to Beth Horon, killed three

mighty men of valor from Israel for one thousand in them, and took much spoil.

hundred talents of silver.

1 4

Now it was so, after Amaziah came

7But a man of God came to him, saying, from the slaughter of the Edomites, that

"O king, do not let the army of Israel go he brought the gods of the people of

with you, for the LORD is not with Israel- Seir, set them up to be his gods, and

-not with any of the children of Ephraim. bowed down before them and burned

incense to them.

'But if you go, be gone! Be strong in

battle! Even so, God shall make you fall 1 5Therefore the anger of the LORD was

aroused against Amaziah, and He sent him a prophet who said to him,  
"Why 2 And Judah was defeated by Israel, have you sought the gods of  
the people, and every man fled to his tent. which could not rescue  
their own people

from your hand?" 2 3Then Joash the king of Israel captured

Amaziah king of Judah, the son of

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So it was, as he talked with him, that Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at  
Beth

the king said to him, "Have we made Shemesh; and he brought him to  
you the king's counselor? Cease! Why Jerusalem, and broke down the  
wall of

should you be killed?" Then the prophet Jerusalem from the Gate of  
Ephraim to

ceased, and said, "I know that God has the Corner Gate--four hundred  
cubits.

determined to destroy you, because you

have done this and have not heeded my 2 4And he took all the gold  
and silver, all advice." the articles that were found in the house

of God with Obed-Edom, the treasures

17

Now Amaziah king of Judah asked of the king's house, and  
hostages, and

advice and sent to Joash the son of returned to Samaria. Jehoahaz, the  
son of Jehu, king of Israel,

saying, "Come, let us face one another 2 5Amaziah the son of Joash, king of in battle." Judah, lived fifteen years after the death

1 Israel.

8And Joash king of Israel sent to of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, king of Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The

thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the 2 6Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, from first to last, indeed are they not

"Give your daughter to my son as wife"; written in the book of the kings of Judah

and a wild beast that was in Lebanon and Israel? passed by and trampled the thistle.

2 7After the time that Amaziah turned

1 9 ndeed you say that you have defeated

away from following the LORD, they

the Edomites, and your heart is lifted up made a conspiracy against him in

to boast. Stay at home now; why should Jerusalem, and he fled to Lachish; but

you meddle with trouble, that you should they sent after him to Lachish and killed

fall--you and Judah with you?" him there.

2 2 0 8 But Amaziah would not heed, for it Then they brought him on horses and came from God, that He might give buried him with his fathers in the City of

them into the hand of their enemies, Judah. because they sought the gods of Edom.

So Joash king of Israel went out; and <sup>26</sup>Now all the people of Judah took

he and Amaziah king of Judah faced

Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and

one another at Beth Shemesh, which

made him king instead of his father

belongs to Judah.

Amaziah.

<sup>2</sup>He built Elath and restored it to Judah, vine-dressers in the mountains and in

after the king rested with his fathers. Carmel, for he loved the soil.

<sup>3</sup>Uzziah was sixteen years old when he <sup>11</sup>Moreover Uzziah had an army of became king, and he reigned fifty-two fighting men who went out to war by

years in Jerusalem. His mother's name companies, according to the number on

was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. their roll as prepared by Jeiel the scribe

and Maaseiah the officer, under the

<sup>4</sup> hand of Hananiah, one of the king's And he did what was right in the sight

of the LORD, according to all that his captains. father Amaziah had done.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>The total number of chief officers of

<sup>5</sup> the mighty men of valor was two He sought God in the days of

Zechariah, who had understanding in thousand six hundred. the  
visions of God; and as long as he

sought the LORD, God made him <sup>1</sup> 3And under their authority was an  
army prosper. of three hundred and seven thousand

five hundred, that made war with mighty

<sup>6</sup> power, to help the king against the Now he went out and made war  
against

the Philistines, and broke down the wall enemy. of Gath, the wall of  
Jabneh, and the wall

of Ashdod; and he built cities around <sup>1</sup> 4Then Uzziah prepared for  
them, for the Ashdod and among the Philistines. entire army, shields,  
spears, helmets,

body armor, bows, and slings to cast

<sup>7</sup> stones. God helped him against the Philistines,

against the Arabians who lived in Gur <sup>5</sup>And he made devices in  
Jerusalem,

Baal, and against the Meunites. <sup>1</sup>

invented by skillful men, to be on the

'Also the Ammonites brought tribute to towers and the corners, to  
shoot arrows

Uzziah. His fame spread as far as the and large stones. So his fame  
spread

entrance of Egypt, for he became far and wide, for he was marvelously  
exceedingly strong. helped till he became strong.

<sup>16</sup>But when he was strong his heart was

'And Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at

the Corner Gate, at the Valley Gate, and lifted up, to his destruction,  
for he

at the corner buttress of the wall; then transgressed against the LORD  
his God

he fortified them. by entering the temple of the LORD to

burn incense on the altar of incense.

<sup>10</sup>Also he built towers in the desert. He dug many wells, for he had  
much So Azariah the priest went in after him, <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>

livestock, both in the lowlands and in the and with him were eighty  
priests of the

plains; he also had farmers and LORD--valiant men.

<sup>1</sup> ' And they withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, "It is not for you,  
Uzziah, to <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>Jotham was twenty-five years old burn incense to  
the LORD, but for the

when he became king, and he reigned

priests, the sons of Aaron, who are sixteen years in Jerusalem. His  
mother's

consecrated to burn incense. Get out of

name was Jerushah the daughter of

the sanctuary, for you have trespassed!

Zadok.

You shall have no honor from the LORD

God." <sup>2</sup>

And he did what was right in the sight

<sup>1</sup> of the LORD, according to all that his '

Then Uzziah became furious; and he



father Uzziah had done (although he did  
had a censer in his hand to burn  
not enter the temple of the LORD). But  
incense. And while he was angry with  
still the people acted corruptly.  
the priests, leprosy broke out on his

forehead, before the priests in the house 3He built the Upper Gate of  
the house of  
of the LORD, beside the incense altar.

the LORD, and he built extensively on  
20 the wall of Ophel.

And Azariah the chief priest and all the

priests looked at him, and there, on his 4Moreover he built cities in the  
forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed  
he also mountains of Judah, and in the forests

hurried to get out, because the LORD he built fortresses and towers.  
had struck him.

5He also fought with the king of the  
21 Ammonites and defeated them. And the

King Uzziah was a leper until the day  
of his death. He dwelt in an isolated people of Ammon gave him in  
that year  
house, because he was a leper; for he one hundred talents of silver, ten  
was cut off from the house of the LORD. thousand kors of wheat, and  
ten

Then Jotham his son was over the thousand of barley. The people of king's house, judging the people of the Ammon paid this to him in the second land. and third years also.

2 So Jotham became mighty, because he

2Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, 6

from first to last, the prophet Isaiah the prepared his ways before the LORD his

son of Amoz wrote. God.

2 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and So Uzziah rested with his fathers, and

3 7

they buried him with his fathers in the all his wars and his ways, indeed they

field of burial which belonged to the are written in the book of the kings of

kings, for they said, "He is a leper." Israel and Judah. Then Jotham his son reigned in his

place. 8He was twenty-five years old when he

became king, and he reigned sixteen

years in Jerusalem.

'So Jotham rested with his fathers, and officer over the house, and Elkanah who

they buried him in the City of David. was second to the king. Then Ahaz his son reigned in his place.

8And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two

28Ahaz was twenty years old when thousand women, sons, and daughters;

he became king, and he reigned sixteen and they also took away much spoil

years in Jerusalem; and he did not do from them, and brought the spoil to

Samaria.

what was right in the sight of the LORD,

as his father David had done.

'But a prophet of the LORD was there,

2 whose name was Oded; and he went For he walked in the ways of the kings

of Israel, and made molded images for out before the army that came to

the Baals. Samaria, and said to them: "Look,

because the LORD God of your fathers

3He burned incense in the Valley of the was angry with Judah, He has delivered

them into your hand; but you have killed

Son of Hinnom, and burned his children them in a rage that reaches up to

in the fire, according to the heaven. abominations of the nations whom the

LORD had cast out before the children 1 0And now you propose to force the of Israel.

children of Judah and Jerusalem to be

4 your male and female slaves; but are

And he sacrificed and burned incense you not also guilty before the  
LORD

on the high places, on the hills, and

your God?

under every green tree.

1 Now hear me, therefore, and return

5 Therefore the LORD his God delivered the captives, whom you have  
taken

him into the hand of the king of Syria. captive from your brethren, for  
the fierce

They defeated him, and carried away a wrath of the LORD is upon  
you." great multitude of them as captives, and

brought them to Damascus. Then he 12

Then some of the heads of the

was also delivered into the hand of the

children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of

king of Israel, who defeated him with a

Johanan, Berechiah the son of

great slaughter.

Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of

6 Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai,

For Pekah the son of Remaliah killed stood up against those who came  
from

one hundred and twenty thousand in the war, Judah in one day, all

valiant men,

because they had forsaken the LORD <sup>h</sup> God of their fathers. and said to them, "You shall not bring

the captives here, for we already have

<sup>7</sup> offended the LORD. You intend to add

Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed to our sins and to our guilt;  
for our guilt

Maaseiah the king's son, Azrikam the

<sup>2</sup> 1

is great, and there is fierce wrath For Ahaz took part of the treasures  
against Israel." from the house of the LORD, from the

house of the king, and from the leaders,

<sup>14</sup> and he gave it to the king of Assyria; but

So the armed men left the captives

and the spoil before the leaders and all he did not help him. the  
assembly.

<sup>2</sup> Now in the time of his distress King

<sup>15</sup> Ahaz became increasingly unfaithful to

Then the men who were designated by

name rose up and took the captives, the LORD. This is that King Ahaz.

and from the spoil they clothed all who <sup>3</sup>For he sacrificed to the gods  
of

were naked among them, dressed them <sup>2</sup> and gave them sandals, gave  
them food Damascus which had defeated him,

and drink, and anointed them; and they saying, "Because the gods of  
the kings

let all the feeble ones ride on donkeys. of Syria help them, I will sacrifice to

So they brought them to their brethren them that they may help me."  
But they

at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then were the ruin of him and of all Israel. they returned to Samaria.

2 4

So Ahaz gathered the articles of the

16

At the same time King Ahaz sent to house of God, cut in pieces the articles

the kings of Assyria to help him. of the house of God, shut up the doors

of the house of the LORD, and made for

17For again the Edomites had come, himself altars in every corner of attacked Judah, and carried away Jerusalem.

captives. 5And in every single city of Judah he

2

1 made high places to burn incense to ' The Philistines also had invaded the

cities of the lowland and of the South of other gods, and provoked to anger the

Judah, and had taken Beth Shemesh, LORD God of his fathers.

Aijalon, Gederoth, Sochoh with its 6Now the rest of his acts and all his villages, Timnah with its villages, and 2 Gimzo with its villages; and

they dwelt ways, from first to last, indeed they are  
there. written in the book of the kings of Judah  
and Israel.

<sup>19</sup>For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel, for  
he <sup>2</sup> 7

So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and  
had encouraged moral decline in Judah they buried him in the city, in  
Jerusalem;  
and had been continually unfaithful to but they did not bring him into  
the tombs  
the LORD. of the kings of Israel. Then Hezekiah his  
son reigned in his place.

<sup>20</sup>  
Also Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria  
came to him and distressed him, and did  
not assist him. <sup>2</sup> <sup>9</sup>Hezekiah became king when he  
was twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in  
Jerusalem. our daughters, and our wives are in  
His mother's name was Abijah the captivity. daughter of Zechariah.

<sup>10</sup> Now it is in my heart to make a  
<sup>2</sup>And he did what was right in the sight covenant with the LORD God  
of Israel,  
of the LORD, according to all that his that His fierce wrath may turn  
away from  
father David had done. us.

In the first year of his reign, in the first My sons, do not be negligent now, for

month, he opened the doors of the the LORD has chosen you to stand house of the LORD and repaired them. before Him, to serve Him, and that you

should minister to Him and burn

4 incense." Then he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them in the East

1 2

Square, Then these Levites arose: Mahath the

son of Amasai and Joel the son of

s Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and said to them: "Hear me, Levites!

Now sanctify yourselves, sanctify the of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of

house of the LORD God of your fathers, Abdi and Azariah the son of Jehallelel;

and carry out the rubbish from the holy of the Gershonites, Joah the son of

place. Zimmah and Eden the son of Joah;

6 1 3 f the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and

For our fathers have trespassed and

done evil in the eyes of the LORD our Jeiel; of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah

God; they have forsaken Him, have and Mattaniah; turned their faces away from the

dwelling place of the LORD, and turned 1 4 the sons of Heman, Jehiel and their backs on Him. Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun,



7They have also shut up the doors of the vestibule, put out the lamps,  
and have 1 5And they gathered their brethren, not burned incense or  
offered burnt sanctified themselves, and went offerings in the holy  
place to the God of according to the commandment of the

Israel. king, at the words of the LORD, to

cleanse the house of the LORD.

'Therefore the wrath of the LORD fell

upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has 16

Then the priests went into the inner

given them up to trouble, to desolation, part of the house of the LORD  
to

and to jeering, as you see with your cleanse it, and brought out all the  
debris

eyes. that they found in the temple of the

LORD to the court of the house of the

'For indeed, because of this our fathers LORD. And the Levites took it  
out and

have fallen by the sword; and our sons, carried it to the Brook Kidron.

1 2 74

Now they began to sanctify on the first And the priests killed them;  
and they

day of the first month, and on the eighth presented their blood on the  
altar as a

day of the month they came to the sin offering to make an atonement  
for all

vestibule of the LORD. So they Israel, for the king commanded that  
the

sanctified the house of the LORD in burnt offering and the sin offering

be

eight days, and on the sixteenth day of made for all Israel. the first month they finished.

2 5And he stationed the Levites in the

18Then they went in to King Hezekiah house of the LORD with  
cymbals, with

and said, "We have cleansed all the stringed instruments, and with harps,

house of the LORD, the altar of burnt according to the commandment of David,

offerings with all its articles, and the of Gad the king's seer, and of Nathan

table of the showbread with all its the prophet; for thus was the articles. commandment of the LORD by His

prophets.

1 ' Moreover all the articles which King

2 6

Ahaz in his reign had cast aside in his The Levites stood with the instruments

transgression we have prepared and of David, and the priests with the sanctified; and there they are, before the trumpets. altar of the LORD."

2 7Then Hezekiah commanded them to

20Then King Hezekiah rose early, offer the burnt offering on the altar.  
And

gathered the rulers of the city, and went when the burnt offering began, the song

up to the house of the LORD. of the LORD also began, with the

trumpets and with the instruments of

21 David king of Israel.

And they brought seven bulls, seven

rams, seven lambs, and seven male 8So all the assembly worshiped,  
the

goats for a sin offering for the kingdom, 2 for the sanctuary, and for  
Judah. Then singers sang, and the trumpeters

he commanded the priests, the sons of sounded; all this continued  
until the

Aaron, to offer them on the altar of the burnt offering was finished.  
LORD.

2 ' And when they had finished offering,

22

So they killed the bulls, and the priests the king and all who were  
present with

received the blood and sprinkled it on him bowed and worshiped. the  
altar. Likewise they killed the rams

and sprinkled the blood on the altar. 30Moreover King Hezekiah and  
the

They also killed the lambs and sprinkled leaders commanded the  
Levites to sing

the blood on the altar. praise to the LORD with the words of

2 sang praises with gladness, and they

3Then they brought out the male goats David and of Asaph the seer.  
So they

for the sin offering before the king and bowed their heads and  
worshiped. the assembly, and they laid their hands

on them.

Then Hezekiah answered and said, at Jerusalem, to keep the  
Passover to

"Now that you have consecrated the LORD God of Israel. yourselves to  
the LORD, come near,

and bring sacrifices and thank offerings <sup>2</sup> For the king and his leaders  
and all the into the house of the LORD." So the assembly in Jerusalem  
had agreed to

assembly brought in sacrifices and keep the Passover in the second  
month.

thank offerings, and as many as were of

a willing heart brought burnt offerings. <sup>3</sup>

For they could not keep it at the regular

<sup>32</sup>And the number of the burnt offerings time, because a sufficient  
number of

priests had not consecrated themselves,

which the assembly brought was nor had the people gathered together  
at

seventy bulls, one hundred rams, and Jerusalem. two hundred lambs;  
all these were for a

burnt offering to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>

And the matter pleased the king and all

<sup>33</sup> the assembly. The consecrated things were six hundred bulls and  
three thousand sheep. <sup>5</sup>

So they resolved to make a

34 proclamation throughout all Israel, from But the priests were too few, so that Beersheba to Dan, that they should

they could not skin all the burnt come to keep the Passover to the LORD

offerings; therefore their brethren the God of Israel at Jerusalem, since they

Levites helped them until the work was had not done it for a long time in the

ended and until the other priests had prescribed manner. sanctified themselves, for the Levites

were more diligent in sanctifying 6

Then the runners went throughout all themselves than the priests.

Israel and Judah with the letters from

3 the king and his leaders, and spoke 5Also the burnt offerings were in

according to the command of the king:

abundance, with the fat of the peace "Children of Israel, return to the LORD

offerings and with the drink offerings for God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; then

every burnt offering. So the service of He will return to the remnant of you who

the house of the LORD was set in order. have escaped from the hand of the

kings of Assyria.

36

Then Hezekiah and all the people

rejoiced that God had prepared the <sup>7</sup>And do not be like your fathers and people, since the events took place so your brethren, who trespassed against

suddenly. the LORD God of their fathers, so that

He gave them up to desolation, as you

see.

<sup>30</sup>And Hezekiah sent to all Israel

and Judah, and also wrote letters to <sup>8</sup>Now do not be stiff-necked, as your

Ephraim and Manasseh, that they fathers were, but yield yourselves to the

should come to the house of the LORD LORD; and enter His sanctuary, which

He has sanctified forever, and serve the <sup>16</sup>They stood in their place according to LORD your God, that the fierceness of their custom, according to the Law of

His wrath may turn away from you. Moses the man of God; the priests

sprinkled the blood received from the

'For if you return to the LORD, your hand of the Levites. brethren and your children will be

<sup>1</sup> 7

treated with compassion by those who For there were many in the assembly

lead them captive, so that they may who had not sanctified themselves;

come back to this land; for the LORD therefore the Levites had charge of the

your God is gracious and merciful, and slaughter of the Passover lambs for

will not turn His face from you if you everyone who was not clean, to

sanctify

return to Him." them to the LORD.

11 08For a multitude of the people, many So the runners passed from city to city

through the country of Ephraim and from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar, and

Manasseh, as far as Zebulun; but they Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves,

laughed at them and mocked them. yet they ate the Passover contrary to

what was written. But Hezekiah prayed

11 for them, saying, "May the good LORD

Nevertheless some from Asher,

Manasseh, provide atonement for everyone and Zebulun humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem.

1 ' who prepares his heart to seek God,

12Also the hand of God was on Judah to the LORD God of his fathers, though he

give them singleness of heart to obey is not cleansed according to the the command of the king and the purification of the sanctuary."

leaders, at the word of the LORD. 0And the LORD listened to Hezekiah

13Now many people, a very great and healed the people.

assembly, gathered at Jerusalem to

keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread in So the children of Israel who were

the second month. present at Jerusalem kept the Feast of

Unleavened Bread seven days with

14 great gladness; and the Levites and the

They arose and took away the altars

that were in Jerusalem, and they took priests praised the LORD day by day,

away all the incense altars and cast singing to the LORD, accompanied by

them into the Brook Kidron. loud instruments.

1 2 5 2 And Hezekiah gave encouragement to

Then they slaughtered the Passover

lambs on the fourteenth day of the all the Levites who taught the good

second month. The priests and the knowledge of the LORD; and they ate

Levites were ashamed, and sanctified throughout the feast seven days,

themselves, and brought the burnt offering peace offerings and making

offerings to the house of the LORD. confession to the LORD God of their

fathers.

23 Then the whole assembly agreed to his service, the priests and  
Levites for

keep the feast another seven days, and burnt offerings and peace offerings, to



they kept it another seven days with serve, to give thanks, and to praise in

gladness. the gates of the camp of the LORD.

24 3

For Hezekiah king of Judah gave to The king also appointed a portion of his

the assembly a thousand bulls and possessions for the burnt offerings: for

seven thousand sheep, and the leaders the morning and evening burnt offerings,

gave to the assembly a thousand bulls the burnt offerings for the Sabbaths and

and ten thousand sheep; and a great the New Moons and the set feasts, as it

number of priests sanctified themselves. is written in the Law of the LORD.

2 4 5

The whole assembly of Judah rejoiced, Moreover he commanded the people

also the priests and Levites, all the who dwelt in Jerusalem to contribute

assembly that came from Israel, the support for the priests and the Levites,

sojourners who came from the land of that they might devote themselves to the

Israel, and those who dwelt in Judah. Law of the LORD.

So there was great joy in Jerusalem, As soon as the commandment was

for since the time of Solomon the son of circulated, the children of Israel brought

David, king of Israel, there had been in abundance the firstfruits of grain and

nothing like this in Jerusalem. wine, oil and honey, and of all the

produce of the field; and they brought in

27Then the priests, the Levites, arose abundantly the tithe of everything.

and blessed the people, and their voice

was heard; and their prayer came up to 6And the children of Israel and Judah, His holy dwelling place, to heaven. who dwelt in the cities of Judah, brought

the tithe of oxen and sheep; also the

tithe of holy things which were

3 1 consecrated to the LORD their God they Now when all this was finished, all

laid in heaps.

Israel who were present went out to the

cities of Judah and broke the sacred 7

In the third month they began laying

pillars in pieces, cut down the wooden

them in heaps, and they finished in the

images, and threw down the high places

seventh month.

and the altars--from all Judah, Benjamin,

Ephraim, and Manasseh--until they had 8 And when Hezekiah and the leaders utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned to their own came and saw the heaps, they blessed

cities, every man to his possession. the LORD and His people Israel.

2 Then Hezekiah questioned the priests And Hezekiah appointed the divisions

of the priests and the Levites according and the Levites concerning the heaps.

to their divisions, each man according to 10And Azariah the chief priest, from the daily portion for the work of his service,

house of Zadok, answered him and said, by his division, "Since the people began to bring the

offerings into the house of the LORD, 17

and to the priests who were written in

we have had enough to eat and have the genealogy according to their father's

plenty left, for the LORD has blessed house, and to the Levites from twenty

His people; and what is left is this great years old and up according to their work,

abundance." by their divisions,

11Now Hezekiah commanded them to

1 ' and to all who were written in the

prepare rooms in the house of the genealogy--their little ones and their

LORD, and they prepared them. wives, their sons and daughters, the

12

Then they faithfully brought in the faithfulness they sanctified themselves

offerings, the tithes, and the dedicated in holiness. things; Cononiah the Levite had charge

of them, and Shimei his brother was the 1' Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, next. who were in the fields of the common-

lands of their cities, in every single city,

13Jehiel, Azaziah, Nahath, Asahel, there were men who were designated

Jerimoth, Jozabad, Eliel, Ismachiah, by name to distribute portions to all the

Mahath, and Benaiah were overseers males among the priests and to all who

under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei were listed by genealogies among the

his brother, at the commandment of Levites. Hezekiah the king and Azariah the ruler

of the house of God. 20Thus Hezekiah did throughout all

Judah, and he did what was good and

14

Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the right and true before the LORD his God.

keeper of the East Gate, was over the

freewill offerings to God, to distribute the 2 1

And in every work that he began in the

offerings of the LORD and the most holy service of the house of God, in the law

things. and in the commandment, to seek his

God, he did it with all his heart. So he

15 And under him were Eden, Miniamin, prospered. Jeshua,  
Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, his faithful assistants in the

cities of the priests, to distribute 32After these deeds of faithfulness,  
allotments to their brethren by divisions,

Sennacherib king of Assyria came and  
to the great as well as the small.

entered Judah; he encamped against

1 the fortified cities, thinking to win them 6 Besides those males from  
three years over to himself. old and up who were written in the

genealogy, they distributed to everyone

who entered the house of the LORD his 2And when Hezekiah saw that  
against Lachish), to Hezekiah king of Sennacherib had come, and that  
his Judah, and to all Judah who were in

purpose was to make war against Jerusalem, saying, Jerusalem,

1 04 "Thus says Sennacherib king of

t

he consulted with his leaders and Assyria: "In what do you trust, that  
you

commanders to stop the water from the remain under siege in  
Jerusalem? springs which were outside the city; and

they helped him. 1 Does not Hezekiah persuade you to

give yourselves over to die by famine

4Thus many people gathered together and by thirst, saying, "The  
LORD our

who stopped all the springs and the God will deliver us from the hand

of the

brook that ran through the land, saying, king of Assyria"? "Why should the kings of Assyria come

and find much water?" 1 2Has not the same Hezekiah taken

away His high places and His altars,

5And he strengthened himself, built up and commanded Judah and Jerusalem,

all the wall that was broken, raised it up saying, "You shall worship before one

to the towers, and built another wall altar and burn incense on it"? outside; also he repaired the Millo in the

City of David, and made weapons and 13Do you not know what I and my shields in abundance. fathers have done to all the peoples of

other lands? Were the gods of the

6Then he set military captains over the nations of those lands in any way able

people, gathered them together to him to deliver their lands out of my hand?

in the open square of the city gate, and

gave them encouragement, saying, 1 4Who was there among all the gods of

those nations that my fathers utterly

7 Be strong and courageous; do not be destroyed that could deliver his people

afraid nor dismayed before the king of from my hand, that your God should be

Assyria, nor before all the multitude that able to deliver you from my hand? is with him; for there are more with us

than with him. 15Now therefore, do not let Hezekiah

deceive you or persuade you like this,

8With him is an arm of flesh; but with us and do not believe him; for no god of

is the LORD our God, to help us and to any nation or kingdom was able to

fight our battles." And the people were deliver his people from my hand or the

strengthened by the words of Hezekiah hand of my fathers. How much less will

king of Judah. your God deliver you from my hand?"

'After this Sennacherib king of Assyria 1 6Furthermore, his servants spoke sent his servants to Jerusalem (but he against the LORD God and against His

and all the forces with him laid siege servant Hezekiah.

1 2 7 4 n those days Hezekiah was sick and

He also wrote letters to revile the

LORD God of Israel, and to speak near death, and he prayed to the LORD;

against Him, saying, "As the gods of the and He spoke to him and gave him a

nations of other lands have not sign. delivered their people from my hand, so

the God of Hezekiah will not deliver His 2 5

But Hezekiah did not repay according people from my hand." to the favor shown him, for his heart was

1 over him and over Judah and Jerusalem.

8Then they called out with a loud voice lifted up; therefore wrath was looming

in Hebrew to the people of Jerusalem

who were on the wall, to frighten them 2 6Then Hezekiah humbled himself for and trouble them, that they might take the pride of his heart, he and the

the city. inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the

wrath of the LORD did not come upon

1' And they spoke against the God of them in the days of Hezekiah. Jerusalem, as against the gods of the

people of the earth--the work of men's 2 7Hezekiah had very great riches and hands. honor. And he made himself treasuries

2 for spices, for shields, and for all kinds

0Now because of this King Hezekiah for silver, for gold, for precious stones,

and the prophet Isaiah, the son of Amoz, of desirable items; prayed and cried out to heaven.

2 8storehouses for the harvest of grain,

21Then the LORD sent an angel who cut wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of

down every mighty man of valor, leader, livestock, and folds for flocks. and captain in the camp of the king of

Assyria. So he returned shamefaced to 2 ' Moreover he provided cities for himself, his own land. And when he had gone and possessions of flocks and herds in

into the temple of his god, some of his abundance; for God had given him very

own offspring struck him down with the much property. sword there.

30This same Hezekiah also stopped the



22 Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and water outlet of Upper Gihon,  
and

the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the brought the water by tunnel to  
the west

hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, side of the City of David.  
Hezekiah

and from the hand of all others, and prospered in all his works. guided  
them on every side.

31 However, regarding the ambassadors

23 And many brought gifts to the LORD at

of the princes of Babylon, whom they

Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah sent to him to inquire about the  
wonder

king of Judah, so that he was exalted in that was done in the land,  
God withdrew

the sight of all nations thereafter. from him, in order to test him, that  
He

might know all that was in his heart.

32 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, much evil in the sight of the  
LORD, to

and his goodness, indeed they are provoke Him to anger. written in  
the vision of Isaiah the prophet,

the son of Amoz, and in the book of the 7 He even set a carved image,  
the idol kings of Judah and Israel. which he had made, in the house of  
God,

33 So of which God had said to David and to

Hezekiah rested with his fathers, Solomon his son, "In this house  
and in

and they buried him in the upper tombs Jerusalem, which I have

chosen out of

of the sons of David; and all Judah and all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name

the inhabitants of Jerusalem honored forever; him at his death. Then Manasseh his

son reigned in his place. <sup>8</sup> and I will not again remove the foot of

Israel from the land which I have

appointed for your fathers--only if they

<sup>3</sup> are careful to do all that I have <sup>3</sup>Manasseh was twelve years old

commanded them, according to the

when he became king, and he reigned

fifty-five years in Jerusalem. whole law and the statutes and the

ordinances by the hand of Moses."

<sup>2</sup>But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, 'So Manasseh seduced Judah and the

according to the abominations of the

nations whom the LORD had cast out inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil

before the children of Israel. than the nations whom the LORD had

destroyed before the children of Israel.

<sup>3</sup> For he rebuilt the high places which <sup>1</sup> Hezekiah his father had broken down; <sup>0</sup>And the LORD spoke to Manasseh

he raised up altars for the Baals, and and his people, but they would not listen.

made wooden images; and he <sup>1</sup>Therefore the LORD brought upon  
worshiped all the host of heaven and <sup>1</sup>served them. them the captains  
of the army of the

king of Assyria, who took Manasseh

<sup>4</sup> with hooks, bound him with bronze

He also built altars in the house of the

fetters, and carried him off to Babylon.

LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In

Jerusalem shall My name be forever." <sup>12</sup>Now when he was in  
affliction, he <sup>5</sup>implored the LORD his God, and

And he built altars for all the host of

humbled himself greatly before the God

heaven in the two courts of the house of

of his fathers,

the LORD.

<sup>h</sup> and prayed to Him; and He received

<sup>6</sup>Also he caused his sons to pass

his entreaty, heard his supplication, and

through the fire in the Valley of the Son

brought him back to Jerusalem into his

of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying,

kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the

used witchcraft and sorcery, and

LORD was God.

consulted mediums and spiritists. He did 1 2 41

After this he built a wall outside the Amon was twenty-two years old when

City of David on the west side of Gihon, he became king, and he reigned two

in the valley, as far as the entrance of years in Jerusalem. the Fish Gate; and it enclosed Ophel,

and he raised it to a very great height. 2 But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, Then he put military captains in all the as his father Manasseh had done; for

fortified cities of Judah. Amon sacrificed to all the carved images

1 and served them. 5He took away the foreign gods and the which his father Manasseh had made,

idol from the house of the LORD, and all

the altars that he had built in the mount 2 3And he did not humble himself before of the house of the LORD and in the LORD, as his father Manasseh had

Jerusalem; and he cast them out of the humbled himself; but Amon trespassed

city. more and more.

16 4

He also repaired the altar of the LORD, 2 Then his servants conspired against

sacrificed peace offerings and thank him, and killed him in his own house. offerings on it, and commanded Judah

to serve the LORD God of Israel. 2 5But the people of the land executed all

1 those who had conspired against King 7Nevertheless the people still sacrificed

Amon. Then the people of the land  
on the high places, but only to the made his son Josiah king in his place.

LORD their God.

18Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh,

34Josiah was eight years old when  
his prayer to his God, and the words of  
the seers who spoke to him in the name he became king, and he reigned thirty-  
of the LORD God of Israel, indeed they one years in Jerusalem.

are written in the book of the kings of 2 And he did what was right in the sight Israel.

of the LORD, and walked in the ways of  
19Also his prayer and how God received his father David; he did not turn aside to  
the right hand or to the left.

his entreaty, and all his sin and trespass,

and the sites where he built high places

and set up wooden images and carved For in the eighth year of his reign, while 3

images, before he was humbled, indeed he was still young, he began to seek the

they are written among the sayings of God of his father David; and in the

Hozai. twelfth year he began to purge Judah

and Jerusalem of the high places, the

20 wooden images, the carved images, and

So Manasseh rested with his fathers,

the molded images.

and they buried him in his own house.

Then his son Amon reigned in his place. 4They broke down the altars  
of the Baals

in his presence, and the incense altars which were above them he cut  
down; of the LORD, to repair and restore the

and the wooden images, the carved house. images, and the molded  
images he

broke in pieces, and made dust of them 11They gave it to the  
craftsmen and and scattered it on the graves of those builders to buy  
hewn stone and timber

who had sacrificed to them. for beams, and to floor the houses

which the kings of Judah had destroyed.

5He also burned the bones of the priests

on their altars, and cleansed Judah and 1 2And the men did the work  
faithfully. Jerusalem. Their overseers were Jahath and

Obadiah the Levites, of the sons of

6And so he did in the cities of Manasseh, Merari, and Zechariah and  
Meshullam,

Ephraim, and Simeon, as far as Naphtali of the sons of the Kohathites,  
to

and all around, with axes. supervise. Others of the Levites, all of

whom were skillful with instruments of

7 music, When he had broken down the altars and the wooden images,  
had beaten the

13

carved images into powder, and cut were over the burden bearers and  
down all the incense altars throughout were overseers of all who did  
work in

all the land of Israel, he returned to any kind of service. And some of  
the

Jerusalem. Levites were scribes, officers, and

gatekeepers.

8In the eighteenth year of his reign, 4Now when they brought out the  
money

when he had purged the land and the 1 temple, he sent Shaphan the  
son of that was brought into the house of the

Azaliah, Maaseiah the governor of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found  
the Book

city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the of the Law of the LORD given by  
Moses.

recorder, to repair the house of the

LORD his God. 1 5Then Hilkiah answered and said to

Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the

"When they came to Hilkiah the high Book of the Law in the house of  
the

priest, they delivered the money that LORD." And Hilkiah gave the  
book to

was brought into the house of God, Shaphan. which the Levites who  
kept the doors

had gathered from the hand of 1 6So Shaphan carried the book to the

Manasseh and Ephraim, from all the king, bringing the king word, saying, "All

remnant of Israel, from all Judah and that was committed to your servants

Benjamin, and which they had brought they are doing. back to Jerusalem.

1 7And they have gathered the money

10Then they put it in the hand of the

that was found in the house of the

foremen who had the oversight of the LORD, and have delivered it into the

house of the LORD; and they gave it to

the workmen who worked in the house hand of the overseers and the 2  
5because they have forsaken Me and workmen." burned incense to other gods, that they

might provoke Me to anger with all the

1 works of their hands. Therefore My ' Then Shaphan the scribe told the king,

saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me wrath will be poured out on this place,

a book." And Shaphan read it before the and not be quenched.

king. 6But as for the king of Judah, who sent

2

1 you to inquire of the LORD, in this ' Thus it happened, when the king

heard the words of the Law, that he tore manner you shall speak to him, "Thus



his clothes. says the LORD God of Israel:

"Concerning the words which you have

20 heard--

Then the king commanded Hilkiah,

Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Abdon the 2 7because your heart was tender, and son of Micah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king, saying, you humbled yourself before God when

you heard His words against this place

21 Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and against its inhabitants, and you

for those who are left in Israel and humbled yourself before Me, and you

tore your clothes and wept before Me, I

Judah, concerning the words of the

book that is found; for great is the wrath also have heard you," says the LORD.

of the LORD that is poured out on us, 2" Surely I will gather you to your fathers, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according to all and you shall be gathered to your grave

that is written in this book." in peace; and your eyes shall not see all

the calamity which I will bring on this

22 place and its inhabitants. ' So they

So Hilkiah and those the king had

brought back word to the king.

appointed went to Huldah the

prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son 2 ' Then the king sent and gathered all of Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in Jerusalem the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. in the Second Quarter.) And they spoke

3 0

to her to that effect. The king went up to the house of the

LORD, with all the men of Judah and

23 the inhabitants of Jerusalem--the priests

Then she answered them, "Thus says

the LORD God of Israel, "Tell the man and the Levites, and all the people,

who sent you to Me, great and small. And he read in their

hearing all the words of the Book of the

24§ Covenant which had been found in the "Thu

s says the LORD: "Behold, I will

house of the LORD.

bring calamity on this place and on its

inhabitants, all the curses that are 31 Then the king stood in his place and written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah, made a covenant before the LORD, to

follow the LORD, and to keep His commandments and His testimonies

5And stand in the holy place according and His statutes with all his heart and all to the divisions of the fathers' houses of

his soul, to perform the words of the your brethren the lay people, and

covenant that were written in this book. according to the division of the father's

house of the Levites.

And he made all who were present in

Jerusalem and Benjamin take a stand. 6So slaughter the Passover offerings, So the inhabitants of Jerusalem did consecrate yourselves, and prepare

according to the covenant of God, the them for your brethren, that they may do

God of their fathers. according to the word of the LORD by

the hand of Moses."

33Thus Josiah removed all the

abominations from all the country that 7Then Josiah gave the lay people lambs belonged to the children of Israel, and and young goats from the flock, all for

made all who were present in Israel Passover offerings for all who were

diligently serve the LORD their God. All present, to the number of thirty

his days they did not depart from thousand, as well as three thousand

following the LORD God of their fathers. cattle; these were from the king's

possessions.

3 8And his leaders gave willingly to the 5Now Josiah kept a Passover to

people, to the priests, and to the Levites.

the LORD in Jerusalem, and they

Hilkiah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, rulers of

slaughtered the Passover lambs on the

the house of God, gave to the priests for  
fourteenth day of the first month.

the Passover offerings two thousand six  
2 hundred from the flock, and three

And he set the priests in their duties hundred cattle.  
and encouraged them for the service of

the house of the LORD. 9 Also Conaniah, his brothers Shemaiah

3Then he said to the Levites who taught and Nethanel, and Hashabiah  
and Jeiel

and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave  
all Israel, who were holy to the LORD: to the Levites for Passover  
offerings five

"Put the holy ark in the house which thousand from the flock and five  
Solomon the son of David, king of Israel, hundred cattle. built. It shall  
no longer be a burden on

your shoulders. Now serve the LORD 10 So the service was prepared,  
and the your God and His people Israel. priests stood in their places,  
and the 4 Levites in their divisions, according to

Prepare yourselves according to your the king's command.  
fathers' houses, according to your

divisions, following the written 11 And they slaughtered the Passover  
instruction of David king of Israel and offerings; and the priests  
sprinkled the the written instruction of Solomon his blood with their  
hands, while the Levites son. skinned the animals.

Then they removed the burnt offerings the prophet; and none of the kings of

that they might give them to the Israel had kept such a Passover as

divisions of the fathers' houses of the lay Josiah kept, with the priests and the

people, to offer to the LORD, as it is Levites, all Judah and Israel who were

written in the Book of Moses. And so present, and the inhabitants of they did with the cattle. Jerusalem.

11 3Also they roasted the Passover ' In the eighteenth year of the reign of

offerings with fire according to the Josiah this Passover was kept. ordinance; but the other holy offerings

they boiled in pots, in caldrons, and in 2 0After all this, when Josiah had pans, and divided them quickly among prepared the temple, Necho king of

all the lay people. Egypt came up to fight against

Carchemish by the Euphrates; and

Then afterward they prepared portions Josiah went out against him.

for themselves and for the priests,

because the priests, the sons of Aaron, 2 1But he sent messengers to him, saying, were busy in offering burnt offerings and "What have I to do with you, king of

fat until night; therefore the Levites Judah? I have not come against you this

prepared portions for themselves and day, but against the house with which I

for the priests, the sons of Aaron. have war; for God commanded me to

make haste. Refrain from meddling with

15And the singers, the sons of Asaph, God, who is with me, lest He destroy

were in their places, according to the you." command of David, Asaph, Heman, and

Jeduthun the king's seer. Also the 22Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his gatekeepers were at each gate; they did face from him, but disguised himself so

not have to leave their position, because that he might fight with him, and did not

their brethren the Levites prepared heed the words of Necho from the portions for them. mouth of God. So he came to fight in the

Valley of Megiddo.

16

So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the 2 3

And the archers shot King Josiah; and

Passover and to offer burnt offerings on the king said to his servants, "Take me

the altar of the LORD, according to the away, for I am severely wounded." command of King Josiah.

1 His servants therefore took him out of 7 2 4

And the children of Israel who were that chariot and put him in the second

present kept the Passover at that time, chariot that he had, and they brought

and the Feast of Unleavened Bread for him to Jerusalem. So he died,  
and was

seven days. buried in one of the tombs of his fathers.

And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned

<sup>1</sup> There had been no Passover kept in for Josiah. Israel like that since  
the days of Samuel <sup>25</sup>Jeremiah also lamented for Josiah.

<sup>6</sup>Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came

And to this day all the singing men and up against him, and bound  
him in

the singing women speak of Josiah in bronze fetters to carry him off to

their lamentations. They made it a Babylon. custom in Israel; and  
indeed they are

written in the Laments. <sup>7</sup>Nebuchadnezzar also carried off some

<sup>2</sup> LORD to Babylon, and put them in his

<sup>6</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Josiah and of the articles from the house  
of the

his goodness, according to what was temple at Babylon. written in the  
Law of the LORD,

<sup>8</sup> Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim,

<sup>27</sup>

and his deeds from first to last, indeed the abominations which he  
did, and

they are written in the book of the kings what was found against him,  
indeed

of Israel and Judah. they are written in the book of the kings

of Israel and Judah. Then Jehoiachin his

son reigned in his place.

36Then the people of the land took

Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made 'Jehoiachin was eight years old when

him king in his father's place in he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem. Jerusalem three months and ten days.

And he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

2Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old 0At the turn of the year King

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when he became king, and he reigned

Nebuchadnezzar summoned him and three months in Jerusalem.

took him to Babylon, with the costly

3 articles from the house of the LORD, Now the king of Egypt deposed him at and made Zedekiah, Jehoiakim's Jerusalem; and he imposed on the land brother, king over Judah and Jerusalem. a tribute of one hundred talents of silver

and a talent of gold. 1Zedekiah was twenty-one years old 4 when he became king, and he reigned

Then the king of Egypt made eleven years in Jerusalem.

Jehoahaz's brother Eliakim king over

Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his 12He did evil in the sight of the LORD his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took God, and did not humble himself before Jehoahaz his brother and carried him off Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke from to Egypt. the mouth of the LORD.



5Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old 3And he also rebelled against King

1

when he became king, and he reigned

eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him

evil in the sight of the LORD his God. swear an oath by God; but he stiffened

his neck and hardened his heart against

turning to the LORD God of Israel.

11 4Moreover all the leaders of the priests ' Then they burned the house of God,

and the people transgressed more and broke down the wall of Jerusalem,

more, according to all the abominations burned all its palaces with fire, and

of the nations, and defiled the house of destroyed all its precious possessions.

the LORD which He had consecrated in

Jerusalem. 2 0

And those who escaped from the

1 where they became servants to him and

5And the LORD God of their fathers sword he carried away to Babylon,

sent warnings to them by His his sons until the rule of the kingdom of messengers, rising up early and sending Persia, them, because He had compassion on

His people and on His dwelling place. 2 1

to fulfill the word of the LORD by the

1 enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she

6But they mocked the messengers of mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had

God, despised His words, and scoffed at lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill

His prophets, until the wrath of the seventy years. LORD arose against His people, till

there was no remedy. 2 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of

Persia, that the word of the LORD by

17Therefore He brought against them the the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled,

king of the Chaldeans, who killed their the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus

young men with the sword in the house king of Persia, so that he made a

of their sanctuary, and had no proclamation throughout all his kingdom,

compassion on young man or virgin, on and also put it in writing, saying, the aged or the weak; He gave them all

into his hand. 23Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the

kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of

1' And all the articles from the house of heaven has given me. And He has

God, great and small, the treasures of commanded me to build Him a house at

the house of the LORD, and the Jerusalem which is in Judah. Who is

treasures of the king and of his leaders, among you of all His people?  
May the

all these he took to Babylon. LORD his God be with him, and let him  
go up!

# Song of Solomon

flock, And feed your little goats Beside  
the shepherds' tents.

1 The song of songs, which is 91 have compared you, my love, To my  
Solomon's. filly among Pharaoh's chariots.

2Let him kiss me with the kisses of his 0 our cheeks are lovely with  
ornaments,

1

mouth-- For your love is better than wine.

Your neck with chains of gold.

3Because of the fragrance of your good 11

We will make you ornaments of gold

ointments, Your name is ointment

poured forth; Therefore the virgins love With studs of silver.

you. 12While the king is at his table, My

4 spikenard sends forth its fragrance. Draw me away! We will run after  
you.

The king has brought me into his u A bundle of myrrh is my beloved

to me, chambers. We will be glad and rejoice in you. We will  
remember 1 your love more That lies all night between my breasts.

than wine. Rightly do they love 1 you.

14

My beloved is to me a cluster of henna

5 blooms In the vineyards of En Gedi. 1 am dark, but lovely, O  
daughters of Jerusalem, Like the tents of Kedar, Like

the curtains of Solomon. 15 Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold,

you are fair! You have dove's eyes.

6 Do not look upon me, because I am dark, Because the sun has tanned  
me. 16 Behold, you are handsome, my My mother's sons were angry  
with me; beloved! Yes, pleasant! Also our bed is

They made me the keeper of the green. vineyards, But my own  
vineyard I have

not kept. 17 The beams of our houses are cedar,

And our rafters of fir.

7 Tell me, O you whom I love, Where you feed your flock, Where you  
make it rest

at noon. For why should I be as one

21 am the rose of Sharon, And the lily

who veils herself By the flocks of your

companions? of the valleys.

8 2 Like a lily among thorns, So is my love If you do not know, O  
fairest among women, Follow in the footsteps of the among the  
daughters.

3 Like an apple tree among the trees of Give a good smell. Rise up, my  
love, my

the woods, So is my beloved among the fair one, And come away!  
sons. I sat down in his shade with great

delight, And his fruit was sweet to my 1 44 0 my dove, in the clefts of  
the rock, In taste. the secret places of the cliff, Let me see

your face, Let me hear your voice; For

4 He brought me to the banqueting house, your voice is sweet, And  
your face is

And his banner over me was love. lovely."

5 1 5

Sustain me with cakes of raisins, Catch us the foxes, The little foxes  
that

Refresh me with apples, For I am spoil the vines, For our vines have  
lovesick. tender grapes.

6 1 His left hand is under my head, And his 6My beloved is mine, and I  
am his. He right hand embraces me. feeds his flock among the lilies.

7 1 7

1 charge you, 0 daughters of Jerusalem, Until the day breaks And the  
shadows

By the gazelles or by the does of the flee away, Turn, my beloved, And  
be

field, Do not stir up nor awaken love like a gazelle Or a young stag  
Upon the

Until it pleases. mountains of Bether.

8 The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes Leaping upon the

mountains, 3By night on my bed I sought the one I

Skipping upon the hills.

love; I sought him, but I did not find him.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young 2 I will rise now," I said, "And  
go about

stag. Behold, he stands behind our wall; the city; In the streets and in  
the

He is looking through the windows,

squares I will seek the one I love." I

Gazing through the lattice.

sought him, but I did not find him.

10My beloved spoke, and said to me: 3The watchmen who go about  
the city

"Rise up, my love, my fair one, And

found me; I said, "Have you seen the

come away.

one I love?"

11For to, the winter is past, The rain is

4 Scarcely had I passed by them, When I

over and gone.

found the one I love. I held him and

1 would not let him go, Until I had brought 2The flowers appear on

the earth; The

him to the house of my mother, And into

time of singing has come, And the voice the chamber of her who  
conceived me.

of the turtledove 1s heard in our land.

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3The fig tree puts forth her green figs, 5 1 charge you, O daughters of  
Jerusalem,

By the gazelles or by the does of the

And the vines with the tender grapes field, Do not stir up nor awaken  
love 3Your lips are like a strand of scarlet,

Until it pleases. And your mouth is lovely. Your temples

behind your veil Are like a piece of

6 pomegranate. Who is this coming out of the wilderness Like pillars  
of smoke,

Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, 4Your neck is like the tower of  
David, With all the merchant's fragrant Built for an armory, On which  
hang a

powders? thousand bucklers, All shields of mighty

men.

7Behold, it is Solomon's couch, With sixty valiant men around it, Of  
the 5Your two breasts are like two fawns, valiant of Israel. Twins of a  
gazelle, Which feed among

the lilies.

"They all hold swords, Being expert in

war. Every man has his sword on his 6Until the day breaks And the  
shadows thigh Because of fear in the night. flee away, I will go my  
way to the



mountain of myrrh And to the hill of

'Of the wood of Lebanon Solomon the frankincense.

King Made himself a palanquin: 7You are all fair, my love, And there is

10He made its pillars of silver, Its support no spot in you.

of gold, Its seat of purple, Its interior

paved with love By the daughters of 8Come with me from Lebanon,  
my Jerusalem. spouse, With me from Lebanon. Look

from the top of Amana, From the top of

11 Senir and Hermon, From the lions' dens,

co forth, O daughters of Zion, And see

King Solomon with the crown With From the mountains of the  
leopards. which his mother crowned him On the

day of his wedding, The day of the 'You have ravished my heart, My  
sister,

gladness of his heart. my spouse; You have ravished my heart

With one look of your eyes, With one

link of your necklace.

you are fair! You have dove's eyes spouse! How much better than  
wine is behind your veil. Your hair is like a flock your love, And the  
scent of your 4Behold, you are fair, my love! Behold, 1 0How fair is  
your love, My sister, my

of goats, Going down from Mount Gilead. perfumes Than all spices!

2Your teeth are like a flock of shorn 1

1 Your lips, O my spouse, Drip as the

sheep Which have come up from the

honeycomb; Honey and milk are under  
washing, Every one of which bears

your tongue; And the fragrance of your  
twins, And none is barren among them.

garments Is like the fragrance of  
Lebanon.

142

A garden enclosed Is my sister, my My beloved put his hand By the  
latch of  
spouse, A spring shut up, A fountain the door, And my heart yearned  
for him.  
sealed.

51 arose to open for my beloved, And my

13

Your plants are an orchard of hands dripped with myrrh, My fingers  
pomegranates With pleasant fruits, with liquid myrrh, On the handles  
of the  
Fragrant henna with spikenard, lock.

164 Spikenard and saffron, Calamus and I opened for my beloved, But  
my  
cinnamon, With all trees of frankincense, beloved had turned away  
and was gone.

Myrrh and aloes, With all the chief My heart leaped up when he  
spoke. I

spices-- sought him, but I could not find him; I

called him, but he gave me no answer.

<sup>15</sup>A fountain of gardens, A well of living waters, And streams from  
Lebanon. <sup>7</sup>The watchmen who went about the city

found me. They struck me, they

<sup>16</sup>Awake, O north wind, And come, O wounded me; The keepers of  
the walls

south! Blow upon my garden, That its Took my veil away from me.  
spices may flow out. Let my beloved

come to his garden And eat its pleasant <sup>8</sup>1 charge you, O daughters of  
Jerusalem, fruits. If you find my beloved, That you tell him

I am lovesick!

<sup>5</sup>1 have come to my garden, my sister, What is your beloved More  
than

my spouse; I have gathered my myrrh another beloved, O fairest  
among

with my spice; I have eaten my women? What is your beloved More

honeycomb with my honey; I have drunk than another beloved, That  
you so

my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends! charge us?

Drink, yes, drink deeply, O beloved <sup>1</sup> 0My beloved is white and ruddy,  
Chief ones!

among ten thousand.

<sup>2</sup>1 sleep, but my heart is awake; It is the <sup>1</sup>His head is like the finest  
gold; His

voice of my beloved! He knocks, saying, <sup>1</sup> "Open for me, my sister, my  
love, My locks are wavy, And black as a raven.

dove, my perfect one; For my head is

covered with dew, My locks with the 1 2

His eyes are like doves By the rivers of  
drops of the night." waters, Washed with milk, And fitly set.

I I have taken off my robe; How can I put 1 3His cheeks are like a bed  
of spices, it on again? I have washed my feet; Banks of scented herbs.  
His lips are

How can I defile them? lilies, Dripping liquid myrrh.

1 8 4

His hands are rods of gold Set with There are sixty queens And  
eighty

beryl. His body is carved ivory Inlaid concubines, And virgins without  
number.

with sapphires.

9My dove, my perfect one, Is the only

15 His legs are pillars of marble Set on one, The only one of her  
mother, The

bases of fine gold. His countenance is favorite of the one who bore  
her. The

like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars. daughters saw her And called  
her

blessed, The queens and the

16 concubines, And they praised her.

His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is

altogether lovely. This is my beloved, 0Who is she who looks forth as  
the

And this is my friend, O daughters of <sup>1</sup> Jerusalem! morning, Fair as the moon, Clear as the

sun, Awesome as an army with  
banners?

fairest among women? Where has your <sup>6</sup>Where has your beloved gone, O <sup>1</sup> <sup>1a</sup> went down to the garden of nuts To see the verdure of the valley, To see beloved turned aside, That we may seek whether the vine had budded And the him with you? pomegranates had bloomed.

<sup>2</sup>My beloved has gone to his garden, To <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Before I was even aware, My soul had  
the beds of spices, To feed his flock in

made me As the chariots of my noble  
the gardens, And to gather lilies.  
people.

mine. He feeds his flock among the lilies. A am my beloved's, And my beloved is I <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Return, return, O Shulamite; Return, return, that we may look upon you! What <sup>4</sup> would you see in the Shulamite-- As it

O my love, you are as beautiful as were, the dance of the two camps?  
Tirzah, Lovely as Jerusalem, Awesome  
as an army with banners!

<sup>5</sup> <sup>7</sup>How beautiful are your feet in

Turn your eyes away from me, For they

have overcome me. Your hair is like a sandals, O prince's daughter!

The

flock of goats Going down from Gilead. curves of your thighs are like jewels,

The work of the hands of a skillful

6 workman.

Your teeth are like a flock of sheep

Which have come up from the washing; 2Your navel is a rounded goblet; It lacks Every one bears twins, And none is barren among them. no blended beverage. Your waist is a

heap of wheat Set about with lilies.

7Like a piece of pomegranate Are your 3Your two breasts are like two fawns,

temples behind your veil.

Twins of a gazelle.

4Your neck is like an ivory tower, Your eyes like the pools in Heshbon By the 8Oh, that you were like my brother,

gate of Bath Rabbim. Your nose is like

Who nursed at my mother's breasts! If I

the tower of Lebanon Which looks should find you outside, I would kiss

toward Damascus.

you; I would not be despised.

5Your head crowns you like Mount 1 would lead you and bring you Into the

Carmel, And the hair of your head is like

house of my mother, She who used to  
purple; A king is held captive by your

instruct me. I would cause you to drink  
tresses.

of spiced wine, Of the juice of my  
6 pomegranate.

How fair and how pleasant you are, O

love, with your delights! 3His left hand is under my head, And his 7  
right hand embraces me.

This stature of yours is like a palm tree,

And your breasts like its clusters. 4

1 charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,

Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it

'I said, "I will go up to the palm tree, I please. will take hold of its  
branches." Let now

your breasts be like clusters of the vine, 5

Who is this coming up from the

The fragrance of your breath like apples,

wilderness, Leaning upon her beloved? I

awakened you under the apple tree.

'And the roof of your mouth like the best There your mother brought  
you forth;

wine. The wine goes down smoothly for There she who bore you  
brought you

my beloved, Moving gently the lips of forth. sleepers.

0 am my beloved's, And his desire is 6 Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a

seal upon your arm; For love is as toward me. strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as

the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A

11

Come, my beloved, Let us go forth to most vehement flame.  
the field; Let us lodge in the villages.

7 Many waters cannot quench love, Nor

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;

can the floods drown it. If a man would

Let us see if the vine has budded, give for love All the wealth of his house,

Whether the grape blossoms are open, It would be utterly despised.  
And the pomegranates are in bloom.

There I will give you my love. 8 We have a little sister, And she has no

1 In the day when she is spoken for?

3 The mandrakes give off a fragrance, breasts. What shall we do for our sister

And at our gates are pleasant fruits, All

manner, new and old, Which I have laid 9 If she is a wall, We will build upon her A up for you, my beloved. battlement of silver; And if she is a door,



We will enclose her With boards of My own vineyard is before me.  
You, O

cedar. Solomon, may have a thousand, And

those who tend its fruit two hundred.

10 am a wall, And my breasts like towers; Then I became in his eyes  
As 1 3 ou who dwell in the gardens, The one who found peace.  
companions listen for your voice-- Let

me hear it!

11solomon had a vineyard at Baal

1 4

Hamon; He leased the vineyard to Make haste, my beloved, And be  
like a

keepers; Everyone was to bring for its gazelle Or a young stag On the  
fruit A thousand silver coins. mountains of spices.

# 1st Kings

8But Zadok the priest, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Nathan the prophet, Shimei,

1 Rei, and the mighty men who belonged Now King David was old, advanced

to David were not with Adonijah.

in years; and they put covers on him,

but he could not get warm. 'And Adonijah sacrificed sheep and 2 oxen and fattened cattle by the stone of

Therefore his servants said to him, "Let Zoheleth, which is by En Roget; he also

a young woman, a virgin, be sought for invited all his brothers, the king's sons,

our lord the king, and let her stand and all the men of Judah, the king's

before the king, and let her care for him; servants. and let her lie in your bosom, that our

lord the king may be warm." 10But he did not invite Nathan the

3 prophet, Benaiah, the mighty men, or So they sought for a lovely young Solomon his brother. woman throughout all the territory of

Israel, and found Abishag the 11So Nathan spoke to Bathsheba the Shunammite, and brought her to the mother of Solomon, saying,

"Have you king, not heard that Adonijah the son of 4 Haggith has become king, and David

The young woman was very lovely; and our lord does not know it?  
she cared for the king, and served him;

but the king did not know her. 12Come, please, let me now give you 5 advice, that you may save your own life

Then Adonijah the son of Haggith and the life of your son Solomon.  
exalted himself, saying, "I will be king";

and he prepared for himself chariots and 13Go immediately to King David and say horsemen, and fifty men to run before to him, "Did you not, my lord, O king, him. swear to your maidservant, saying, 6  
"Assuredly your son Solomon shall reign

(And his father had not rebuked him at

after me, and he shall sit on my throne"?

any time by saying, "Why have you Why then has Adonijah become king?"

done so?" He was also very good-

looking. His mother had borne him after 14Then, while you are still talking there Absalom.) with the king, I also will come in after 7 you and confirm your words."

Then he conferred with Joab the son of

Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, 15So Bathsheba went into the chamber and they followed and helped Adonijah.

to the king. (Now the king was very old,

and Abishag the Shunammite was And Nathan said, "My lord, O king,  
serving the king.) have you said, "Adonijah shall reign

after me, and he shall sit on my throne'?

16And Bathsheba bowed and did homage to the king. Then the king  
said, 25For he has gone down today, and has "What is your wish?"  
sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and

sheep in abundance, and has invited all

17Then she said to him, "My lord, you the king's sons, and the  
commanders of

swore by the LORD your God to your the army, and Abiathar the  
priest; and

maidservant, look! They are eating and drinking saying, "Assuredly

Solomon your son shall reign after me, before him; and they say,  
"Long live

and he shall sit on my throne.' King Adonijah!"

12 86But he has not invited me--me your

So now, look! Adonijah has become

king; and now, my lord the king, you do servant--nor Zadok the priest,  
nor

not know about it. Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, nor your

servant Solomon.

19He has sacrificed oxen and fattened cattle and sheep in abundance,  
and has Has this thing been done by my lord 27

invited all the sons of the king, Abiathar the king, and you have not  
told your

the priest, and Joab the commander of servant who should sit on the throne of

the army; but Solomon your servant he my lord the king after him?" has not invited.

2 ' Then King David answered and said,

20And as for you, my lord, O king, the "Call Bathsheba to me." So she came

eyes of all Israel are on you, that you into the king's presence and stood

should tell them who will sit on the before the king. throne of my lord the king after him.

2' And the king took an oath and said,

21Otherwise it will happen, when my lord "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed

the king rests with his fathers, that I and my life from every distress, my son Solomon will be counted as

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offenders." ust as I swore to you by the LORD

God of Israel, saying, "Assuredly

22 Solomon your son shall be king after me,

And just then, while she was still

talking with the king, Nathan the prophet and he shall sit on my throne in my also came in. place,' so I certainly will do this day."

2 3 So they told the king, saying, "Here is 1 Then Bathsheba bowed with her face Nathan the prophet." And when he to the earth, and paid homage to the

came in before the king, he bowed down king, and said, "Let my lord King David

before the king with his face to the live forever!" ground.

32And King David said, "Call to me 40And all the people went up after him; Zadok the priest, Nathan the prophet, and the people played the flutes and

and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada." So rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth

they came before the king. seemed to split with their sound.

33The king also said to them, "Take with 41Now Adonijah and all the guests who you the servants of your lord, and have were with him heard it as they finished

Solomon my son ride on my own mule, eating. And when Joab heard the sound

and take him down to Gihon. of the horn, he said, "Why is the city in  
such a noisy uproar?"

34There let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel; 4 2While he was still speaking, there and blow the horn, and say, "Long live came Jonathan, the son of Abiathar the

King Solomon!' priest. And Adonijah said to him, "Come

in, for you are a prominent man, and

35Then you shall come up after him, and bring good news."

he shall come and sit on my throne, and

4 3

he shall be king in my place. For I have Then Jonathan answered and said to

appointed him to be ruler over Israel and Adonijah, "No! Our lord King David has

Judah." made Solomon king.

36Benaiah the son of Jehoiada 4 4The king has sent with him Zadok the answered the king and said, "Amen! priest, Nathan the prophet, Benaiah the

May the LORD God of my lord the king son of Jehoiada, the Cherethites, and

say so too. the Pelethites; and they have made him

ride on the king's mule.

37As the LORD has been with my lord 5 4 the king, even so may He be with So Zadok the priest and Nathan the Solomon, and make his throne greater prophet have anointed him king at

than the throne of my lord King David." Gihon; and they have gone up from

there rejoicing, so that the city is in an

38So Zadok the priest, Nathan the uproar. This is the noise that you have

prophet, Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, heard.

the Cherethites, and the Pelethites went 6Also Solomon sits on the throne of the

down and had Solomon ride on King 4 David's mule, and took him to Gihon. kingdom.

3 47 Zadok the priest took a horn of ' Then And moreover the king's servants have oil from the tabernacle and anointed gone to bless our lord King David,

Solomon. And they blew the horn, and saying, "May God make the name of

all the people said, "Long live King Solomon better than your name, and

Solomon!" may He make his throne greater than

your throne.' Then the king bowed 3And keep the charge of the LORD  
your

himself on the bed. God: to walk in His ways, to keep His

statutes, His commandments, His

4 judgments, and His testimonies, as it is ' Also the king said thus,  
"Blessed be

the LORD God of Israel, who has given written in the Law of Moses,  
that you

one to sit on my throne this day, while may prosper in all that you do  
and

my eyes see it!" wherever you turn;

4 4 ' So all the guests who were with that the LORD may fulfill His  
word Adonijah were afraid, and arose, and which He spoke  
concerning me, saying,

each one went his way. "If your sons take heed to their way, to

walk before Me in truth with all their

50 heart and with all their soul,' He said,

Now Adonijah was afraid of Solomon;

"you shall not lack a man on the throne

so he arose, and went and took hold of of Israel.' the horns of the  
altar.

5 Moreover you know also what Joab

1 5

And it was told Solomon, saying,

the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what



"Indeed Adonijah is afraid of King

he did to the two commanders of the  
Solomon; for look, he has taken hold of

armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner  
the horns of the altar, saying, "Let King

and Amasa the son of Jether, whom he  
Solomon swear to me today that he will

killed. And he shed the blood of war in  
not put his servant to death with the

peacetime, and put the blood of war on  
sword."

his belt that was around his waist, and

5 on his sandals that were on his feet. 2Then Solomon said, "If he  
proves himself a worthy man, not one hair of 6 him shall fall to the  
earth; but if Therefore do according to your wisdom,

wickedness is found in him, he shall and do not let his gray hair go  
down to

die." the grave in peace.

5 But show kindness to the sons of

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So King Solomon sent them to bring

Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be  
him down from the altar. And he came

among those who eat at your table, for

and fell down before King Solomon; and

so they came to me when I fled from

Solomon said to him, "Go to your

Absalom your brother.

house."

"And see, you have with you Shimei the

son of Gera, a Benjamite from Bahurim,

2Now the days of David drew near

who cursed me with a malicious curse in

that he should die, and he charged the day when I went to Mahanaim.  
But

Solomon his son, saying: he came down to meet me at the Jordan,

and I swore to him by the LORD, saying,

2 I go the way of all the earth; be strong, "I will not put you to death  
with the

therefore, and prove yourself a man. sword.'

9 1 Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless, 9Bathsheba therefore  
went to King for you are a wise man and know what Solomon, to  
speak to him for Adonijah.

you ought to do to him; but bring his And the king rose up to meet her  
and

gray hair down to the grave with blood." bowed down to her, and sat  
down on his

throne and had a throne set for the

10 king's mother; so she sat at his right So David rested with his  
fathers, and

was buried in the City of David. hand.

1The period that David reigned over 20Then she said, "I desire one small

Israel was forty years; seven years he petition of you; do not refuse me." And

reigned in Hebron, and in Jerusalem he the king said to her, "Ask it, my mother,

reigned thirty-three years. for I will not refuse you."

1 So she said, "Let Abishag the

2Then Solomon sat on the throne of his 21

father David; and his kingdom was firmly Shunammite be given to Adonijah your

established. brother as wife."

1 And King Solomon answered and said

3Now Adonijah the son of Haggith 22

came to Bathsheba the mother of to his mother, "Now why do you ask

Solomon. So she said, "Do you come Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah?

peaceably?" And he said, "Peaceably." Ask for him the kingdom also--for he is

my older brother--for him, and for

1 Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son 4

Moreover he said, "I have something

of Zeruiah."

to say to you." And she said, "Say it."

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5Then he said, "You know that the 23Then King Solomon swore by the  
LORD, saying, "May God do so to me,  
kingdom was mine, and all Israel had  
and more also, if Adonijah has not  
set their expectations on me, that I  
spoken this word against his own life!  
should reign. However, the kingdom has

been turned over, and has become my 24Now therefore, as the LORD  
lives, brother's; for it was his from the LORD.

who has confirmed me and set me on  
16Now I ask one petition of you; do not the throne of David my father,  
and who  
has established a house for me, as He  
deny me." And she said to him, "Say it."

promised, Adonijah shall be put to death

1 today!" 7 Then he said, "Please speak to King Solomon, for he will  
not refuse you, that 2 5 he So King Solomon sent by the hand of may  
give me Abishag the

Shunammite as wife." Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he

struck him down, and he died.

1' So Bathsheba said, "Very well, I will 6And to Abiathar the priest the king said,

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speak for you to the king."

"Go to Anathoth, to your own fields, for you are deserving of death;  
but I will not Jether, the commander of the army of

put you to death at this time, because Judah--though my father David did not

you carried the ark of the Lord GOD know it. before my father David, and because

you were afflicted every time my father 33Their blood shall therefore return upon

was afflicted." the head of Joab and upon the head of

his descendants forever. But upon

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so Solomon removed Abiathar from David and his descendants, upon his

being priest to the LORD, that he might house and his throne, there shall be

fulfill the word of the LORD which He peace forever from the LORD." spoke concerning the house of Eli at

Shiloh. 34 So Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went

up and struck and killed him; and he

2' Then news came to Joab, for Joab was buried in his own house in the

had defected to Adonijah, though he wilderness. had not defected to Absalom. So Joab

fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and 5 3The king put Benaiah the son of took hold of the horns of the altar. Jehoiada in his place over the army, and

the king put Zadok the priest in the

2 ' And King Solomon was told, "Joab has place of Abiathar. fled to the tabernacle of the LORD;

there he is, by the altar." Then Solomon 3 6Then the king sent and called for sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, Shimei, and said to him, "Build yourself

saying, "Go, strike him down." a house in Jerusalem and dwell there,

30So and do not go out from there anywhere.

Benaiah went to the tabernacle of

the LORD, and said to him, "Thus says 37For it shall be, on the day you go out

the king, "Come out!" And he said, "No, and cross the Brook Kidron, know for

but I will die here." And Benaiah brought certain you shall surely die; your blood

back word to the king, saying, "Thus shall be on your own head." said Joab, and thus he answered me."

3 3 ' And Shimei said to the king, "The 1Then the king said to him, "Do as he saying is good. As my lord the king has

has said, and strike him down and bury said, so your servant will do." So Shimei

him, that you may take away from me dwelt in Jerusalem many days. and from the house of my father the

innocent blood which Joab shed. 3' Now it happened at the end of three

32 years, that two slaves of Shimei ran So the LORD will return his blood on away to Achish the son of Maachah,

his head, because he struck down two king of Gath. And they told Shimei,

men more righteous and better than he, saying, "Look, your slaves are in Gath!"

and killed them with the sword--Abner

the son of Ner, the commander of the

army of Israel, and Amasa the son of <sup>40</sup>So Shimei arose, saddled his donkey, building his own house, and the house

and went to Achish at Gath to seek his of the LORD, and the wall all around

slaves. And Shimei went and brought Jerusalem. his slaves from Gath.

<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile the people sacrificed at the

<sup>41</sup>And Solomon was told that Shimei had high places, because there was no

gone from Jerusalem to Gath and had house built for the name of the LORD

come back. until those days.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>2</sup>Then the king sent and called for <sup>3</sup>And Solomon loved the LORD, walking

Shimei, and said to him, "Did I not make in the statutes of his father David,

you swear by the LORD, and warn you, except that he sacrificed and burned

saying, "Know for certain that on the day incense at the high places. you go out and travel anywhere, you

shall surely die'? And you said to me, <sup>4</sup>Now the king went to Gibeon to "The word I have heard is good.' sacrifice there, for that was the great

high place: Solomon offered a thousand

Why then have you not kept the oath burnt offerings on that altar.  
of the LORD and the commandment  
that I gave you?" <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to

<sup>4</sup> said, "Ask! What shall I give you?"

<sup>4</sup>The king said moreover to Shimei, Solomon in a dream by night; and  
God

"You know, as your heart acknowledges,

all the wickedness that you did to my <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said: "You have  
shown father David; therefore the LORD will great mercy to Your  
servant David my

return your wickedness on your own father, because he walked before  
You in

head. truth, in righteousness, and in

uprightness of heart with You; You have

<sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup>But King Solomon shall be blessed, continued this great kindness  
for him,

and the throne of David shall be and You have given him a son to sit  
on

established before the LORD forever." his throne, as it is this day.

<sup>4</sup> <sup>7</sup> So the king commanded Benaiah the

Now, O LORD my God, You have

son of Jehoiada; and he went out and made Your servant king instead  
of my

struck him down, and he died. Thus the father David, but I am a little  
child; I do



kingdom was established in the hand of not know how to go out or come in. Solomon.

'And Your servant is in the midst of Your  
people whom You have chosen, a great

3Now Solomon made a treaty with people, too numerous to be  
numbered

or counted.

Pharaoh king of Egypt, and married

Pharaoh's daughter; then he brought her to the City of David until he  
had finished <sup>9</sup> <sup>17</sup>

Therefore give to Your servant an And one woman said, "O my lord,  
this

understanding heart to judge Your woman and I dwell in the same  
house;

people, that I may discern between and I gave birth while she was in  
the

good and evil. For who is able to judge house. this great people of  
Yours?"

<sup>1</sup> had given birth, that this woman also

0The speech pleased the LORD, that <sup>1</sup> Then it happened, the third day  
after I

Solomon had asked this thing. gave birth. And we were together; no

one was with us in the house, except

<sup>11</sup>Then God said to him: "Because you the two of us in the house.

have asked this thing, and have not

asked long life for yourself, nor have <sup>1</sup> And this woman's son died in  
the night, asked riches for yourself, nor have because she lay on him.  
asked the life of your enemies, but have

asked for yourself understanding to 20

So she arose in the middle of the night  
discern justice, and took my son from my side, while

your maidservant slept, and laid him in

12behold, I have done according to your her bosom, and laid her dead  
child in

words; see, I have given you a wise and my bosom. understanding  
heart, so that there has

not been anyone like you before you, 21

And when I rose in the morning to

nor shall any like you arise after you. nurse my son, there he was,  
dead. But

1 morning, indeed, he was not my son

3And I have also given you what you when I had examined him in the

have not asked: both riches and honor, whom I had borne." so that  
there shall not be anyone like

you among the kings all your days. 22Then the other woman said, "No!  
But

the living one is my son, and the dead

14

So if you walk in My ways, to keep My one is your son." And the  
first woman

statutes and My commandments, as said, "No! But the dead one is  
your son,

your father David walked, then I will and the living one is my son."  
Thus they

lengthen your days." spoke before the king.

1 2 5Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it 3And the king said, "The one says, had been a dream. And he came to "This is my son, who lives, and your son

Jerusalem and stood before the ark of is the dead one'; and the other says,

the covenant of the LORD, offered up "No! But your son is the dead one, and

burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, my son is the living one.' and made a feast for all his servants.

2 4Then the king said, "Bring me a

16Now two women who were harlots sword." So they brought a sword before

came to the king, and stood before him. the king.

2 7 5And the king said, "Divide the living And Solomon had twelve governors

child in two, and give half to one, and over all Israel, who provided food for the

half to the other." king and his household; each one made

provision for one month of the year.

26Then the woman whose son was living spoke to the king, for she yearned with 8 These are their names: Ben-Hur, in the compassion for her son; and she said, mountains of Ephraim; "O my lord, give her the living child, and

by no means kill him!" But the other said, 'Ben-Deker, in Makaz, Shaalbim, Beth "Let him be neither mine nor yours, but Shemesh, and Eton Beth Hanan; divide him."

10Ben-Hesed, in Arubboth; to him

27 So the king answered and said, "Give belonged Sochoh and all the land of

the first woman the living child, and by Hephher; no means kill him;

she is his mother."

<sup>2</sup> Ben-Abinadab, in all the regions of <sup>8</sup> <sup>11</sup>

And all Israel heard of the judgment Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of

which the king had rendered; and they Solomon as wife; feared the king, for they saw that the

wisdom of God was in him to administer <sup>12</sup> Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach, justice.

Megiddo, and all Beth Shean, which is  
beside Zaretan below Jezreel, from Beth  
Shean to Abel Meholah, as far as the

<sup>4</sup> So King Solomon was king over all other side of Jokneam; Israel.

<sup>13</sup> Ben-Geber, in Ramoth Gilead; to him

<sup>2</sup> belonged the towns of Jair the son of And these were his officials:  
Azariah

the son of Zadok, the priest; Manasseh, in Gilead; to him also

belonged the region of Argob in Bashan-

<sup>3</sup> Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of -sixty large cities with walls and bronze

gate-bars;

Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of

Ahilud, the recorder; <sup>14</sup> Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in <sup>4</sup> Mahanaim;

Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, over the

army; Zadok and Abiathar, the priests; <sup>15</sup> Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also

took <sup>5</sup> Basemath the daughter of Solomon as

Azariah the son of Nathan, over the

wife;

officers; Zabud the son of Nathan, a

priest and the king's friend; <sup>16</sup>Baanah the son of Hushai, in Asher <sup>6</sup> and Aloth;

Ahishar, over the household; and

Adoniram the son of Abda, over the

labor force.

<sup>1 2 76</sup>solomon had forty thousand stalls of Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in

Issachar; horses for his chariots, and twelve

thousand horsemen.

<sup>1'</sup> Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin; <sup>7</sup>And these governors, each man in his

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<sup>19</sup> month, provided food for King Solomon

Geber the son of Uri, in the land of

Gilead, in the country of Sihon king of and for all who came to King Solomon's

the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan. table. There was no lack in their supply.

He was the only governor who was in

the land. <sup>2'</sup> They also brought barley and straw to

the proper place, for the horses and

20 steeds, each man according to his

Judah and Israel were as numerous as  
the sand by the sea in multitude, eating charge.

and drinking and rejoicing. 9And God gave Solomon wisdom and

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21 exceedingly great understanding, and

so Solomon reigned over all kingdoms  
from the River to the land of the largeness of heart like the sand on  
the  
Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. seashore.

They brought tribute and served 0Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the  
Solomon all the days of his life. 3

wisdom of all the men of the East and all

22 the wisdom of Egypt.

Now Solomon's provision for one day  
  
was thirty kors of fine flour, sixty kors of 31For he was wiser than all  
men--than  
meal,

Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, Chalcol,

23 en fattened oxen, twenty oxen from the and Darda, the sons of Mahol;  
and his

pastures, and one hundred sheep, fame was in all the surrounding  
nations.

besides deer, gazelles, roebucks, and 32He spoke three thousand proverbs,

fatted fowl.

and his songs were one thousand and

24For he had dominion over all the

five.

Tiphseh even to Gaza, namely over all he spoke of trees, from the cedar 33Also region on this side of the River from

the kings on this side of the River; and tree of Lebanon even to the hyssop that

he had peace on every side all around springs out of the wall; he spoke also of

him. animals, of birds, of creeping things, and

of fish.

25And Judah and Israel dwelt safely,

each man under his vine and his fig tree, 34And men of all nations, from all the

from Dan as far as Beersheba, all the kings of the earth who had heard of his

days of Solomon. wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of

Solomon.

8 Then Hiram sent to Solomon, saying: 4

5Now Hiram king of Tyre sent his I have considered the message which

servants to Solomon, because he heard you sent me, and I will do all you desire

concerning the cedar and cypress logs.

that they had anointed him king in place  
of his father, for Hiram had always loved  
David. 'My servants shall bring them down

from Lebanon to the sea; I will float  
2 them in rafts by sea to the place you  
Then Solomon sent to Hiram, saying:

indicate to me, and will have them  
3 You know how my father David could broken apart there; then you  
can take

them away. And you shall fulfill my  
not build a house for the name of the desire by giving food for my  
household.

LORD his God because of the wars

which were fought against him on every 10 Then Hiram gave Solomon  
cedar and side, until the LORD put his foes under

the soles of his feet. cypress logs according to all his desire.

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4 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty

But now the LORD my God has given

me rest on every side; there is neither thousand kors of wheat as food  
for his

household, and twenty kors of pressed  
adversary nor evil occurrence.



oil. Thus Solomon gave to Hiram year

5 by year.

And behold, I propose to build a house

for the name of the LORD my God, as <sup>12</sup>So the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, the LORD spoke to my father David, as He had promised him; and there was saying, "Your son, whom I will set on peace between Hiram and Solomon, your throne in your place, he shall build and the two of them made a treaty the house for My name." together.

6 Now therefore, command that they cut <sup>3</sup>Then King Solomon raised up a labor

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down cedars for me from Lebanon; and

my servants will be with your servants, force out of all Israel; and the labor force

was thirty thousand men.

and I will pay you wages for your

servants according to whatever you say. <sup>14</sup>And he sent them to Lebanon, ten For you know there is none among us who has skill to cut timber like the thousand a month in shifts: they were

Sidonians. one month in Lebanon and two months

at home; Adoniram was in charge of the

<sup>7</sup> labor force.

So it was, when Hiram heard the words

of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly and <sup>15</sup>Solomon had seventy thousand who said, <sup>4</sup> Blessed be the LORD this day, for He has given

David a wise son over carried burdens, and eighty thousand  
this great people! who quarried stone in the mountains,  
16besides three thousand three hundred and the inner sanctuary. Thus  
he made

from the chiefs of Solomon's deputies, side chambers all around it.  
who supervised the people who labored

in the work. 6The lowest chamber was five cubits

1 and the third was seven cubits wide; for

7And the king commanded them to wide, the middle was six cubits  
wide,

quarry large stones, costly stones, and he made narrow ledges around  
the

hewn stones, to lay the foundation of the outside of the temple, so  
that the

temple. support beams would not be fastened

into the walls of the temple.

18 so Solomon's builders, Hiram's builders, and the Gebalites quarried  
7And the temple, when it was being built, them; and they prepared  
timber and was built with stone finished at the

stones to build the temple. quarry, so that no hammer or chisel or

any iron tool was heard in the temple

while it was being built.

6And it came to pass in the four

hundred and eightieth year after the 'The doorway for the middle  
story was

children of Israel had come out of the on the right side of the temple.  
They

land of Egypt, in the fourth year of went up by stairs to the middle story,

Solomon's reign over Israel, in the and from the middle to the third. month of Ziv, which is the second month,

that he began to build the house of the 'So he built the temple and finished it,

LORD. and he paneled the temple with beams

and boards of cedar.

2Now the house which King Solomon 0And he built side chambers against the

built for the LORD, its length was sixty 1 cubits, its width twenty, and its height entire temple, each five cubits high; they

thirty cubits. were attached to the temple with cedar

beams.

3The vestibule in front of the sanctuary 11Then the word of the LORD came to of the house was twenty cubits long across the width of the house, and the Solomon, saying: width of the vestibule extended ten

cubits from the front of the house. 12 Concerning this temple which you are

building, if you walk in My statutes,

4 execute My judgments, keep all My And he made for the house windows

with beveled frames. commandments, and walk in them, then

I will perform My word with you, which I

5 spoke to your father David. Against the wall of the temple he built chambers all around, against the walls

of the temple, all around the sanctuary 1 2 3And I will dwell among the

children of 2

The whole temple he overlaid with

Israel, and will not forsake My people gold, until he had finished all the temple;

Israel." also he overlaid with gold the entire altar

that was by the inner sanctuary.

14

so Solomon built the temple and

finished it. 2 3 Inside the inner sanctuary he made

two cherubim of olive wood, each ten

15And he built the inside walls of the cubits high.

temple with cedar boards; from the floor

2 4

of the temple to the ceiling he paneled One wing of the cherub was five cubits,

the inside with wood; and he covered and the other wing of the cherub five

the floor of the temple with planks of cubits: ten cubits from the tip of one

cypress. wing to the tip of the other.

1 2 6Then he built the twenty-cubit room at 5And the other cherub was ten cubits; the rear of the temple, from floor to both cherubim were of the same size

ceiling, with cedar boards; he built it and shape. inside as the inner sanctuary, as the

Most Holy Place. 26The height of one cherub was ten

cubits, and so was the other cherub.

17

And in front of it the temple sanctuary  
was forty cubits long. 27Then he set the cherubim inside the

1 wings of the cherubim so that the wing

8The inside of the temple was cedar, inner room; and they stretched  
out the

carved with ornamental buds and open of the one touched one wall,  
and the

flowers. All was cedar; there was no wing of the other cherub touched  
the

stone to be seen. other wall. And their wings touched each

other in the middle of the room.

1' And he prepared the inner sanctuary inside the temple, to set the  
ark of the 2 ' Also he overlaid the cherubim with covenant of the LORD  
there. gold.

2 2 0The inner sanctuary was twenty cubits ' Then he carved all the  
walls of the

long, twenty cubits wide, and twenty temple all around, both the  
inner and

cubits high. He overlaid it with pure gold, outer sanctuaries, with  
carved figures of

and overlaid the altar of cedar. cherubim, palm trees, and open  
flowers.

21 30And the floor of the temple he overlaid

so Solomon overlaid the inside of the

temple with pure gold. He stretched gold with gold, both the inner and outer

chains across the front of the inner sanctuaries. sanctuary, and overlaid it with gold.

31For the entrance of the inner sanctuary 2He also built the House of the Forest of he made doors of olive wood; the lintel Lebanon; its length was one hundred

and doorposts were one-fifth of the wall. cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its

height thirty cubits, with four rows of

32The two doors were of olive wood; and cedar pillars, and cedar beams on the

he carved on them figures of cherubim, pillars.

palm trees, and open flowers, and 3And it was paneled with cedar above

overlaid them with gold; and he spread

gold on the cherubim and on the palm the beams that were on forty-five pillars,

trees. fifteen to a row.

33 4

So for the door of the sanctuary he There were windows with beveled

also made doorposts of olive wood, one- frames in three rows, and window was

fourth of the wall. opposite window in three tiers.

34And the two doors were of cypress 5And all the doorways and doorposts wood; two panels comprised one folding had rectangular frames; and window

door, and two panels comprised the was opposite window in three tiers. other folding door.

6He also made the Hall of Pillars: its

3 5Then he carved cherubim, palm trees, length was fifty cubits, and its width

and open flowers on them, and overlaid thirty cubits; and in front of them was a

them with gold applied evenly on the portico with pillars, and a canopy was in

carved work. front of them.

36And he built the inner court with three 7Then he made a hall for the throne, the rows of hewn stone and a row of cedar Hall of Judgment, where he might judge;

beams. and it was paneled with cedar from floor

to ceiling.

37 n the fourth year the foundation of the

house of the LORD was laid, in the 8And the house where he dwelt had month of Ziv. another court inside the hall, of like

workmanship. Solomon also made a

3' And in the eleventh year, in the month house like this hall for Pharaoh's

of Bul, which is the eighth month, the daughter, whom he had taken as wife.

house was finished in all its details and

according to all its plans. So he was 'All these were of costly stones cut to

seven years in building it. size, trimmed with saws, inside and out,  
from the foundation to the eaves, and  
also on the outside to the great court.

7But Solomon took thirteen years to  
build his own house; so he finished all  
his house.

10The foundation was of costly stones, around to cover the capitals  
that were  
large stones, some ten cubits and some on top; and thus he did for the  
other  
eight cubits. capital.

111And above were costly stones, hewn ' The capitals which were on  
top of the  
to size, and cedar wood. pillars in the hall were in the shape of  
lilies, four cubits.

12The great court was enclosed with three rows of hewn stones and a  
row of 2 0The capitals on the two pillars also had cedar beams. So  
were the inner court of pomegranates above, by the convex  
the house of the LORD and the surface which was next to the network;  
vestibule of the temple. and there were two hundred such

pomegranates in rows on each of the  
13Now King Solomon sent and brought capitals all around.  
Hiram from Tyre.

21

Then he set up the pillars by the  
14 vestibule of the temple; he set up the



He was the son of a widow from the  
tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a pillar on the right and called its  
name  
man of Tyre, a bronze worker; he was Jachin, and he set up the pillar  
on the  
filled with wisdom and understanding left and called its name Boaz.

and skill in working with all kinds of 2The tops of the pillars were in  
the

bronze work. So he came to King 2 Solomon and did all his work.  
shape of lilies. So the work of the pillars

was finished.

15And he cast two pillars of bronze, each one eighteen cubits high,  
and a line of 2 3And he made the Sea of cast bronze, twelve cubits  
measured the ten cubits from one brim to the other; its circumference  
of each. was completely round. Its height was

five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits

16Then he made two capitals of cast measured its circumference.  
bronze, to set on the tops of the pillars.

24

The height of one capital was five cubits, Below its brim were  
ornamental buds

and the height of the other capital was encircling it all around, ten to  
a cubit, all

five cubits. the way around the Sea. The

ornamental buds were cast in two rows

17 when it was cast.

He made a lattice network, with

wreaths of chainwork, for the capitals

25

which were on top of the pillars: seven It stood on twelve oxen: three looking

chains for one capital and seven for the toward the north, three looking toward

other capital. the west, three looking toward the south,

and three looking toward the east; the

18 Sea was set upon them, and all their

So he made the pillars, and two rows

of pomegranates above the network all back parts pointed inward.

26 was a handbreadth thick; and its 34And there were four supports at the

brim was shaped like the brim of a cup, four corners of each cart; its supports

like a lily blossom. It contained two were part of the cart itself. thousand baths.

35

2 half a cubit, it was perfectly round. And

7He also made ten carts of bronze; four On the top of the cart, at the height of

cubits was the length of each cart, four on the top of the cart, its flanges and its

cubits its width, and three cubits its panels were of the same casting. height.

36

2 panels he engraved cherubim, lions,

8And this was the design of the carts: On the plates of its flanges and

on its

They had panels, and the panels were and palm trees, wherever there was a

between frames; clear space on each, with wreaths all

around.

29 n the panels that were between the

37

frames were lions, oxen, and cherubim. Thus he made the ten carts. All of

And on the frames was a pedestal on them were of the same mold, one top. Below the lions and oxen were measure, and one shape. wreaths of plaited work.

3' Then he made ten lavers of bronze;

30Every cart had four bronze wheels and each laver contained forty baths, and

axles of bronze, and its four feet had each laver was four cubits. On each of

supports. Under the laver were supports the ten carts was a laver. of cast bronze beside each wreath.

3' And he put five carts on the right side

3 1 ts opening inside the crown at the top of the house, and five on the left side of

was one cubit in diameter; and the the house. He set the Sea on the right

opening was round, shaped like a side of the house, toward the southeast.

pedestal, one and a half cubits in

outside diameter; and also on the 40Hiram made the lavers and the opening were engravings, but the shovels and the bowls. So Hiram

panels were square, not round. finished doing all the work that he was

32Under to do for King Solomon for the house of

the panels were the four wheels, the LORD:

and the axles of the wheels were joined

to the cart. The height of a wheel was 41the two pillars, the two bowl-shaped one and a half cubits. capitals that were on top of the two

33The workmanship of the wheels was pillars; the two networks covering the

two bowl-shaped capitals which were on

like the workmanship of a chariot wheel; top of the pillars; their axle pins, their rims, their spokes,

and their hubs were all of cast bronze. 42 our hundred pomegranates for the

two networks (two rows of

pomegranates for each network, to So all the work that King Solomon had

cover the two bowl-shaped capitals that done for the house of the LORD was

were on top of the pillars); finished; and Solomon brought in the

things which his father David had

43 he ten carts, and ten lavers on the dedicated: the silver and the gold and

carts; the furnishings. He put them in the

treasuries of the house of the LORD.

44 ne Sea, and twelve oxen under the Sea;

8Now Solomon assembled the elders

45 he pots, the shovels, and the bowls.

of Israel and all the heads of the tribes,

All these articles which Hiram made for the chief fathers of the children of Israel,

King Solomon for the house of the to King Solomon in Jerusalem, that they

LORD were of burnished bronze. might bring up the ark of the covenant of

the LORD from the City of David, which

4 6 n the plain of Jordan the king had is Zion. them cast in clay molds, between

Succoth and Zaretan. 2Therefore all the men of Israel

assembled with King Solomon at the

47And Solomon did not weigh all the feast in the month of Ethanim,

articles, because there were so many; the seventh month. the weight of the bronze was not

3

determined. So all the elders of Israel came, and the

priests took up the ark.

4 ' Thus Solomon had all the furnishings made for the house of the LORD: the 4Then they brought up the ark of the altar of gold, and the table of gold on LORD, the tabernacle of meeting, and

which was the showbread; all the holy furnishings that were in the

tabernacle. The priests and the Levites

4 brought them up. ' the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right side and five on the left in front

of the inner sanctuary, with the flowers 5Also King Solomon, and all the and the lamps and the wick-trimmers of congregation of Israel who were

gold; assembled with him, were with him

before the ark, sacrificing sheep and

50 he basins, the trimmers, the bowls, oxen that could not be counted or

the ladles, and the censers of pure gold; numbered for multitude. and the hinges of gold, both for the

doors of the inner room (the Most Holy 6Then the priests brought in the ark of Place) and for the doors of the main hall the covenant of the LORD to its place,

of the temple. into the inner sanctuary of the temple, to

the Most Holy Place, under the wings of

the cherubim.

7 16§ For the cherubim spread their two 'Since the day that I brought

My wings over the place of the ark, and the people Israel out of Egypt,  
I have

cherubim overshadowed the ark and its chosen no city from any tribe  
of Israel in

poles. which to build a house, that My name

might be there; but I chose David to be

'The poles extended so that the ends of over My people Israel.'

the poles could be seen from the holy 7Now it was in the heart of my  
father

place, in front of the inner sanctuary; but <sup>1</sup> they could not be seen  
from outside. David to build a temple for the name of

And they are there to this day. the LORD God of Israel.

'Nothing was in the ark except the two <sup>1</sup> But the LORD said to my  
father David, tablets of stone which Moses put there "Whereas it was  
in your heart to build a

at Horeb, when the LORD made a temple for My name, you did well  
that it

covenant with the children of Israel, was in your heart. when they  
came out of the land of Egypt.

<sup>1</sup> ' Nevertheless you shall not build the

<sup>10</sup>

And it came to pass, when the priests temple, but your son who will  
come from

came out of the holy place, that the your body, he shall build the  
temple for

cloud filled the house of the LORD, My name.'

so that the priests could not continue So the LORD has fulfilled His word

ministering because of the cloud; for the which He spoke; and I have filled the

glory of the LORD filled the house of the position of my father David, and sit on

LORD. the throne of Israel, as the LORD

promised; and I have built a temple for

12Then Solomon spoke: "The LORD said the name of the LORD God of Israel.

He would dwell in the dark cloud. 1And there I have made a place for the

2

13 have surely built You an exalted ark, in which is the covenant of the

house, And a place for You to dwell in LORD which He made with our fathers,

forever." when He brought them out of the land of

Egypt."

14 Then the king turned around and 2 blessed the whole assembly of Israel, 2Then Solomon stood before the altar

while all the assembly of Israel was of the LORD in the presence of all the

standing. assembly of Israel, and spread out his

hands toward heaven;



15And he said: "Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth and he said: "LORD God of Israel, 2 3

to my father David, and with His hand there is no God in heaven above or on

has fulfilled it, saying, earth below like You, who keep Your

31§

covenant and mercy with Your servants When anyone sins against his who walk before You with all their hearts. neighbor, and is forced to take an oath,

and comes and takes an oath before

24 Your altar in this temple,

You have kept what You promised

both spoken with Your mouth and 32 hear in heaven, and act, and then Your servant David my father; You have

fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. judge Your servants, condemning the

wicked, bringing his way on his head,

25Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now and justifying the righteous by giving

keep what You promised Your servant him according to his righteousness.

David my father, saying, "You shall not 33a When Your people Israel are defeated

fail to have a man sit before Me on the

throne of Israel, only if your sons take before an enemy because they have

heed to their way, that they walk before sinned against You, and when they turn

Me as you have walked before Me.' back to You and confess Your name,

and pray and make supplication to You

26 in this temple,

And now I pray, O God of Israel, let

Your word come true, which You have

34

spoken to Your servant David my father. then hear in heaven, and forgive the

sin of Your people Israel, and bring

2 7 But will God indeed dwell on the them back to the land which You gave

earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven to their fathers. of heavens cannot contain You. How

much less this temple which I have built! 35a When the heavens are shut up and

there is no rain because they have

28 et regard the prayer of Your servant sinned against You, when they pray

and his supplication, O LORD my God, toward this place and confess Your

and listen to the cry and the prayer name, and turn from their sin because

which Your servant is praying before You afflict them,

You today: 36then hear in heaven, and forgive the

2 9 hat Your eyes may be open toward sin of Your servants, Your people Israel,

this temple night and day, toward the that You may teach them the good way

place of which You said, "My name shall in which they should walk; and send rain

be there,' that You may hear the prayer on Your land which You have given to

which Your servant makes toward this Your people as an inheritance.

place. 7a When there is famine in the land,

3

30And may You hear the supplication of pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or

Your servant and of Your people Israel, grasshoppers; when their enemy

when they pray toward this place. Hear besieges them in the land of their cities;

in heaven Your dwelling place; and whatever plague or whatever sickness

when You hear, forgive. there is;

38whatever 4 prayer, whatever 5then hear in heaven their prayer and supplication is made by anyone, or by their supplication, and maintain their

all Your people Israel, when each one cause. knows the plague of his own heart, and

spreads out his hands toward this 4 6a When they sin against You (for there temple: is no one who does not sin), and You

become angry with them and deliver

3 ' then hear in heaven Your dwelling them to the enemy, and they take them

place, and forgive, and act, and give to captive to the land of the enemy, far or

everyone according to all his ways, near; whose heart You know (for You alone

know the hearts of all the sons of men), 4 7y et when they come to themselves in

4 and repent, and make supplication to

0 hat they may fear You all the days the land where they were carried captive,

that they live in the land which You gave You in the land of those who took them

to our fathers. captive, saying, "We have sinned and

done wrong, we have committed

4 1 wickedness'; Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has

come from a far country for Your 4 name's ' and when they return to You with all sake their heart and with all their soul in the

land of their enemies who led them

42( away captive, and pray to You toward

for they will hear of Your great name

and Your strong hand and Your their land which You gave to their

outstretched arm), when he comes and fathers, the city which You have chosen

prays toward this temple, and the temple which I have built for

Your name:

43hear in heaven Your dwelling place,

4 9then hear in heaven Your dwelling

and do according to all for which the

foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of place their prayer and their supplication,

the earth may know Your name and fear and maintain their cause, You, as do Your people Israel, and that

they may know that this temple which I 50and forgive Your people who have have built is called by Your name. sinned against You, and all their

transgressions which they have

44a When Your people go out to battle transgressed against You; and grant

against their enemy, wherever You send them compassion before those who took

them, and when they pray to the LORD them captive, that they may have

toward the city which You have chosen compassion on them and the temple which I have built for

51(

Your name, for they are Your people and Your

inheritance, whom You brought out of

Egypt, out of the iron furnace),

52 hat Your eyes may be open to the

His people Israel, as each day may

supplication of Your servant and the require, supplication of Your people Israel, to

listen to them whenever they call to You. 60that all the peoples of the earth may

5 other. 3For You separated them from among know that the LORD is God; there is no

all the peoples of the earth to be Your

inheritance, as You spoke by Your 61Let your heart therefore be loyal to the servant Moses, when You brought our LORD our God, to walk in His statutes

fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD." and keep His commandments, as at this

5

4And so it was, when Solomon had day."

finished praying all this prayer and 62Then the king and all Israel with him supplication to the LORD, that he arose offered sacrifices before the LORD. from before the altar of the LORD, from

kneeling on his knees with his hands 63And Solomon offered a sacrifice of

spread up to heaven.

peace offerings, which he offered to the

5 LORD, twenty-two thousand bulls and 5 Then he stood and blessed all the one hundred and twenty thousand

assembly of Israel with a loud voice, sheep. So the king and all the children

saying: of Israel dedicated the house of the

LORD.

56a Blessed be the LORD, who has given

rest to His people Israel, according to all 64On the same day the king consecrated that He promised. There has not failed the middle of the court that was in front

one word of all His good promise, which of the house of the LORD; for

there he

He promised through His servant Moses. offered burnt offerings, grain offerings,

5 because the bronze altar that was

7May the LORD our God be with us, as and the fat of the peace offerings,

He was with our fathers. May He not before the LORD was too small to

leave us nor forsake us, receive the burnt offerings, the grain

offerings, and the fat of the peace

5 offerings. ' that He may incline our hearts to

Himself, to walk in all His ways, and to 5At that time Solomon held a feast, and

keep His commandments and His 6 statutes and His judgments, which He all Israel with him, a great assembly

commanded our fathers. from the entrance of Hamath to the

Brook of Egypt, before the LORD our

5 God, seven days and seven more days- ' And may these words of mine, with

which I have made supplication before -fourteen days.

day and night, that He may maintain the the eighth day he sent the people 66On the LORD, be near the LORD our God

cause of His servant and the cause of away; and they blessed the king, and

went to their tents joyful and glad of which I have consecrated for My

name I

heart for all the good that the LORD had will cast out of My sight.  
Israel will be a

done for His servant David, and for proverb and a byword among all  
Israel His people. peoples.

8And as for this house, which is exalted,

9And it came to pass, when Solomon everyone who passes by it will  
be

astonished and will hiss, and say, "Why

had finished building the house of the

LORD and the king's house, and all has the LORD done thus to this  
land

Solomon's and to this house?' desire which he wanted to do,

2 Then they will answer, "Because they

that the LORD appeared to Solomon

forsook the LORD their God, who

the second time, as He had appeared to

brought their fathers out of the land of

him at Gibeon.

Egypt, and have embraced other gods,

3And the LORD said to him: "I have and worshiped them and served  
them;

therefore the LORD has brought all this



heard your prayer and your supplication calamity on them." that you have made before Me; I have

consecrated this house which you have <sup>10</sup>Now it happened at the end of twenty built to put My name there forever, and

My eyes and My heart will be there years, when Solomon had built the two

perpetually. houses, the house of the LORD and the

king's house

<sup>4</sup>Now if you walk before Me as your <sup>1</sup>( father David walked, in integrity of heart <sup>1</sup> Hiram the king of Tyre had supplied

and in uprightness, to do according to all Solomon with cedar and cypress and

that I have commanded you, and if you gold, as much as he desired), that King

Solomon then gave Hiram twenty cities

keep My statutes and My judgments,

in the land of Galilee.

when I will establish the throne of your <sup>2</sup> kingdom over Israel forever, as I <sup>1</sup> Then Hiram went from Tyre to see the

promised David your father, saying, cities which Solomon had given him, but

"You shall not fail to have a man on the they did not please him.

throne of Israel.' <sup>13</sup>So he said, "What kind of cities are

<sup>6</sup> these which you have given me, my But if you or your sons at all

turn from

following Me, and do not keep My brother?" And he called them the land of

commandments and My statutes which I Cabul, as they are to this day.

have set before you, but go and serve <sup>14</sup>Then Hiram sent the king one hundred other gods and worship them,

and twenty talents of gold.

<sup>7</sup>then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them; and this house <sup>15</sup>And this is the reason for the labor and fifty, who ruled over the people who

force which King Solomon raised: to did the work. build the house of the LORD, his own

house, the Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, <sup>24</sup>But Pharaoh's daughter came up from

Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer. the City of David to her house which

<sup>1</sup> the Millo.

<sup>6</sup>(Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up Solomon had built for her. Then he built

and taken Gezer and burned it with fire,

had killed the Canaanites who dwelt in <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Now three times a year Solomon the city, and had given it as a dowry to offered burnt offerings and peace

his daughter, Solomon's wife.) offerings on the altar which he had built

for the LORD, and he burned incense

<sup>17</sup>

And Solomon built Gezer, Lower Beth with them on the altar that

was before

Horon, the LORD. So he finished the temple.

12 ' Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, 6King Solomon also built a fleet of ships in the land of Judah, at Ezion Geber, which is near Elath on

the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of

19aII the storage cities that Solomon had, Edom.

cities for his chariots and cities for his

27

cavalry, and whatever Solomon desired Then Hiram sent his servants with the

to build in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in fleet, seamen who knew the sea, to

all the land of his dominion. work with the servants of Solomon.

22 0AII the people who were left of the ' And they went to Ophir, and acquired

Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, four hundred and twenty talents of gold

and Jebusites, who were not of the from there, and brought it to King children of Israel-- Solomon.

21 hat is, their descendants who were left in the land after them, whom the 1 ONow when the queen of Sheba children of Israel had not been able to

heard of the fame of Solomon

destroy completely--from these Solomon concerning the name of the

LORD, she

raised forced labor, as it is to this day. came to test him with hard questions.

2But of the children of Israel Solomon 2 She came to Jerusalem with a very made no forced laborers, because they great retinue, with camels that bore

were men of war and his servants: his spices, very much gold, and precious

officers, his captains, commanders of stones; and when she came to Solomon,

his chariots, and his cavalry. she spoke with him about all that was in  
2 her heart.

3

Others were chiefs of the officials who

were over Solomon's work: five hundred 3So Solomon answered all her abundance of spices as the queen of

questions; there was nothing so difficult Sheba gave to King Solomon. for the king that he could not explain it to

her. 11

Also, the ships of Hiram, which

brought gold from Ophir, brought great

4And when the queen of Sheba had quantities of almug wood and precious

seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the stones from Ophir. house that he had built,

12And the king made steps of the almug

sthe food on his table, the seating of his wood for the house of the LORD and for

servants, the service of his waiters and the king's house, also harps and

their apparel, his cupbearers, and his stringed instruments for singers. There

entryway by which he went up to the never again came such almuḡ wood,

house of the LORD, there was no more nor has the like been seen to this day.

spirit in her.

13Now King Solomon gave the queen of

6Then she said to the king: "It was a true Sheba all she desired, whatever she

report which I heard in my own land asked, besides what Solomon had given

about your words and your wisdom. her according to the royal generosity. So

she turned and went to her own country,

7 she and her servants. However I did not believe the words

until I came and saw with my own eyes; 4The weight of gold that came to

and indeed the half was not told me. 1 Your wisdom and prosperity exceed the Solomon yearly was six hundred and

fame of which I heard. sixty-six talents of gold,

'Happy are your men and happy are 15besides that from the traveling these your servants, who stand merchants, from the income of traders, continually before you and hear your from all the kings of Arabia, and from

wisdom! the governors of the country.

9 1 Blessed be the LORD your God, who 6And King Solomon made two hundred delighted in you, setting you on the large shields of hammered gold; six

throne of Israel! Because the LORD has hundred shekels of gold went into each

loved Israel forever, therefore He made shield. you king, to do justice and righteousness." 17

He also made three hundred shields of

1 went into each shield. The king put them

0Then she gave the king one hundred hammered gold; three minas of gold

and twenty talents of gold, spices in in the House of the Forest of Lebanon.

great quantity, and precious stones.

There never again came such 1' Moreover the king made a great chariot cities and with the king at

throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure Jerusalem. gold.

27

The king made silver as common in

1 ' The throne had six steps, and the top Jerusalem as stones, and he made

of the throne was round at the back; cedar trees as abundant as the

there were armrests on either side of the sycamores which are in the lowland.

place of the seat, and two lions stood

beside the armrests. 2 ' Also Solomon had horses imported

from Egypt and Keveh; the king's

20 Twelve lions stood there, one on each

merchants bought them in Keveh at the

side of the six steps; nothing like this current price. had been made for any other kingdom.

2 ' Now a chariot that was imported from

21 All King Solomon's drinking vessels

Egypt cost six hundred shekels of silver,

were gold, and all the vessels of the and a horse one hundred and fifty; and

House of the Forest of Lebanon were thus, through their agents, they exported

pure gold. Not one was silver, for this them to all the kings of the Hittites and

was accounted as nothing in the days of the kings of Syria. Solomon.

22 For the king had merchant ships at

1 1 But King Solomon loved many

sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every

foreign women, as well as the daughter

three years the merchant ships came of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites,

bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and

monkeys. Hittites--

23

So King Solomon surpassed all the 2

from the nations of whom the LORD

kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

had said to the children of Israel, "You

2 shall not intermarry with them, nor they 4Now all the earth sought  
the presence

with you. Surely they will turn away your

of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which hearts after their gods."  
Solomon clung

God had put in his heart. to these in love.

25Each man brought his present: articles 3And he had seven hundred  
wives,

of silver and gold, garments, armor, princesses, and three hundred  
spices, horses, and mules, at a set rate concubines; and his wives  
turned away

year by year. his heart.

2 4 6And Solomon gathered chariots and

For it was so, when Solomon was old,

horsemen; he had one thousand four that his wives turned his heart  
after

hundred chariots and twelve thousand other gods; and his heart was  
not loyal

horsemen, whom he stationed in the to the LORD his God, as was the  
heart 13However I will not tear away the whole of his father David.  
kingdom; I will give one tribe to your son

for the sake of My servant David, and



5 for the sake of Jerusalem which I have For Solomon went after  
Ashtoreth the

goddess of the Sidonians, and after chosen."

Milcom the abomination of the 4Now the LORD raised up an  
adversary Ammonites. 1

against Solomon, Hadad the Edomite;

6 he was a descendant of the king in Solomon did evil in the sight of  
the

LORD, and did not fully follow the LORD, Edom.

as did his father David. 5For it happened, when David was in

1

7 Edom, and Joab the commander of the Then Solomon built a high  
place for

Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on army had gone up to bury the  
slain, after

the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for he had killed every male in  
Edom Molech the abomination of the people of

Ammon. because for six months 16( Joab

remained there with all Israel, until he

'And he did likewise for all his foreign had cut down every male in  
Edom), wives, who burned incense and

17

sacrificed to their gods. that Hadad fled to go to Egypt, he and

certain Edomites of his father's servants

9 with him. Hadad was still a little child. So the LORD became angry

with

Solomon, because his heart had turned

from the LORD God of Israel, who had 1' Then they arose from Midian and appeared to him twice, came to Paran; and they took men with

them from Paran and came to Egypt, to

10 Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a

and had commanded him concerning

this thing, that he should not go after house, apportioned food for him, and

other gods; but he did not keep what the gave him land.

LORD had commanded. 9And Hadad found great favor in the

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11Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him as

"Because you have done this, and have wife the sister of his own wife, that is,

not kept My covenant and My statutes, the sister of Queen Tahpenes. which I have commanded you, I will

20

surely tear the kingdom away from you Then the sister of Tahpenes bore him

and give it to your servant. Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes

weaned in Pharaoh's house. And

12 Genubath was in Pharaoh's household

Nevertheless I will not do it in your

days, for the sake of your father David; I among the sons of Pharaoh.  
will tear it out of the hand of your son.

21

So when Hadad heard in Egypt that the officer over all the labor  
force of the

David rested with his fathers, and that house of Joseph. Joab the  
commander of the army was

dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, "Let me 29Now it happened at that time,  
when depart, that I may go to my own Jeroboam went out of  
Jerusalem, that

country." the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite met him

on the way; and he had clothed himself

22Then Pharaoh said to him, "But what with a new garment, and the  
two were

have you lacked with me, that suddenly alone in the field. you seek to  
go to your own country?" So

he answered, "Nothing, but do let me go 30Then Ahijah took hold of  
the new anyway." garment that was on him, and tore it into

2

3And God raised up another adversary twelve pieces.

against him, Rezon the son of Eliadah, 31And he said to Jeroboam,  
"Take for

who had fled from his lord, Hadadezer yourself ten pieces, for thus  
says the

king of Zobah. LORD, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will

tear the kingdom out of the hand of

24

So he gathered men to him and Solomon and will give ten tribes to  
you

became captain over a band of raiders,

when David killed those of Zobah. And 32(but he shall have one tribe for the they went to Damascus and dwelt there, sake of My servant David, and for the

and reigned in Damascus. sake of Jerusalem, the city which I have

2

5He was an adversary of Israel all the chosen out of all the tribes of Israel),

days of Solomon (besides the trouble 33because they have forsaken Me, and

that Hadad caused); and he abhorred worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the

Israel, and reigned over Syria. Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the

2 people of Ammon, and have not walked

6Then Solomon's servant, Jeroboam Moabites, and Milcom the god of the

the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite from in My ways to do what is right in My

Zereda, whose mother's name was eyes and keep My statutes and My

Zeruah, a widow, also rebelled against judgments, as did his father David. the king.

34However I will not take the whole

27And this is what caused him to rebel kingdom out of his hand,  
because I have

against the king: Solomon had built the made him ruler all the days of his life for

Millo and repaired the damages to the the sake of My servant David, whom I

City of David his father. chose because he kept My

commandments and My statutes.

28The man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon, seeing that the 35But I will take the kingdom out of his

young man was industrious, made him son's hand and give it to you--ten tribes. 36And to his son I will give one tribe, that

My servant David may always have a 1 2And Rehoboam went to Shechem,

lamp before Me in Jerusalem, the city for all Israel had gone to Shechem to

which I have chosen for Myself, to put

make him king.

My name there.

37 2So it happened, when Jeroboam the

so I will take you, and you shall reign

son of Nebat heard it (he was still in

over all your heart desires, and you shall

Egypt, for he had fled from the presence

be king over Israel.

of King Solomon and had been dwelling

3 in Egypt), 8Then it shall be, if you heed all that I

command you, walk in My ways, and do 3that they sent and called him. Then

what is right in My sight, to keep My Jeroboam and the whole assembly of

statutes and My commandments, as My Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam,

servant David did, then I will be with you saying, and build for you an enduring house, as

I built for David, and will give Israel to <sup>4</sup>

Your father made our yoke heavy; now  
you.

therefore, lighten the burdensome

<sup>3</sup> service of your father, and his heavy ' And I will afflict the  
descendants of yoke which he put on us, and we will David because of  
this, but not forever.'" serve you."

<sup>4</sup> <sup>0</sup>Solomon therefore sought to kill

<sup>5</sup>So he said to them, "Depart for three

Jeroboam. But Jeroboam arose and fled days, then come back to me."  
And the

to Egypt, to Shishak king of Egypt, and people departed. was in Egypt  
until the death of Solomon.

<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, <sup>6</sup> Then King Rehoboam  
consulted the

elders who stood before his father  
all that he did, and his wisdom, are they

Solomon while he still lived, and he said,  
not written in the book of the acts of

"How do you advise me to answer these  
Solomon?

people?"

4 2

And the period that Solomon reigned 7

And they spoke to him, saying, "If you  
in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty will be a servant to these people  
today,  
years.

and serve them, and answer them, and  
4 speak good words to them, then they  
3 Then Solomon rested with his fathers, will be your servants forever."  
and was buried in the City of David his  
father. And Rehoboam his son reigned 8

But he rejected the advice which the  
in his place.

elders had given him, and consulted the  
young men who had grown up with him,  
who stood before him.

9 1 And he said to them, "What advice do 6 Now when all Israel saw  
that the king you give? How should we answer this did not listen to  
them, the people

people who have spoken to me, saying, answered the king, saying:  
"What share

"Lighten the yoke which your father put have we in David? We have  
no

on us?" inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your

tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own

10 Then the young men who had grown house, O David!" So Israel

up with him spoke to him, saying, "Thus their tents.

you should speak to this people who 7But Rehoboam reigned over the

have spoken to you, saying, "Your father 1 made our yoke heavy, but  
you make it children of Israel who dwelt in the cities

lighter on us'--thus you shall say to of Judah. them: "My little finger  
shall be thicker

than my father's waist! 1' Then King Rehoboam sent Adoram,

1 all Israel stoned him with stones, and he

1And now, whereas my father put a who was in charge of the  
revenue; but

heavy yoke on you, I will add to your died. Therefore King Rehoboam  
yoke; my father chastised you with mounted his chariot in haste to  
flee to

whips, but I will chastise you with Jerusalem. scourges!"

19

So Israel has been in rebellion against

12

So Jeroboam and all the people came the house of David to this  
day.

to Rehoboam the third day, as the king

had directed, saying, "Come back to me 2 0Now it came to pass when  
all Israel the third day." heard that Jeroboam had come back,

they sent for him and called him to the

13Then the king answered the people congregation, and made him  
king over



roughly, and rejected the advice which all Israel. There was none who followed

the elders had given him; the house of David, but the tribe of

Judah only.

14

and he spoke to them according to the

21

advice of the young men, saying, "My And when Rehoboam came to father made your yoke heavy, but I will Jerusalem, he assembled all the house

add to your yoke; my father chastised of Judah with the tribe of Benjamin, one

you with whips, but I will chastise you hundred and eighty thousand chosen

with scourges!" men who were warriors, to fight against

the house of Israel, that he might restore

15 the kingdom to Rehoboam the son of

So the king did not listen to the people;

for the turn of events was from the Solomon. LORD, that He might fulfill His word,

22

which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah But the word of God came to the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Shemaiah the man of God, saying, Nebat.

2 3 Speak to Rehoboam the son of 31He made shrines on the high places,

Solomon, king of Judah, to all the house and made priests from every class of

of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest people, who were not of the sons of Levi.

of the people, saying,

2 'Thus says the LORD: "You shall not fifteenth day of the eighth month, like

4§ 32Jero boam ordained a feast on the

go up nor fight against your brethren the the feast that was in Judah, and offered

children of Israel. Let every man return sacrifices on the altar. So he did at

to his house, for this thing is from Me. ' Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he

Therefore they obeyed the word of the had made. And at Bethel he installed

LORD, and turned back, according to the priests of the high places which he

the word of the LORD. had made.

25Then Jero boam built Shechem in the 33So he made offerings on the altar

mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. which he had made at Bethel on the

Also he went out from there and built fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the

Penuel. month which he had devised in his own

heart. And he ordained a feast for the

26 children of Israel, and offered sacrifices



LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall

30 Now this thing became a sin, for the altar was split apart, and the ashes on it shall be

people went to worship before the one who poured out." as far as Dan.

4 So it came to pass when King Achish said the words which he had spoken to

Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, who cried out against the altar in

Bethel, that he stretched out his hand. 12 And their father said to them, "Which of you from the altar, saying, 'Arrest him!' Then why did he go?" For his sons had seen

his hand, which he stretched out toward the altar, and the man of God went who

him, withered, so that he could not pull it from himself. back to himself.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the

5 The altar also was split apart, and the donkey for me." So they saddled the

ashes poured out from the altar, and the donkey for him; and he rode on it, according to the sign which the man of

God had given by the word of the LORD. 14

and went after the man of God, and

6 found him sitting under an oak. Then he

Then the king answered and said to him, "Are you the man of God

man of God, "Please entreat the favor of who came from Judah?" And he said, "I

the LORD your God, and pray for me, am." that my hand may be restored to me."

and the king's hand was restored to him, me and eat bread." and became as before. So the man of God entreated the LORD, <sup>15</sup>Then he said to him, "Come home with

<sup>16</sup>And he said, "I cannot return with you

<sup>7</sup>Then the king said to the man of God,

nor go in with you; neither can I eat

"Come home with me and refresh

bread nor drink water with you in this

yourself, and I will give you a reward."

place.

But the man of God said to the king, "If <sup>17</sup>For I have been told by the word of the

you were to give me half your house, I

LORD, "You shall not eat bread nor

would not go in with you; nor would I eat

drink water there, nor return by going

bread nor drink water in this place. the way you came."

<sup>9</sup>For so it was commanded me by the

<sup>1'</sup> He said to him, "I too am a prophet as

word of the LORD, saying, "You shall

you are, and an angel spoke to me by

not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return

by the same way you came." the word of the LORD, saying, "Bring

him back with you to your house, that he

1 may eat bread and drink water." (He 0 So he went another way and did not was lying to him.)

return by the way he came to Bethel.

19So he went back with him, and ate

11Now an old prophet dwelt in Bethel,

bread in his house, and drank water.

and his sons came and told him all the

works that the man of God had done 20Now it happened, as they sat at the that day in Bethel; they also told their

table, that the word of the LORD came

to the prophet who had brought him And he spoke to his sons, saying,  
back; "Saddle the donkey for me." So they  
saddled it.

21

and he cried out to the man of God  
who came from Judah, saying, "Thus 2 ' Then he went and found his  
corpse says the LORD: "Because you have thrown on the road, and the  
donkey and  
disobeyed the word of the LORD, and the lion standing by the corpse.  
The lion  
have not kept the commandment which had not eaten the corpse nor  
torn the  
the LORD your God commanded you, donkey.

2 2 the prophet took up the corpse of but you came back, ate bread,  
and ' And drank water in the place of which the the man of God, laid  
it on the donkey,

LORD said to you, "Eat no bread and and brought it back. So the old  
prophet

drink no water," your corpse shall not come to the city to mourn, and  
to bury

come to the tomb of your fathers.' him.

2 3 30 So it was, after he had eaten bread Then he laid the corpse in  
his own and after he had drunk, that he saddled tomb; and they  
mourned over him,

the donkey for him, the prophet whom saying, "Alas, my brother!" he

had brought back.

31So it was, after he had buried him, that

24When he was gone, a lion met him on he spoke to his sons, saying,  
"When I

the road and killed him. And his corpse am dead, then bury me in the  
tomb

was thrown on the road, and the donkey where the man of God is  
buried; lay my

stood by it. The lion also stood by the bones beside his bones. corpse.

32For the saying which he cried out by

25And there, men passed by and saw the word of the LORD against  
the altar

the corpse thrown on the road, and the in Bethel, and against all the  
shrines on

lion standing by the corpse. Then they the high places which are in  
the cities of

went and told it in the city where the old Samaria, will surely come to  
pass." prophet dwelt.

33After this event Jeroboam did not turn

26Now when the prophet who had from his evil way, but again he  
made

brought him back from the way heard it, priests from every class of  
people for

he said, "It is the man of God who was the high places; whoever  
wished, he

disobedient to the word of the LORD. consecrated him, and he became  
one of

Therefore the LORD has delivered him the priests of the high places.  
to the lion, which has torn him and killed

him, according to the word of the LORD 34And this thing was the sin



of the house

which He spoke to him." of Jeroboam, so as to exterminate and

destroy it from the face of the earth.

sand tore the kingdom away from the

1 house of David, and gave it to you; and 4At that time Abijah the son of

Jeroboam became sick. yet you have not been as My servant

David, who kept My commandments

2 and who followed Me with all his heart,

And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please to do only what was right in My eyes;

arise, and disguise yourself, that they

may not recognize you as the wife of 'but you have done more evil than all

Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed,

Ahijah the prophet is there, who told me who were before you, for you have gone

that I would be king over this people. and made for yourself other gods and

molded images to provoke Me to anger,

3Also take with you ten loaves, some and have cast Me behind your back--

cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to 10therefore behold! I will bring disaster him; he will tell you what will become of on the house of Jeroboam, and will cut the child." off from Jeroboam every male in

Israel,

4 bond and free; I will take away the And Jeroboam's wife did so; she arose

remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as

and went to Shiloh, and came to the one takes away refuse until it is all gone.

house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not

see, for his eyes were glazed by reason 11The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to of his age.

Jeroboam and dies in the city, and the

5 birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in

Now the LORD had said to Ahijah, the field; for the LORD has spoken!"

"Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to

ask you something about her son, for he 12Arise therefore, go to your own house. is sick. Thus and thus you shall say to When your feet enter the city, the child her; for it will be, when she comes in, shall die. that she will pretend to be another

woman." 13And all Israel shall mourn for him and 6 bury him, for he is the only one of

And so it was, when Ahijah heard the

Jeroboam who shall come to the grave,

sound of her footsteps as she came

because in him there is found something

through the door, he said, "Come in,

good toward the LORD God of Israel in  
wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend

the house of Jeroboam.

to be another person? For I have been

sent to you with bad news. <sup>14</sup> Moreover the LORD will raise up  
for <sup>7</sup> Himself a king over Israel who shall cut

Go, tell Jeroboam, "Thus says the

off the house of Jeroboam; this is the

LORD God of Israel: "Because I exalted

you from among the people, and made day. What? Even now!

you ruler over My people Israel, <sup>15</sup> For the LORD will strike Israel, as a

reed is shaken in the water. He will uproot Israel from this good land  
which committed, more than all that their

He gave to their fathers, and will scatter fathers had done. them  
beyond the River, because they

have made their wooden images, <sup>23</sup> For they also built for themselves  
high provoking the LORD to anger. places, sacred pillars, and wooden

<sup>1</sup> every green tree.

<sup>6</sup> And He will give Israel up because of images on every high hill and  
under

the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and

who made Israel sin." <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> And there were also perverted persons

in the land. They did according to all the

<sup>17</sup> Then Jeroboam's wife arose and abominations of the nations which the

departed, and came to Tirzah. When LORD had cast out before the children

she came to the threshold of the house, of Israel. the child died.

<sup>25</sup>It happened in the fifth year of King

<sup>1</sup> And they buried him; and all Israel Rehoboam that Shishak king of Egypt

mourned for him, according to the word came up against Jerusalem. of the LORD which He spoke through

His servant Ahijah the prophet. <sup>26</sup>And he took away the treasures of the

<sup>1</sup> the king's house; he took away

<sup>9</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, house of the LORD and the treasures of

how he made war and how he reigned, everything. He also took away all the

indeed they are written in the book of gold shields which Solomon had made.

the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup>Then King Rehoboam made bronze

<sup>20</sup>The period that Jeroboam reigned was shields in their place, and committed

twenty-two years. So he rested with his them to the hands of the captains of the

fathers. Then Nadab his son reigned in guard, who guarded the doorway of the

his place. king's house.

22 1And Rehoboam the son of Solomon ' And whenever the king  
entered the

reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty- house of the LORD, the guards  
carried

one years old when he became king. He them, then brought them back  
into the

reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, guardroom. the city which the  
LORD had chosen out

of all the tribes of Israel, to put His name 29Now the rest of the acts of  
Rehoboam, there. His mother's name was Naamah, and all that he did,  
are they not written

an Ammonitess. in the book of the chronicles of the kings

of Judah?

22Now Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked  
Him to 30And there was war between

jealousy with their sins which they Rehoboam and Jeroboam all their  
days.

31So Rehoboam rested with his fathers, 8So Abijam rested with his  
fathers, and and was buried with his fathers in the they buried him in  
the City of David.

City of David. His mother's name was Then Asa his son reigned in his  
place.

Naamah, an Ammonitess. Then Abijam

his son reigned in his place. 'In the twentieth year of Jeroboam king

of Israel, Asa became king over Judah.

1 1 Sln the eighteenth year of King0And he reigned forty-one years  
in

Jeroboam the son of Nebat, Abijam Jerusalem. His grandmother's name became king over Judah. was Maachah the granddaughter of

Abishalom.

2He reigned three years in Jerusalem. 1 His mother's name was Maachah the 1 Asa did what was right in the eyes of

granddaughter of Abishalom. the LORD, as did his father David.

3And he walked in all the sins of his 12And he banished the perverted father, which he had done before him; persons from the land, and removed all

his heart was not loyal to the LORD his the idols that his fathers had made. God, as was the heart of his father

David. 13Also he removed Maachah his

grandmother from being queen mother,

4 because she had made an obscene Nevertheless for David's sake the

LORD his God gave him a lamp in image of Asherah. And Asa cut down

Jerusalem, by setting up his son after her obscene image and burned it by the

him and by establishing Jerusalem; Brook Kidron.

s 14But the high places were not removed.

because David did what was right in the

eyes of the LORD, and had not turned Nevertheless Asa's heart was loyal to

aside the LORD all his days. from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life,

except in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. <sup>15</sup>He also brought into the house of the

LORD the things which his father had

<sup>6</sup> dedicated, and the things which he And there was war between Rehoboam

and Jeroboam all the days of his life. himself had dedicated: silver and gold

and utensils.

<sup>7</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and <sup>6</sup>Now there was war between Asa and

1

all that he did, are they not written in the

book of the chronicles of the kings of Baasha king of Israel all their days.

Judah? And there was war between <sup>7</sup>And Baasha king of Israel came up

Abijam and Jeroboam. <sup>1</sup>

against Judah, and built Ramah, that he  
might let none go out or come in to Asa  
king of Judah.

<sup>1</sup> ' Then Asa took all the silver and gold David his father. Then Jehoshaphat his

that was left in the treasuries of the son reigned in his place. house of the LORD and the treasuries of

the king's house, and delivered them <sup>25</sup>Now Nadab the son of Jeroboam into the hand of his servants. And King became king over Israel in the second

Asa sent them to Ben-Hadad the son of year of Asa king of Judah, and he

Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of reigned over Israel two years. Syria, who dwelt in Damascus, saying,

2 6And he did evil in the sight of the

1 "' Let there be a treaty between you and LORD, and walked in the way of his

me, as there was between my father father, and in his sin by which he had

and your father. See, I have sent you a made Israel sin. present of silver and gold. Come and

break your treaty with Baasha king of 2 7Then Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the Israel, so that he will withdraw from me."

house of Issachar, conspired against

2 him. And Baasha killed him at 0 So Ben-Hadad heeded King Asa, and Gibbethon, which belonged to the

sent the captains of his armies against Philistines, while Nadab and all Israel

the cities of Israel. He attacked Ijon, Dan, laid siege to Gibbethon. Abel Beth Maachah, and all Chinneroth,

with all the land of Naphtali. 2

' Baasha killed him in the third year of

2 Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his 1 Now it happened, when Baasha heard place.

it, that he stopped building Ramah, and

remained in Tirzah. 2 ' And it was so, when he became king,



2 that he killed all the house of Jeroboam. 2 Then King Asa made a proclamation He did not leave to Jeroboam anyone

throughout all Judah; none was that breathed, until he had destroyed exempted. And they took away the him, according to the word of the LORD

stones and timber of Ramah, which which He had spoken by His servant

Baasha had used for building; and with Ahijah the Shilonite, them King Asa built Geba of Benjamin,

and Mizpah. 30because of the sins of Jeroboam,

2 which he had sinned and by which he 3The rest of all the acts of Asa, all his

had made Israel sin, because of his

might, all that he did, and the cities provocation with which he had provoked

which he built, are they not written in the the LORD God of Israel to anger. book of the chronicles of the kings of

Judah? But in the time of his old age he 31Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and

was diseased in his feet. all that he did, are they not written in the

2 book of the chronicles of the kings of 4 So Asa rested with his fathers, and Israel?

was buried with his fathers in the City of 32And there was war between Asa and 7And also the word of the LORD came Baasha king of Israel all their days. by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani

against Baasha and his house, because

33 n the third year of Asa king of Judah, of all the evil that he did in the sight of

Baasha the son of Ahijah became king the LORD in provoking Him to anger

over all Israel in Tirzah, and reigned with the work of his hands, in being like

twenty-four years. the house of Jeroboam, and because he

killed them.

34He did evil in the sight of the LORD, 8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin by which he had made Israel Judah, Elah the son of Baasha became

sin. king over Israel, and reigned two years

in Tirzah.

1 'Now his servant Zimri, commander of 6Then the word of the LORD came half his chariots, conspired against him to Jehu the son of Hanani, against as he was in Tirzah drinking himself Baasha, saying: drunk in the house of Arza, steward of

2 his house in Tirzah.

Inasmuch as I lifted you out of the dust

and made you ruler over My people 10And Zimri went in and struck him and Israel, and you have walked in the way killed him in the twenty-seventh year of

of Jeroboam, and have made My people Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his

Israel sin, to provoke Me to anger with place. their sins,

3 Then it came to pass, when he began 11

surely I will take away the posterity of to reign, as soon as he was seated on

Baasha and the posterity of his house, his throne, that he killed all the  
and I will make your house like the household of Baasha; he did not  
leave

house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. him one male, neither of his  
relatives

4 nor of his friends.

The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to

Baasha and dies in the city, and the <sup>12</sup>Thus Zimri destroyed all the  
household birds of the air shall eat whoever dies in of Baasha,  
according to the word of the

the fields." LORD, which He spoke against Baasha

5 by Jehu the prophet,

Now the rest of the acts of Baasha,

what he did, and his might, are they not <sup>13</sup> or all the sins of Baasha  
and the sins written in the book of the chronicles of of Elah his son, by  
which they had

the kings of Israel? sinned and by which they had made

6 Israel sin, in provoking the LORD God of

So Baasha rested with his fathers and Israel to anger with their idols.

was buried in Tirzah. Then Elah his son

reigned in his place.

<sup>1 2</sup> 42

Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and But the people who followed  
Omri

all that he did, are they not written in the prevailed over the people  
who followed

book of the chronicles of the kings of Tibni the son of Ginath. So Tibni  
died

Israel? and Omri reigned.

125 In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king 3 In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Zimri had reigned in Tirzah. Judah, Omri became king over Israel,

seven days. And the people were and reigned twelve years. Six years he

encamped against Gibbethon, which reigned in Tirzah. belonged to the Philistines.

24 And he bought the hill of Samaria from

16 Now the people who were encamped Shemer for two talents of silver; then he

heard it said, "Zimri has conspired and built on the hill, and called the name of

also has killed the king." So all Israel the city which he built, Samaria, after

made Omri, the commander of the army, the name of Shemer, owner of the hill.

king over Israel that day in the camp.

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Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD,

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Then Omri and all Israel with him went and did worse than all who were before

up from Gibbethon, and they besieged him. Tirzah.

26 For he walked in all the ways of

18 And it happened, when Zimri saw that Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his

the city was taken, that he went into the sin by which he had made

Israel sin,

citadel of the king's house and burned provoking the LORD God of Israel to

the king's house down upon himself with anger with their idols. fire, and died,

2 7Now the rest of the acts of Omri which

1' because of the sins which he had he did, and the might that he showed,

committed in doing evil in the sight of are they not written in the book of the

the LORD, in walking in the way of chronicles of the kings of Israel? Jeroboam, and in his sin which he had

committed to make Israel sin. 2' So Omri rested with his fathers and

2 son reigned in his place. 0Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and was buried in Samaria. Then Ahab his

the treason he committed, are they not

written in the book of the chronicles of 29 n the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of the kings of Israel? Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became

2 Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria

1Then the people of Israel were divided king over Israel; and Ahab the son of

into two parts: half of the people twenty-two years. followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to

make him king, and half followed Omri.

30Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in 4And it will be that you shall drink from the sight of the LORD, more than all the brook, and I have commanded the

who were before him. ravens to feed you there."

31 And it came to pass, as though it had <sup>s</sup>So he went and did according to the been a trivial thing for him to walk in the word of the LORD, for he went and

sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that stayed by the Brook Cherith, which

he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of flows into the Jordan. Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he

went and served Baal and worshiped <sup>6</sup> The ravens brought him bread and him. meat in the morning, and bread and

meat in the evening; and he drank from

<sup>3</sup> 2

Then he set up an altar for Baal in the the brook.

temple of Baal, which he had built in

Samaria. <sup>7</sup> And it happened after a while that the

brook dried up, because there had been

33

And Ahab made a wooden image. no rain in the land.

Ahab did more to provoke the LORD

God of Israel to anger than all the kings <sup>s</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to of Israel who were before him. him, saying,

34 n his days Hiel of Bethel built Jericho. <sup>9</sup> Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs He laid its foundation with Abiram his to Sidon, and dwell there. See, I have

firstborn, and with his youngest son commanded a widow there to provide

Segub he set up its gates, according to for you." the word of the LORD,  
which He had

spoken through Joshua the son of Nun. <sup>10</sup>So he arose and went to  
Zarephath.

And when he came to the gate of the  
city, indeed a widow was there

<sup>17</sup>And Elijah the Tishbite, of the gathering sticks. And he called to  
her

inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, "As and said, "Please bring me a  
little water

the LORD God of Israel lives, before in a cup, that I may drink." whom  
I stand, there shall not be dew

<sup>11</sup>

nor rain these years, except at my And as she was going to get it, he  
word." called to her and said, "Please bring me

a morsel of bread in your hand."

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, <sup>12</sup>

So she said, "As the LORD your God  
lives, I do not have bread, only a handful

<sup>3</sup> of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; " Get away from here and  
turn eastward,

and hide by the Brook Cherith, which and see, I am gathering a couple  
of

flows into the Jordan. sticks that I may go in and prepare it for

myself and my son, that we may eat it, brought tragedy on the widow  
with

and die." whom I lodge, by killing her son?"

1 21 3And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go And he stretched himself  
out on the

and do as you have said, but make me child three times, and cried out  
to the

a small cake from it first, and bring it to LORD and said, "O LORD my  
God, I

me; and afterward make some for pray, let this child's soul come back  
to

yourself and your son. him."

1 2 4For thus says the LORD God of Israel: 2Then the LORD heard the  
voice of "The bin of flour shall not be used up, Elijah; and the soul of  
the child came

nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the back to him, and he revived.  
day the LORD sends rain on the earth."

2 3And Elijah took the child and brought

15 So she went away and did according him down from the upper  
room into the

to the word of Elijah; and she and he house, and gave him to his  
mother. And

and her household ate for many days. Elijah said, "See, your son  
lives!"

1 24 6The bin of flour was not used up, nor Then the woman said to  
Elijah, "Now

did the jar of oil run dry, according to the by this I know that you are  
a man of God,

word of the LORD which He spoke by and that the word of the LORD  
in your

Elijah. mouth is the truth."



17Now it happened after these things that the son of the woman who owned 1 8And it came to pass after many the house became sick. And his days that the word of the LORD came to

sickness was so serious that there was Elijah, in the third year, saying, "Go,

no breath left in him.

present yourself to Ahab, and I will send

1 rain on the earth." 8 So she said to Elijah, "What have I to do with you, 0 man of God? Have you 2

So Elijah went to present himself to  
come to me to bring my sin to

Ahab; and there was a severe famine in  
remembrance, and to kill my son?" Samaria.

19And he said to her, "Give me your 3And Ahab had called Obadiah, who

son." So he took him out of her arms was in charge of his house. (Now  
and carried him to the upper room Obadiah feared the LORD greatly.  
where he was staying, and laid him on

his own bed. 4 For so it was, while Jezebel massacred

2 the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah 0Then he cried out to the  
LORD and

had taken one hundred prophets and

said, "O LORD my God, have You also hidden them, fifty to a cave,  
and had fed

them with bread and water.)

51 And Ahab had said to Obadiah, "Go 3Was it not reported to my lord  
what I into the land to all the springs of water did when Jezebel killed  
the prophets of

and to all the brooks; perhaps we may the LORD, how I hid one  
hundred men

find grass to keep the horses and mules of the LORD's prophets, fifty  
to a cave,

alive, so that we will not have to kill any and fed them with bread and  
water? livestock."

14And now you say, "Go, tell your master,

6 So they divided the land between them "Elijah is here." He will kill  
me!" to explore it; Ahab went one way by

himself, and Obadiah went another way 15Then Elijah said, "As the  
LORD of by himself. hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will

surely present myself to him today."

7Now as Obadiah was on his way,

suddenly Elijah met him; and he 16So Obadiah went to meet Ahab,  
and recognized him, and fell on his face, and told him; and Ahab went  
to meet Elijah.

said, "Is that you, my lord Elijah?"

17

Then it happened, when Ahab saw

'And he answered him, "It is 1. Go, tell Elijah, that Ahab said to him,  
"Is that you,

your master, "Elijah is here." O troubler of Israel?"

9 1 So he said, "How have I sinned, that ' And he answered, "I have not troubled you are delivering your servant into the Israel, but you and your father's house

hand of Ahab, to kill me? have, in that you have forsaken the

1 followed the Baals. 0As the LORD your God lives, there is commandments of the LORD and have

no nation or kingdom where my master

has not sent someone to hunt for you; 1' Now therefore, send and gather all and when they said, "He is not here,' he Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four

took an oath from the kingdom or nation hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and

that they could not find you. the four hundred prophets of Asherah,

who eat at Jezebel's table."

11

And now you say, "Go, tell your master,

"Elijah is here"! 2 0

So Ahab sent for all the children of

Israel, and gathered the prophets

12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I together on Mount Carmel. am gone from you, that the Spirit of the

LORD will carry you to a place I do not 2 1

And Elijah came to all the people, and

know; so when I go and tell Ahab, and said, "How long will you falter between

he cannot find you, he will kill me. But I two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow

your servant have feared the LORD Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the

from my youth. people answered him not a word. <sup>22</sup> 29And when midday was past, they Then Elijah said to the people, "I alone

am left a prophet of the LORD; but prophesied until the time of the offering

Baal's prophets are four hundred and of the evening sacrifice. But there was

fifty men. no voice; no one answered, no one paid

attention.

<sup>23</sup>Therefore let them give us two bulls; and let them choose one bull for <sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on "Come near to me." So all the people

the wood, but put no fire under it; and I came near to him. And he repaired the

will prepare the other bull, and lay it on altar of the LORD that was broken down.

the wood, but put no fire under it.

<sup>2</sup> Then you call on the name of your according to the number of the tribes of

<sup>4</sup> <sup>31</sup>And Elijah took twelve stones,

gods, and I will call on the name of the the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of

LORD; and the God who answers by fire, the LORD had come, saying, "Israel

He is God." So all the people answered shall be your name." and said, "It is well spoken."

25

Now Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, in the name of the LORD;  
and he made

"Choose one bull for yourselves and a trench around the altar large  
enough

prepare it first, for you are many; and to hold two seahs of seed. call  
on the name of your god, but put no

fire under it." 33And he put the wood in order, cut the

bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood,

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So they took the bull which was given and said, "Fill four waterpots  
with water,

them, and they prepared it, and called and pour it on the burnt  
sacrifice and on

on the name of Baal from morning even the wood." till noon, saying,  
"O Baal, hear us!" But

there was no voice; no one answered. 3 4Then he said, "Do it a  
second time," Then they leaped about the altar which and they did it  
a second time; and he

they had made. said, "Do it a third time," and they did it a

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7And so it was, at noon, that Elijah third time.

mocked them and said, "Cry aloud, for 35So the water ran all around  
the altar;

he is a god; either he is meditating, or and he also filled the trench  
with water.

he is busy, or he is on a journey, or

perhaps he is sleeping and must be 36

And it came to pass, at the time of the  
awakened."

offering of the evening sacrifice, that

2 Elijah the prophet came near and said,

' So they cried aloud, and cut "LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and

themselves, as was their custom, with Israel, let it be known this day  
that You

knives and lances, until the blood are God in Israel and I am Your  
servant,

gushed out on them.

and that I have done all these things at "Prepare your chariot, and go  
down

Your word. before the rain stops you."

37Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this 45Now it happened in the  
meantime that people may know that You are the the sky became  
black with clouds and

LORD God, and that You have turned wind, and there was a heavy  
rain. So

their hearts back to You again." Ahab rode away and went to Jezreel.

3 4 8Then the fire of the LORD fell and 6Then the hand of the LORD  
came consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the upon Elijah; and he girded  
up his loins

wood and the stones and the dust, and and ran ahead of Ahab to the  
entrance

it licked up the water that was in the of Jezreel. trench.

39Now when all the people saw it, they 1 9And Ahab told  
Jezebel all that fell on their faces; and they said, "The

Elijah had done, also how he had

LORD, He is God! The LORD, He is executed all the prophets with the  
sword.

God!"

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0And Elijah said to them, "Seize the 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger  
to

Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me,

prophets of Baal! Do not let one of them and more also, if I do not  
make your life

escape!" So they seized them; and as the life of one of them by  
tomorrow

Elijah brought them down to the Brook about this time." Kishon and  
executed them there.

4 3And when he saw that, he arose and 1Then Elijah said to Ahab, "Go  
up, eat ran for his life, and went to Beersheba,

and drink; for there is the sound of which belongs to Judah, and left  
his

abundance of rain." servant there.

4 2So Ahab went up to eat and drink. And 4 But he himself went a  
day's journey into Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; then the  
wilderness, and came and sat down

he bowed down on the ground, and put under a broom tree. And he  
prayed that

his face between his knees, he might die, and said, "It is enough!

4 Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no

3 and said to his servant, "Go up now, better than my fathers!"

look toward the sea." So he went up and

looked, and said, "There is nothing." 5 Then as he lay and slept under a  
And seven times he said, "Go again." broom tree, suddenly an angel  
touched

him, and said to him, "Arise and eat."

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Then it came to pass the seventh time,

that he said, "There is a cloud, as small 6Then he looked, and there by  
his head

as a man's hand, rising out of the sea!" was a cake baked on coals, and  
a jar of

So he said, "Go up, say to Ahab, water. So he ate and drank, and lay  
out and stood in the entrance of the

down again. cave. Suddenly a voice came to him,

and said, "What are you doing here,

7 Elijah?" And the angel of the LORD came back

the second time, and touched him, and 4And he said, "I have been  
very

said, "Arise and eat, because the 1 journey is too great for you." zealous  
for the LORD God of hosts;

because the children of Israel have

'So he arose, and ate and drank; and he forsaken Your covenant, torn  
down Your

went in the strength of that food forty altars, and killed Your prophets



with the

days and forty nights as far as Horeb, sword. I alone am left; and they seek to

the mountain of God. take my life."

'And there he went into a cave, and <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him:  
"Go,

spent the night in that place; and behold, return on your way to the Wilderness of

the word of the LORD came to him, and Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint

He said to him, "What are you doing Hazael as king over Syria. here, Elijah?"

16

Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of

<sup>10</sup>So he said, "I have been very zealous Nimshi as king over Israel. And  
Elisha

for the LORD God of hosts; for the the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah  
you

children of Israel have forsaken Your shall anoint as prophet in your  
place.

covenant, torn down Your altars, and

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killed Your prophets with the sword. I It shall be that whoever escapes  
the

alone am left; and they seek to take my sword of Hazael, Jehu will  
kill; and

life." whoever escapes the sword of Jehu,

Elisha will kill.

11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And 1' Yet I have reserved seven thousand in behold, the LORD passed by, and a Israel, all whose knees have not bowed

great and strong wind tore into the to Baal, and every mouth that has not

mountains and broke the rocks in pieces kissed him." before the LORD, but the LORD was not

in the wind; and after the wind an 19 So he departed from there, and found earthquake, but the LORD was not in Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was

the earthquake; plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before

him, and he was with the twelfth. Then

12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the Elijah passed by him and threw his

LORD was not in the fire; and after the mantle on him. fire a still small voice.

2 0 And he left the oxen and ran after

13 So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he Elijah, and said, "Please let me kiss my

wrapped his face in his mantle and went father and my mother, and then I will

follow you." And he said to him, "Go whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they

back again, for what have I done to will put it in their hands and take it." you?"

7 So the king of Israel called all the

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So Elisha turned back from him, and elders of the land, and said, "Notice,

took a yoke of oxen and slaughtered please, and see how this man seeks

them and boiled their flesh, using the trouble, for he sent to me for my wives,

oxen's equipment, and gave it to the my children, my silver, and my gold; and

people, and they ate. Then he arose I did not deny him." and followed Elijah, and became his

servant. 8And all the elders and all the people

said to him, "Do not listen or consent."

2 ONow Ben-Hadad the king of Syria "Therefore he said to the messengers of

gathered all his forces together; thirty- Ben-Hadad, "Tell my lord the king, "All

two kings were with him, with horses that you sent for to your servant the first

and chariots. And he went up and time I will do, but this thing I cannot do."

besieged Samaria, and made war And the messengers departed and against it. brought back word to him.

10Then Ben-Hadad sent to him and said,

2Then he sent messengers into the city to Ahab king of Israel, and said to him, "The gods do so to me, and more also, if

"Thus says Ben-Hadad: enough dust is left of Samaria for a

handful for each of the people who

3 follow me." " Your silver and your gold are mine;

your loveliest wives and children are 11 mine."So the king of Israel

answered and

said, "Tell him, "Let not the one who

4 puts on his armor boast like the one who And the king of Israel  
answered and

said, "My lord, O king, just as you say, I takes it off."

and all that I have are yours." 12And it happened when Ben-Hadad

5 heard this message, as he and the kings Then the messengers came  
back and

said, "Thus speaks Ben-Hadad, saying, were drinking at the command  
post, that

"Indeed I have sent to you, saying, "You he said to his servants, "Get  
ready." And

shall deliver to me your silver and your they got ready to attack the  
city.

gold, your wives and your children"; 3Suddenly a prophet approached  
Ahab

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6 king of Israel, saying, "Thus says the but I will send my servants to  
you

tomorrow about this time, and they shall LORD: "Have you seen all  
this great

search your house and the houses of multitude? Behold, I will deliver  
it into

your servants. And it shall be, that your hand today, and you shall  
know

that I am the LORD."

So Ahab said, "By whom?" And he the king of Syria will come up against

said, "Thus says the LORD: "By the you." young leaders of the provinces." Then

he said, "Who will set the battle in 23 Then the servants of the king of Syria order?" And he answered, "You." said to him, "Their gods are gods of the

1 we; but if we fight against them in the

5 Then he mustered the young leaders hills. Therefore they were stronger than

of the provinces, and there were two plain, surely we will be stronger than

hundred and thirty-two; and after them they. he mustered all the people, all the

children of Israel--seven thousand. 2 4

So do this thing: Dismiss the kings,  
each from his position, and put captains

16

So they went out at noon. Meanwhile in their places;

Ben-Hadad and the thirty-two kings

helping him were getting drunk at the 25

and you shall muster an army like the  
command post. army that you have lost, horse for horse

and chariot for chariot. Then we will fight

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The young leaders of the provinces against them in the plain; surely

we will

went out first. And Ben-Hadad sent out be stronger than they." And he listened

a patrol, and they told him, saying, "Men to their voice and did so. are coming out of Samaria!"

2 6

So it was, in the spring of the year,

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So he said, "If they have come out for that Ben-Hadad mustered the Syrians

peace, take them alive; and if they have and went up to Aphek to fight against

come out for war, take them alive." Israel.

1 2 ' Then these young leaders of the 7And the children of Israel were provinces went out of the city with the mustered and given provisions, and they

army which followed them. went against them. Now the children of

Israel encamped before them like two

20And each one killed his man; so the little flocks of goats, while the Syrians

Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them; filled the countryside. and Ben-Hadad the king of Syria

escaped on a horse with the cavalry. 2' Then a man of God came and spoke

to the king of Israel, and said, "Thus

21 says the LORD: "Because the Syrians

Then the king of Israel went out and

attacked the horses and chariots, and have said, "The LORD is God of the hills,

killed the Syrians with a great slaughter. but He is not God of the valleys,"

therefore I will deliver all this great

22 multitude into your hand, and you shall

And the prophet came to the king of

know that I am the LORD.\*

Israel and said to him, "Go, strengthen

yourself; take note, and see what you

should do, for in the spring of the year 29And they encamped opposite each treaty." So he made a treaty with him

other for seven days. So it was that on and sent him away. the seventh day the battle was joined;

and the children of Israel killed one 35Now a certain man of the sons of the

hundred thousand foot soldiers of the prophets said to his neighbor by the

Syrians in one day. word of the LORD, "Strike me, please."

And the man refused to strike him.

30But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city;

then a wall fell on twenty-seven 3 6Then he said to him, "Because you thousand of the men who were left. And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD,

Ben-Hadad fled and went into the city, surely, as soon as you depart from me,

into an inner chamber. a lion shall kill you." And as soon as he

left him, a lion found him and killed him.

Then his servants said to him, "Look  
 now, we have heard that the kings of the 37 And he found another  
 man, and said,

house of Israel are merciful kings. "Strike me, please." So the man  
 struck

Please, let us put sackcloth around our him, inflicting a wound. waists  
 and ropes around our heads, and

go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he 3' Then the prophet departed  
 and waited

will spare your life."

for the king by the road, and disguised

32 himself with a bandage over his eyes. So they wore sackcloth  
 around their

waists and put ropes around their heads, 39

Now as the king passed by, he cried  
 and came to the king of Israel and said,

out to the king and said, "Your servant

let me live." And he said, "Is he still there, a man came over and  
 brought a alive? He is my brother." "Your servant Ben-Hadad says,  
 "Please went out into the midst of the battle; and

man to me, and said, "Guard this man; if

33 Now the men were watching closely to by any means he is missing,  
 your life

shall be for his life, or else you shall pay



see whether any sign of mercy would a talent of silver.' come from him; and they quickly

grasped at this word and said, "Your 4 0While your servant was busy here and brother Ben-Hadad." So he said, "Go,

there, he was gone." Then the king of

bring him." Then Ben-Hadad came out

to him; and he had him come up into the judgment be; you yourself have decided i Israel said to him, "So shall your

chariot.

34So Ben-Hadad said to him, "The cities 41And he hastened to take the bandage which my father took from your father I away from his eyes; and the king of will restore; and you may set up Israel recognized him as one of the marketplaces for yourself in Damascus, prophets. as my father did in Samaria." Then Ahab said, "I will send you away with this

42

Then he said to him, "Thus says the "Give me your vineyard for money; or

LORD: "Because you have let slip out of else, if it pleases you, I will give you

your hand a man whom I appointed to another vineyard for it.' And he

utter destruction, therefore your life shall answered, "I will not give you my

go for his life, and your people for his vineyard.'" people."

7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You

4 3

So the king of Israel went to his house now exercise authority over

Israel! Arise,  
sullen and displeased, and came to eat food, and let your heart be  
cheerful;

Samaria. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the  
Jezreelite."

2 1 And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, And it came to pass after  
these

sealed them with his seal, and sent the  
things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a

letters to the elders and the nobles who  
vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to

were dwelling in the city with Naboth.  
the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 She wrote in the letters, saying, 4

So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying,

Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with  
"Give me your vineyard, that I may have

high honor among the people;  
it for a vegetable garden, because it is

near, next to my house; and for it I will 10and seat two men,  
scoundrels, before give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems  
good to you, I will give you its him to bear witness against him,  
saying,

worth in money." You have blasphemed God and the king.

Then take him out, and stone him, that

3But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD he may die.

forbid that I should give the inheritance 11So the men of his city, the  
elders and of my fathers to you!"

nobles who were inhabitants of his city,

4 did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it

So Ahab went into his house sullen and

was written in the letters which she had

displeased because of the word which

sent to them.

Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to

him; for he had said, "I will not give you 12They proclaimed a fast, and  
seated the inheritance of my fathers." And he lay down on his bed,  
and turned away Naboth with high honor among the

his face, and would eat no food. people.

5 13 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and And two men, scoundrels,  
came in and

said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen sat before him; and the  
scoundrels

that you eat no food?" witnessed against him, against Naboth,

in the presence of the people, saying,

6 "Naboth has blasphemed God and the

He said to her, "Because I spoke to

king!" Then they took him outside the

Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, city and stoned him with stones, so that off from Ahab every male in Israel, both

he died. bond and free.

1 2 42a will make your house like the house

Then they sent to Jezebel, saying,

"Naboth has been stoned and is dead." of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like

the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah,

15And it came to pass, when Jezebel because of the provocation with which

heard that Naboth had been stoned and you have provoked Me to anger, and

was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, made Israel sin.' "Arise, take possession of the vineyard

of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he 2 3And concerning Jezebel the LORD refused to give you for money; for also spoke, saying, "The dogs shall eat

Naboth is not alive, but dead." Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

1 2 64

So it was, when Ahab heard that The dogs shall eat whoever belongs to

Naboth was dead, that Ahab got up and Ahab and dies in the city, and the birds

went down to take possession of the of the air shall eat whoever dies in the

vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. field."

1 2 75 But there was no one like Ahab who Then the word of the LORD  
came to

Elijah the Tishbite, saying, sold himself to do wickedness in the  
sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his

1 wife stirred him up. " Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of

Israel, who lives in Samaria. There he is, 6 And he behaved very  
abominably in

in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has 2 gone down to take  
possession of it. following idols, according to all that the

Amorites had done, whom the LORD

1 had cast out before the children of Israel. ' You shall speak to him,  
saying, "Thus

says the LORD: "Have you murdered

and also taken possession?" And you 2 7

So it was, when Ahab heard those

shall speak to him, saying, "Thus says words, that he tore his clothes  
and put

the LORD: "In the place where dogs sackcloth on his body, and fasted  
and

licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lay in sackcloth, and went  
about

lick your blood, even yours. ' mourning.

2 2 0 So Ahab said to Elijah, "Have you ' And the word of the LORD  
came to

found me, O my enemy?" And he Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

answered, "I have found you, because

you have sold yourself to do evil in the 29 'See how Ahab has humbled himself sight of the LORD: before Me? Because he has humbled

2 calamity in his days. In the days of his

1 Behold, I will bring calamity on you. I himself before Me, I will not bring the

will take away your posterity, and will cut son I will bring the calamity on his concerning me, but evil." And house." Jehoshaphat said, "Let not the king say

such things!"

22Now three years passed without Then the king of Israel called an officer

war between Syria and Israel. and said, "Bring Micaiah the son of

Imlah quickly!"

2Then it came to pass, in the third year, 0The king of Israel and Jehoshaphat

1

that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went

down to visit the king of Israel. the king of Judah, having put on their

robes, sat each on his throne, at a

3And the king of Israel said to his threshing floor at the entrance of the

gate of Samaria; and all the prophets

servants, "Do you know that Ramoth in prophesied before them.

Gilead is ours, but we hesitate to take it

out of the hand of the king of Syria?" <sup>11</sup>Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah <sup>4</sup> had made horns of iron for himself; and

So he said to Jehoshaphat, "Will you he said, "Thus says the LORD:  
"With

go with me to fight at Ramoth Gilead?" these you shall gore the  
Syrians until

Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, "I they are destroyed." am as  
you are, my people as your

people, my horses as your horses." <sup>12</sup>And all the prophets prophesied  
so, <sup>5</sup> saying, "Go up to Ramoth Gilead and

Also Jehoshaphat said to the king of prosper, for the LORD will  
deliver it into

Israel, "Please inquire for the word of the king's hand." the LORD  
today."

<sup>13</sup>Then the messenger who had gone to

<sup>6</sup>Then the king of Israel gathered the call Micaiah spoke to him,  
saying, "Now

prophets together, about four hundred

listen, the words of the prophets with

men, and said to them, "Shall I go one accord encourage the king.  
Please,

against Ramoth Gilead to fight, or shall I

let your word be like the word of one of

refrain?" So they said, "Go up, for the

them, and speak encouragement."

Lord will deliver it into the hand of the

king." <sup>14</sup>And Micaiah said, "As the LORD lives, <sup>7</sup> whatever the LORD says to me, that I

And Jehoshaphat said, "Is there not still

will speak."

a prophet of the LORD here, that we

may inquire of Him?" <sup>15</sup>Then he came to the king; and the

king said to him, "Micaiah, shall we go to

'So the king of Israel said to

war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall we

Jehoshaphat, "There is still one man,

refrain?" And he answered him, "Go and

Micaiah the son of Imlah, by whom we

prosper, for the LORD will deliver it into

may inquire of the LORD; but I hate him,

the hand of the king!"

because he does not prophesy good <sup>1 2</sup> <sup>6</sup>So the king said to him, "How many <sup>4</sup>

Now Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah

times shall I make you swear that you went near and struck Micaiah on the

tell me nothing but the truth in the name cheek, and said, "Which way did the



of the LORD?" spirit from the LORD go from me to

2 speak to you?"

17Then he said, "I saw all Israel scattered on the mountains, as sheep 2  
5And Micaiah said, "Indeed, you shall that have no shepherd. And the  
LORD see on that day when you go into an

said, "These have no master. Let each inner chamber to hide!" return  
to his house in peace."

2 6

1 Micaiah, and return him to Amon the

8And the king of Israel said to So the king of Israel said, "Take

Jehoshaphat, "Did I not tell you he governor of the city and to Joash  
the

would not prophesy good concerning king's son; me, but evil?"

27

and say, "Thus says the king: "Put this

1' Then Micaiah said, "Therefore hear fellow in prison, and feed him  
with bread

the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD of affliction and water of  
affliction, until I

sitting on His throne, and all the host of come in peace. ' heaven  
standing by, on His right hand

and on His left. 2' But Micaiah said, "If you ever return in

2 me." And he said, "Take heed, all you

0And the LORD said, "Who will peace, the LORD has not spoken by

persuade Ahab to go up, that he may people!" fall at Ramoth Gilead?  
So one spoke in

this manner, and another spoke in that 2 ' So the king of Israel and

Jehoshaphat manner. the king of Judah went up to Ramoth

2

1Then a spirit came forward and stood Gilead.

before the LORD, and said, "I will 30And the king of Israel said to persuade him.' Jehoshaphat, "I will disguise myself and

go into battle; but you put on your

22

The LORD said to him, "In what way?' robes." So the king of Israel disguised

So he said, "I will go out and be a lying himself and went into battle. spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.'

And the LORD said, "You shall 31Now the king of Syria had commanded

persuade him, and also prevail. Go out the thirty-two captains of his chariots,

and do so.' saying, "Fight with no one small or great,

but only with the king of Israel."

23Therefore look! The LORD has put a

lying spirit in the mouth of all these 32 So it was, when the captains of the prophets of yours, and the LORD has chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they

declared disaster against you." said, "Surely it is the king of Israel!" Therefore they turned aside to fight 40So Ahab rested with his fathers. Then against him, and Jehoshaphat cried out. Ahaziah his son reigned in his place.

33And it happened, when the captains of 41Jehoshaphat the son of Asa had the chariots saw that it was not the king become king over Judah in the fourth

of Israel, that they turned back from year of Ahab king of Israel.

pursuing him.

42Jehoshaphat was thirty-five years old

34Now a certain man drew a bow at when he became king, and he reigned

random, and struck the king of Israel twenty-five years in Jerusalem. His

between the joints of his armor. So he mother's name was Azubah the said to the driver of his chariot, "Turn daughter of Shilhi. around and take me out of the battle, for

I am wounded." 43And he walked in all the ways of his

father Asa. He did not turn aside from

35The battle increased that day; and the them, doing what was right in the eyes

king was propped up in his chariot, of the LORD. Nevertheless the high

facing the Syrians, and died at evening. places were not taken away, for the

The blood ran out from the wound onto people offered sacrifices and burned

the floor of the chariot. incense on the high places.

3 4 6Then, as the sun was going down, a 4Also Jehoshaphat made peace with shout went throughout the army, saying, the king of Israel. "Every man to his city, and every man to

his own country!" 45Now the rest of the acts of

37So Jehoshaphat, the might that he showed,

the king died, and was brought to and how he made war, are they not

Samaria. And they buried the king in written in the book of the chronicles of

Samaria. the kings of Judah?

3 4 8Then someone washed the chariot at 6And the rest of the perverted persons, a pool in Samaria, and the dogs licked who remained in the days of his father

up his blood while the harlots bathed, Asa, he banished from the land. according to the word of the LORD

which He had spoken. 4 7There was then no king in Edom, only

a deputy of the king.

3 the rest of the acts of Ahab, and ' Now

all that he did, the ivory house which he 4' Jehoshaphat made merchant ships to built and all the cities that he built, are go to Ophir for gold; but they never

they not written in the book of the sailed, for the ships were wrecked at

chronicles of the kings of Israel? Ezion Geber.

4 9Then Ahaziah the son of Ahab said to of Judah, and reigned two years over

Jehoshaphat, "Let my servants go with Israel. your servants in the ships." But

Jehoshaphat would not. 52He did evil in the sight of the LORD,

5 in the way of his mother and in the way

0And Jehoshaphat rested with his and walked in the way of his father and

fathers, and was buried with his fathers of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had

in the City of David his father. Then made Israel sin; Jehoram his son reigned in his place.

53 or he served Baal and worshiped him,

51Ahaziah the son of Ahab became king and provoked the LORD God of Israel to

over Israel in Samaria in the anger, according to all that his father seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king had done.

# Prophet Joel

'The grain offering and the drink offering Have been cut off from the  
house of the

1 LORD; The priests mourn, who minister The word of the LORD that  
came to

to the LORD.

Joel the son of Pethuel.

1 0The field is wasted, The land mourns;

2Hear this, you elders, And give ear, all For the grain is ruined, The  
new wine is

you inhabitants of the land! Has

dried up, The oil fails.

anything like this happened in your days,

Or even in the days of your fathers? 1 1Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail,  
you

3Tell your children about it, Let your vinedressers, For the wheat and  
the

barley; Because the harvest of the field

children tell their children, And their

has perished.

children another generation.

4 The vine has dried up, And the fig tree

What the chewing locust left, the

has withered; The pomegranate tree,

swarming locust has eaten; What the

The palm tree also, And the apple tree--

swarming locust left, the crawling locust

All the trees of the field are withered;

has eaten; And what the crawling locust

Surely joy has withered away from the

left, the consuming locust has eaten.

sons of men.

5Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And 3

1 Gird yourselves and lament, you

wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because

priests; Wail, you who minister before

of the new wine, For it has been cut off

the altar; Come, lie all night in sackcloth,

from your mouth.

You who minister to my God; For the

6 grain offering and the drink offering Are

For a nation has come up against My withheld from the house of your  
God.

land, Strong, and without number; His

teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>Consecrate a fast, Call a  
sacred the fangs of a fierce lion.

assembly; Gather the elders And all the

<sup>7</sup> inhabitants of the land Into the house of

He has laid waste My vine, And ruined the LORD your God, And cry  
out to the

My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and LORD. thrown it away; Its  
branches are made

white. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>Alas for the day! For the day of the <sup>8</sup> LORD is at hand; It  
shall come as

Lament like a virgin girded with destruction from the Almighty.

sackcloth For the husband of her youth.

<sup>16</sup> s not the food cut off before our eyes,

behind them a desolate wilderness;

Joy and gladness from the house of our Surely nothing shall escape  
them. God?

<sup>4</sup> Their appearance is like the

<sup>17</sup>

The seed shrivels under the clods, appearance of horses; And like  
swift

Storehouses are in shambles; Barns are steeds, so they run. broken  
down, For the grain has withered.

<sup>5</sup>With a noise like chariots Over

<sup>1'</sup> How the animals groan! The herds of mountaintops they leap, Like  
the noise

cattle are restless, Because they have of a flaming fire that devours the  
stubble,

no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep Like a strong people set in battle  
array.



suffer punishment.

6 Before them the people writhe in pain;

1' O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has All faces are drained of color.  
devoured the open pastures, And a

flame has burned all the trees of the 7They run like mighty men,  
They climb field. the wall like men of war; Every one

marches in formation, And they do not

20The beasts of the field also cry out to break ranks.

You, For the water brooks are dried up,

And fire has devoured the open 8They do not push one another; Every  
pastures. one marches in his own column. Though

they lunge between the weapons, They  
are not cut down.

2Blow the trumpet in Zion, And sound

an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the They run to and fro in the  
city, They run

inhabitants of the land tremble; For the on the wall; They climb into  
the houses,

day of the LORD is coming, For it is at They enter at the windows like  
a thief.

hand: 0The earth quakes before them, The

2 heavens tremble; The sun and moon A day of darkness and  
gloominess, A

day of clouds and thick darkness, Like grow dark, And the stars  
diminish their

the morning clouds spread over the brightness.

mountains. A people come, great and 1The LORD gives voice before  
His

strong, The like of whom has never <sup>1</sup> been; Nor will there ever be any  
such army, For His camp is very great; For

after them, Even for many successive strong is the One who executes  
His

generations. word. For the day of the LORD is great

and very terrible; Who can endure it?

EA fire devours before them, And behind

them a flame burns; The land is like the <sup>12</sup> Now, therefore," says the  
LORD, Garden of Eden before them, And "Turn to Me with all your  
heart, With

fasting, <sup>2</sup> with weeping, and with <sup>0</sup> But I will remove far from you the  
mourning." northern army, And will drive him away

into a barren and desolate land, With his

<sup>13</sup> face toward the eastern sea And his

So rend your heart, and not your

garments; Return to the LORD your God, back toward the western sea;  
His stench

For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to will come up, And his foul  
odor will rise,

anger, and of great kindness; And He Because he has done monstrous  
relents from doing harm. things."

And leave a blessing behind Him-- A For the LORD has done  
marvelous

grain offering and a drink offering For things! the LORD your God?

2 Do not be afraid, you beasts of the

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate field; For the open pastures  
are

a fast, Call a sacred assembly; springing up, And the tree bears its  
fruit;

The fig tree and the vine yield their

16 strength.

Gather the people, Sanctify the

congregation, Assemble the elders, 2 3 Be glad then, you children of  
Zion, And Gather the children and nursing babes; Let the bridegroom  
go out from his rejoice in the LORD your God; For He

chamber, And the bride from her has given you the former rain  
faithfully,

dressing room. And He will cause the rain to come

down for you-- The former rain, And the

17 latter rain in the first month.

Let the priests, who minister to the

LORD, Weep between the porch and 24 The threshing floors shall be  
full of the altar; Let them say, "Spare Your people, O LORD, And do  
not give Your wheat, And the vats shall overflow with

heritage to reproach, That the nations new wine and oil. should rule  
over them. Why should they

say among the peoples, "Where is their 2 5 So I will restore to you the  
years that God?' the swarming locust has eaten, The

crawling locust, The consuming locust,

1 And the chewing locust, My great army ' Then the LORD will be  
zealous for His

land, And pity His people. which I sent among you.

2 6 ou shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,

1' The LORD will answer and say to His people, "Behold, I will send  
you grain And praise the name of the LORD your

and new wine and oil, And you will be God, Who has dealt  
wondrously with

satisfied by them; I will no longer make you; And My people shall  
never be put

you a reproach among the nations. to shame.

27

Then you shall know that I am in the they have scattered among the  
nations;

midst of Israel: I am the LORD your God They have also divided up  
My land. And there is no other. My people shall

never be put to shame. 3They have cast lots for My people,

Have given a boy as payment for a

2 "' And it shall come to pass afterward harlot, And sold a girl for wine,  
that they

That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; may drink. Your sons and  
your daughters shall

prophecy, Your old men shall dream 4 Indeed, what have you to do  
with Me, dreams, Your young men shall see O Tyre and Sidon, and all  
the coasts of

visions. Philistia? Will you retaliate against Me?

2 and speedily I will return your retaliation

9 And also on My menservants and on But if you retaliate against Me,  
Swiftly

My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit upon your own head; in  
those days.

3 My gold, And have carried into your

0 And I will show wonders in the 5 Because you have taken My silver  
and

heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire temples My prized  
possessions. and pillars of smoke.

1 6 Also the people of Judah and the

3 The sun shall be turned into darkness, people of Jerusalem You have  
sold to

And the moon into blood, Before the the Greeks, That you may  
remove them

coming of the great and awesome day far from their borders. of the  
LORD.

32 place to which you have sold them, And And it shall come to pass  
That 7 Behold, I will raise them Out of the

whoever calls on the name of the LORD will return your retaliation  
upon your own

Shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in head. Jerusalem there shall  
be deliverance,

As the LORD has said, Among the 8 1 will sell your sons and your  
daughters remnant whom the LORD calls. Into the hand of the people  
of Judah,

And they will sell them to the Sabeans,

To a people far off; For the LORD has

3 "For behold, in those days and at that spoken."

time, When I bring back the captives of

Judah and Jerusalem, 'Proclaim this among the nations:

"Prepare for war! Wake up the mighty

2 men, Let all the men of war draw near,

1 will also gather all nations, And bring

them Let them come up. down to the Valley of

Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into 1 0 Beat your plowshares into  
swords And judgment with them there On account of My people, My  
heritage Israel, Whom your pruning hooks into spears; Let the

weak say, "I am strong."

1 17 So you shall know that I am the 1 Assemble and come, all you  
nations, And gather together all around. Cause LORD your God,  
Dwelling in Zion My

Your mighty ones to go down there, O holy mountain. Then Jerusalem  
shall be

LORD. holy, And no aliens shall ever pass

through her again."

12 'Let the nations be wakened, and

1 8

come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And it will come to pass in that  
day

For there I will sit to judge all the That the mountains shall drip with  
new

surrounding nations. wine, The hills shall flow with milk, And

all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded

1 3 ut in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. with water; A fountain shall flow from the

Come, go down; For the winepress is house of the LORD And water the

full, The vats overflow-- For their Valley of Acacias. wickedness is great."

1 " Egypt shall be a desolation, And

14 Edom a desolate wilderness, Because

Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of

decision! For the day of the LORD is of violence against the people of Judah,

near in the valley of decision. For they have shed innocent blood in  
their land.

15The sun and moon will grow dark, And

2 0But Judah shall abide forever, And

the stars will diminish their brightness.

Jerusalem from generation to

16 generation.

The LORD also will roar from Zion,

And utter His voice from Jerusalem; The 21For I will acquit them of the guilt of heavens and earth will shake; But the LORD will be a shelter for His people, bloodshed, whom I had not acquitted;

And the strength of the children of Israel. For the LORD dwells in Zion."

# Prophet Jonah

8 Then they said to him, "Please tell us! For whose cause is this trouble upon

1 us? What is your occupation? And Now the word of the LORD came to

where do you come from? What is your

Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, country? And of what people are you?"

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, 'So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew;

and cry out against it; for their and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven,

wickedness has come up before Me." who made the sea and the dry land."

3But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish 1 0Then the men were exceedingly afraid, from the presence of the LORD. He and said to him, "Why have you done went down to Joppa, and found a ship this?" For the men knew that he fled going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, from the presence of the LORD, and went down into it, to go with them to because he had told them. Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 1

Then they said to him, "What shall we

4 do to you that the sea may be calm for

But the LORD sent out a great wind on us?"--for the sea was growing more



the sea, and there was a mighty tempestuous. tempest on the sea, so  
that the ship was

about to be broken up. 1 2And he said to them, "Pick me up and 5  
throw me into the sea; then the sea will

Then the mariners were afraid; and become calm for you. For I know  
that

every man cried out to his god, and this great tempest is because of  
me."

threw the cargo that was in the ship into

the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah 1 3Nevertheless the men rowed  
hard to had gone down into the lowest parts of

the ship, had lain down, and was fast return to land, but they could  
not, for the

asleep. sea continued to grow more

tempestuous against them.

6So the captain came to him, and said to 4Therefore they cried out to  
the LORD

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him, "What do you mean, sleeper? Arise,

call on your God; perhaps your God will and said, "We pray, O LORD,  
please do

not let us perish for this man's life, and  
consider us, so that we may not perish."

do not charge us with innocent blood;

7 for You, O LORD, have done as it

And they said to one another, "Come, please You."

let us cast lots, that we may know for  
whose cause this trouble has come  
upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot  
fell on Jonah.

17 5 So they picked up Jonah and threw When my soul fainted within  
me, I him into the sea, and the sea ceased remembered the LORD; And  
my prayer

from its raging. went up to You, Into Your holy temple.

18 6 Then the men feared the LORD Those who regard worthless idols  
exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to Forsake their own Mercy. the  
LORD and took vows.

'But I will sacrifice to You With the voice

17

Now the LORD had prepared a great of thanksgiving; I will pay  
what I have

fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in vowed. Salvation is of the  
LORD." the belly of the fish three days and three

nights. 10 So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it

vomited Jonah onto dry land.

2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his

God from the fish's belly. 3 Now the word of the LORD came to

Jonah the second time, saying,

2 And he said: "I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And  
He 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, answered me. "Out of the

belly of Sheol and preach to it the message that I tell

I cried, And You heard my voice. you."

3For You cast me into the deep, Into the 3So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, heart of the seas, And the floods according to the word of the LORD. Now

surrounded me; All Your billows and Nineveh was an exceedingly great city,

Your waves passed over me. a three-day journey in extent.

4 4 Then I said, "I have been cast out of And Jonah began to enter the city on Your sight; Yet I will look again toward the first day's walk. Then he cried out

Your holy temple.' and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh

shall be overthrown!"

5The waters surrounded me, even to my

soul; The deep closed around me; 5So the people of Nineveh believed God, Weeds were wrapped around my head. proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth,

from the greatest to the least of them.

6I went down to the moorings of the

mountains; The earth with its bars 6 Then word came to the king of closed behind me forever; Yet You have Nineveh; and he arose from his throne

brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, and laid aside his robe, covered himself

my God. with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

7 5 And he caused it to be proclaimed and So Jonah went out of the city and sat published throughout Nineveh by the on the east side of the city. There he

decree of the king and his nobles, made himself a shelter and sat under it

saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd in the shade, till he might see what

nor flock, taste anything; do not let them would become of the city. eat, or drink water.

6 And the LORD God prepared a plant

8But let man and beast be covered with and made it come up over Jonah, that it

sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, might be shade for his head to deliver

let every one turn from his evil way and him from his misery. So Jonah was very

from the violence that is in his hands. grateful for the plant.

'Who can tell if God will turn and relent, 7But as morning dawned the next day and turn away from His fierce anger, so God prepared a worm, and it so

that we may not perish? damaged the plant that it withered.

180

Then God saw their works, that they And it happened, when the sun arose,

turned from their evil way; and God that God prepared a vehement east

relented from the disaster that He had wind; and the sun beat on Jonah's head,

said He would bring upon them, and He so that he grew faint. Then he wished

did not do it. death for himself, and said, "It is better

for me to die than to live."

4But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, Then God said to Jonah, "Is it right for

and he became angry. you to be angry about the plant?" And

he said, "It is right for me to be angry,

2 even to death!"

So he prayed to the LORD, and said,

"Ah, LORD, was not this what I said 1 0But the LORD said, "You have had pity when I was still in my country?

on the plant for which you have not

Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish;

for I know that You are a gracious and labored, nor made it grow,  
which came

merciful God, slow to anger and up in a night and perished in a night.

abundant in lovingkindness, One who 11And should I not pity  
Nineveh, that relents from doing harm.

great city, in which are more than one

3Therefore now, O LORD, please take hundred and twenty thousand  
persons

my life from me, for it is better for me to who cannot discern between  
their right

hand and their left--and much

die than to live!"

livestock?"

4Then the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

# Prophet Amos

8 I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, And the one who holds  
the scepter from

1 Ashkelon; I will turn My hand against The words of Amos, who was  
among

Ekron, And the remnant of the

the sheepbreeders of Tekoa, which he Philistines shall perish," Says  
the Lord

saw concerning Israel in the days of GOD. Uzziah king of Judah, and  
in the days of

Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of 'Thus says the LORD: "For three  
Israel, two years before the earthquake.

transgressions of Tyre, and for four, I

2 will not turn away its punishment,

And he said: "The LORD roars from Because they delivered up the  
whole

Zion, And utters His voice from captivity to Edom, And did not

Jerusalem; The pastures of the remember the covenant of  
brotherhood. shepherds mourn, And the top of

Carmel withers." 1 0But I will send a fire upon the wall of

3Thus says the LORD: "For three Tyre, Which shall devour its palaces."

transgressions of Damascus, and for <sup>1</sup> four, I will not turn away its punishment, Thus says the LORD: "For three

Because they have threshed Gilead with transgressions of Edom, and for four, I

implements of iron. will not turn away its punishment,

Because he pursued his brother with the

<sup>4</sup> sword, And cast off all pity; His anger

But I will send a fire into the house of

tore perpetually, And he kept his wrath

Hazael, Which shall devour the palaces

forever.

of Ben-Hadad.

<sup>1</sup> 2

<sup>5</sup> But I will send a fire upon Teman,

<sup>1</sup> will also break the gate bar of

Which shall devour the palaces of

Damascus, And cut off the inhabitant Bozrah." from the Valley of Aven, And the one

who holds the scepter from Beth Eden. <sup>13</sup>Thus says the LORD: "For three The people of Syria shall go captive to

Kir," Says the LORD. transgressions of the people of Ammon,

and for four, I will not turn away its

<sup>6</sup> punishment, Because they ripped open

Thus says the LORD: "For three

the women with child in Gilead, That



transgressions of Gaza, and for four, I

they might enlarge their territory.

will not turn away its punishment,

Because they took captive the whole <sup>1</sup> 4But I will kindle a fire in the  
wall of captivity To deliver them up to Edom.

Rabbah, And it shall devour its palaces,

<sup>7</sup> Amid shouting in the day of battle, And a

But I will send a fire upon the wall of

tempest in the day of the whirlwind.

Gaza, Which shall devour its palaces.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup> 5Their king shall go into captivity, He They lie down by every altar  
on clothes

and his princes together," Says the taken in pledge, And drink the  
wine of

LORD. the condemned in the house of their god.

"Yet it was I who destroyed the Amorite

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: "For three before them, Whose height was like  
the

height of the cedars, And he was as

transgressions of Moab, and for four, I

strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his

will not turn away its punishment,

fruit above And his roots beneath.

Because he burned the bones of the

king of Edom to lime. <sup>1</sup> O Also it was I who brought you up from <sup>2</sup> the land of Egypt, And led you forty

But I will send a fire upon Moab, And it

shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; years through the wilderness, To

possess the land of the Amorite.

Moab shall die with tumult, With

shouting and trumpet sound. <sup>1</sup> <sup>1a</sup> raised up some of your sons as

<sup>3</sup> And I will cut off the judge from its midst, prophets, And some of your young men

as Nazirites. Is it not so, O you children

And slay all its princes with him," Says

of Israel?" Says the LORD.

the LORD.

<sup>12</sup> 'But you gave the Nazirites wine to

<sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD: "For three

drink, And commanded the prophets

transgressions of Judah, and for four, I saying, "Do not prophesy!" will not turn away its punishment,

Because they have despised the law of <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> Behold, I am weighed down by you, the LORD, And have not kept His commandments. Their lies lead them As a cart full of sheaves is weighed

astray, Lies which their fathers followed. down.

5 1 4Therefore flight shall perish from the

But I will send a fire upon Judah, And it

shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem." swift, The strong shall not  
strengthen his

power, Nor shall the mighty deliver

6 himself;

Thus says the LORD: "For three

transgressions of Israel, and for four, I 1 5He shall not stand who  
handles the will not turn away its punishment, Because they sell the  
righteous for silver, bow, The swift of foot shall not escape,

And the poor for a pair of sandals. Nor shall he who rides a horse  
deliver

himself.

7They pant after the dust of the earth 6The most courageous men of  
might

1

which is on the head of the poor, And

pervert the way of the humble. A man Shall flee naked in that day,"  
Says the

and his father go in to the same girl, To LORD. defile My holy name.

10For they do not know to do right,' Says

3Hear this word that the LORD has the LORD, "Who store up violence  
and

spoken against you, O children of Israel, robbery in their palaces."

against the whole family which I brought 1 1Therefore thus says the

Lord GOD: up from the land of Egypt, saying:

"An adversary shall be all around the

land; He shall sap your strength from You only have I known of all the

families of the earth; Therefore I will you, And your palaces shall be  
plundered."

punish you for all your iniquities."

Can two walk together, unless they are <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: "As a shepherd

takes from the mouth of a lion Two legs  
agreed?

or a piece of an ear, So shall the

<sup>4</sup> children of Israel be taken out Who

Will a lion roar in the forest, when he dwell in Samaria-- In the corner  
of a bed

has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of and on the edge of a couch!  
his den, if he has caught nothing?

13

<sup>5</sup> Hear and testify against the house of

Will a bird fall into a snare on the earth, Jacob," Says the Lord GOD,  
the God of

where there is no trap for it? Will a snare hosts, spring up from the  
earth, if it has caught

nothing at all? <sup>144</sup>That in the day I punish Israel for their <sup>6</sup>  
transgressions, I will also visit

If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not destruction on the altars of Bethel; And

the people be afraid? If there is calamity the horns of the altar shall be cut off And

in a city, will not the LORD have done fall to the ground.

it?

1 5a will destroy the winter house along

7Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, with the summer house; The houses of

Unless He reveals His secret to His ivory shall perish, And the great houses

servants the prophets. shall have an end," Says the LORD.

8A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can

4Hear this word, you cows of Bashan,  
but prophesy?

who are on the mountain of Samaria,  
Who oppress the poor, Who crush the

"Proclaim in the palaces at Ashdod,

needy, Who say to your husbands,  
And in the palaces in the land of Egypt,

"Bring wine, let us drink!"  
and say: "Assemble on the mountains of

Samaria; See great tumults in her midst, 2 The Lord GOD has sworn by

His And the oppressed within her.

holiness: "Behold, the days shall come

upon you When He will take you away with fishhooks, And your  
posterity with 10 sent among you a plague after the fishhooks. manner  
of Egypt; Your young men I

killed with a sword, Along with your

3You will go out through broken walls, captive horses; I made the  
stench of

Each one straight ahead of her, And you your camps come up into  
your nostrils;

will be cast into Harmon," Says the Yet you have not returned to Me,"  
Says

LORD. the LORD.

4 1 I overthrew some of you, As God

Come to Bethel and transgress, At

Gilgal multiply transgression; Bring your overthrew Sodom and  
Gomorrah, And

sacrifices every morning, Your tithes you were like a firebrand  
plucked from

every three days. the burning; Yet you have not returned

to Me," Says the LORD.

soffer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with 24 leaven, Proclaim and  
announce the 1 "Therefore thus will I do to you, O

freewill offerings; For this you love, You Israel; Because I will do this  
to you,

children of Israel!" Says the Lord GOD. Prepare to meet your God, O  
Israel!"

6 13 Also I gave you cleanness of teeth in For behold, He who forms mountains,

all your cities. And lack of bread in all And creates the wind, Who declares to

your places; Yet you have not returned man what his thought is, And makes the

to Me," Says the LORD. morning darkness, Who treads the high

places of the earth-- The LORD God of

7 hosts is His name. I also withheld rain from you, When there were still three months to the

harvest. I made it rain on one city, I

withheld rain from another city. One part 5Hear this word which I take up was rained upon, And where it did not against you, a lamentation, O house of

rain the part withered. Israel:

So two or three cities wandered to 2 The virgin of Israel has fallen; She will

another city to drink water, But they rise no more. She lies forsaken on her

were not satisfied; Yet you have not land; There is no one to raise her up.

returned to Me," Says the LORD.

3For thus says the Lord GOD: "The city

"I blasted you with blight and mildew. that goes out by a thousand Shall have

When your gardens increased, Your a hundred left, And that which goes out

vineyards, Your fig trees, And your olive by a hundred Shall have ten left to the

trees, The locust devoured them; Yet house of Israel." you have not returned to Me," Says the

LORD. <sup>4</sup> For thus says the LORD to the house of

Israel: "Seek Me and live;

<sup>5</sup> 14

But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal, Seek good and not evil, That you may

Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal live; So the LORD God of hosts will be

shall surely go into captivity, And Bethel with you, As you have spoken. shall come to nothing.

<sup>1</sup> 5

Hate evil, love good; Establish justice

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD and live, Lest He break in the gate. It may be that the LORD

out like fire in the house of Joseph, And God of hosts Will be gracious to the

devour it, With no one to quench it in remnant of Joseph. Bethel--

<sup>1</sup> 6 Therefore the LORD God of hosts, the

<sup>7</sup> You who turn justice to wormwood, And Lord, says this: "There shall be wailing

lay righteousness to rest in the earth!" in all streets, And they shall say in all

the highways, "Alas! Alas!" They shall

'He made the Pleiades and Orion; He call the farmer to mourning, And skillful

turns the shadow of death into morning lamenters to wailing.



And makes the day dark as night; He 7 n all vineyards there shall be wailing,

calls for the waters of the sea And pours <sup>1</sup> them out on the face of the earth; The For I will pass through you," Says the

LORD is His name. LORD.

'He rains ruin upon the strong, So that <sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the fury comes upon the fortress. LORD! For what good is the day of the

LORD to you? It will be darkness, and

<sup>10</sup> not light.

They hate the one who rebukes in the

gate, And they abhor the one who

speaks uprightly. <sup>1</sup>' It will be as though a man fled from a

lion, And a bear met him! Or as though

<sup>11</sup>Therefore, because you tread down he went into the house, Leaned his

the poor And take grain taxes from him, hand on the wall, And a serpent bit him!

Though you have built houses of hewn <sup>0</sup> s not the day of the LORD darkness,

stone, Yet you shall not dwell in them; <sup>2</sup> You have planted pleasant vineyards, and not light? Is it not very dark, with no

But you shall not drink wine from them. brightness in it?

<sup>1 2</sup> For I know your manifold <sup>1a</sup> hate, I despise your feast days, And

transgressions And your mighty sins: I do not savor your sacred assemblies.

Afflicting the just and taking bribes;

Diverting the poor from justice at the <sup>2</sup>2

Though you offer Me burnt offerings  
gate. and your grain offerings, I will not accept

them, Nor will I regard your fattened

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent keep silent at peace offerings. that time, For it is an evil time.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from Me the noise of your <sup>6</sup>Who drink wine from bowls,  
And anoint

songs, For I will not hear the melody of yourselves with the best ointments, But

your stringed instruments. are not grieved for the affliction of

Joseph.

<sup>24</sup>

But let justice run down like water, And  
righteousness like a mighty stream. <sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now go captive as

the first of the captives, And those who

<sup>25</sup><sup>§4</sup> recline at banquets shall be removed.

Did you offer Me sacrifices and  
offerings In the wilderness forty years, O  
house of Israel? <sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself,

The LORD God of hosts says: "I abhor

<sup>26</sup> ou also carried Sikkuth your king And the pride of Jacob, And hate his

Chiun, your idols, The star of your gods, palaces; Therefore I will deliver up the

Which you made for yourselves. city And all that is in it."

27Therefore I will send you into captivity Then it shall come to pass,  
that if ten

beyond Damascus," Says the LORD, men remain in one house, they shall die.

whose name is the God of hosts.

10And when a relative of the dead, with one who will burn the bodies,  
picks up

6Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, the bodies to take them out of the house,

he will say to one inside the house, "Are

And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable there any more with you?" Then persons in the chief nation, To whom

someone will say, "None." And he will

the house of Israel comes! say, "Hold your tongue! For we dare not

2 mention the name of the LORD."

Go over to Calneh and see; And from

there go to Hamath the great; Then go 1 1For behold, the LORD gives a down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you command: He will break the great house

better than these kingdoms? Or is their into bits, And the little house into pieces.

territory greater than your territory?

3Woe to you who put far off the day of Do horses run on rocks? Does

one

plow there with oxen? Yet you have  
doom, Who cause the seat of violence turned justice into gall, And the  
fruit of

to come near;

righteousness into wormwood,

4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on 3 ou who rejoice over Lo  
Debar, Who

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your couches, Eat lambs from the flock say, "Have we not taken  
Karnaim for

And calves from the midst of the stall;

ourselves By our own strength?"

5Who sing idly to the sound of stringed 4 'But, behold, I will raise up a  
nation 1

instruments, And invent for yourselves

against you, O house of Israel," Says  
musical instruments like David;

the LORD God of hosts; "And they will afflict you from the entrance of  
Hamath shall be laid waste. I will rise with the

To the Valley of the Arabah." sword against the house of Jeroboam."

10Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent

7Thus the Lord GOD showed me: to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying,

"Amos has conspired against you in the

Behold, He formed locust swarms at the  
midst of the house of Israel. The land is  
beginning of the late crop; indeed it was  
the late crop after the king's mowings. not able to bear all his words.

1 1For thus Amos has said: "Jeroboam

2And so it was, when they had finished eating the grass of the land,  
that I said: shall die by the sword, And Israel shall

"O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray! Oh, that surely be led away captive  
From their

Jacob may stand, For he is small!" own land."

3 Then Amaziah said to Amos: "Go, you So the LORD relented  
concerning this. 1 2

seer! Flee to the land of Judah. There

"It shall not be," said the LORD.

eat bread, And there prophesy.

4Thus the Lord GOD showed me: 3But never again prophesy at Bethel,

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Behold, the Lord GOD called for conflict

For it is the king's sanctuary, And it is  
by fire, and it consumed the great deep  
and devoured the territory. the royal residence."

14

5 Then Amos answered, and said to Then I said: "O Lord GOD, cease, I

pray! Oh, that Jacob may stand, For he Amaziah: "I was no prophet,  
Nor was I a

is small!" son of a prophet, But I was a

sheepbreeder And a tender of sycamore

6 fruit.

So the LORD relented concerning this.

"This also shall not be," said the Lord 1 5Then the LORD took me as I  
followed GOD.

the flock, And the LORD said to me, "Go,

7 prophesy to My people Israel.'

Thus He showed me: Behold, the Lord

stood on a wall made with a plumb line, 1 6Now therefore, hear the  
word of the with a plumb line in His hand.

LORD: You say, "Do not prophesy

8 against Israel, And do not spout against

And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what

the house of Isaac.'

do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said: "Behold, I am 1 7§ 'Therefore thus says the LORD:  
"Your setting a plumb line In the midst of My people Israel; I will not  
pass by them wife shall be a harlot in the city; Your

anymore. sons and daughters shall fall by the

sword; Your land shall be divided by

survey line; You shall die in a defiled

"The high places of Isaac shall be

desolate, And the sanctuaries of Israel land; And Israel shall surely be  
led away the sun go down at noon, And I will

captive From his own land." darken the earth in broad daylight;

<sup>10</sup> will turn your feasts into mourning,

8Thus the Lord GOD showed me: And all your songs into lamentation;  
I

will bring sackcloth on every waist, And

Behold, a basket of summer fruit.

baldness on every head; I will make it

<sup>2</sup> like mourning for an only son, And its

And He said, "Amos, what do you

end like a bitter day.

see?" So I said, "A basket of summer

fruit." Then the LORD said to me: "The <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> 'Behold, the days are  
coming," says end has come upon My people Israel; I the Lord GOD,  
"That I will send a famine will not pass by them anymore. on the land,  
Not a famine of bread, Nor

<sup>3</sup> a thirst for water, But of hearing the And the songs of the temple  
Shall be words of the LORD. wailing in that day," Says the Lord GOD-

- "Many dead bodies everywhere, They <sup>12</sup>They shall wander from sea  
to sea, shall be thrown out in silence." And from north to east; They  
shall run to <sup>4</sup> and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,

Hear this, you who swallow up the But shall not find it.

needy, And make the poor of the land

fail, <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> In that day the fair virgins And strong <sup>5</sup> young men Shall faint  
from thirst.

Saying: "When will the New Moon be

past, That we may sell grain? And the <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> Those who swear by the sin  
of Sabbath, That we may trade wheat? Samaria, Who say, "As your  
god lives, Making the ephah small and the shekel O Dan!' And, "As the  
way of Beersheba large, Falsifying the scales by deceit, lives!' They  
shall fall and never rise <sup>6</sup> again."

That we may buy the poor for silver,

And the needy for a pair of sandals--

Even sell the bad wheat?"

<sup>9</sup> <sup>1</sup> saw the Lord standing by the altar,

<sup>7</sup> and He said: "Strike the doorposts, that The LORD has sworn by the  
pride of

Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of the thresholds may shake,  
And break

their works. them on the heads of them all. I will slay

the last of them with the sword. He who

<sup>8</sup> flees from them shall not get away, And Shall the land not tremble  
for this, And

everyone mourn who dwells in it? All of he who escapes from them  
shall not be

it shall swell like the River, Heave and delivered.

subside Like the River of Egypt. <sup>2</sup> Though they dig into hell, From  
there



"And it shall come to pass in that day," My hand shall take them;  
Though they

says the Lord GOD, "That I will make climb up to heaven, From there I  
will 9 For surely I will command, And will sift bring them down; the  
house of Israel among all nations,

As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the

3And though they hide themselves on smallest grain shall fall to the  
ground.

top of Carmel, From there I will search

1 0

and take them; Though they hide from All the sinners of My people  
shall die

My sight at the bottom of the sea, From by the sword, Who say, "The  
calamity

there I will command the serpent, and it shall not overtake nor  
confront us.' shall bite them;

1 1 On that day I will raise up The

4Though they go into captivity before tabernacle of David, which has  
fallen

their enemies, From there I will down, And repair its damages; I will

command the sword, And it shall slay raise up its ruins, And rebuild it  
as in the

them. I will set My eyes on them for days of old; harm and not for  
good."

1 2

That they may possess the remnant of

5The Lord GOD of hosts, He who Edom, And all the Gentiles who are  
touches the earth and it melts, And all called by My name," Says the  
LORD

who dwell there mourn; All of it shall who does this thing. swell like the River, And subside like the

River of Egypt. 13 Behold, the days are coming," says

the LORD, "When the plowman shall

6He who builds His layers in the sky, overtake the reaper, And the treader of

And has founded His strata in the earth; grapes him who sows seed; The

Who calls for the waters of the sea, And mountains shall drip with sweet wine,

pours them out on the face of the earth-- And all the hills shall flow with it. The LORD is His name.

1 4a will bring back the captives of My

7 Are you not like the people of Ethiopia people Israel; They shall build the waste

to Me, O children of Israel?" says the cities and inhabit them; They shall plant

LORD. "Did I not bring up Israel from the vineyards and drink wine from them;

land of Egypt, The Philistines from They shall also make gardens and eat

Caphtor, And the Syrians from Kir? fruit from them.

8 1 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are 5a will plant them in their land, And no on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy longer shall they be pulled up From the

it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not land I have given them," Says the LORD

utterly destroy the house of Jacob," your God. Says the LORD.

# Prophet Hosea

bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses

1 or horsemen." The word of the LORD that came to

Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of sNow when she had weaned Lo-Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a

Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of son. Israel.

"Then God said: "Call his name Lo-

2 Ammi, For you are not My people, And I When the LORD began to speak by

Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea: "Go, will not be your God.

take yourself a wife of harlotry And 1 0 Yet the number of the children of children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea,

from the LORD." Which cannot be measured or

numbered. And it shall come to pass In

3 the place where it was said to them, So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived "You are not My people,' There it shall

and bore him a son. be said to them, "You are sons of the

living God.'

4Then the LORD said to him: "Call his 1 name Jezreel, For in a little while I will 1 Then the children of Judah and the

avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the children of Israel Shall be gathered

house of Jehu, And bring an end to the together, And appoint for themselves

kingdom of the house of Israel. one head; And they shall come up out of

the land, For great will be the day of

5 Jezreel!

It shall come to pass in that day That I

will break the bow of Israel in the Valley

of Jezreel."

2Say to your brethren, "My people,'

6And she conceived again and bore a And to your sisters, "Mercy is shown.'

daughter. Then God said to him: "Call

her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will no 2 Bring charges against your mother, longer have mercy on the house of bring charges; For she is not My wife,

Israel, But I will utterly take them away. nor am I her Husband! Let her put away

her harlotries from her sight, And her

7Yet I will have mercy on the house of adulteries from between her breasts;

Judah, Will save them by the LORD

their God, And will not save them by 3Lest I strip her naked And expose her,

as in the day she was born, And make her like a wilderness, And set her like a 'And 12 I will destroy her vines and her fig dry land, And slay her with thirst. trees, Of which she has said, "These are

my wages that my lovers have given

4 me.' So I will make them a forest, And I will not have mercy on her children,

For they are the children of harlotry. the beasts of the field shall eat them.

5 1 3 will punish her For the days of the

For their mother has played the harlot;

She who conceived them has behaved Baals to which she burned incense. She

shamefully. For she said, "I will go after decked herself with her earrings and

my lovers, Who give me my bread and jewelry, And went after her lovers; But

my water, My wool and my linen, My oil Me she forgot," says the LORD. and my drink.'

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'Therefore, behold, I will allure her,

6 Will bring her into the wilderness, And Therefore, behold, I will hedge up your

way with thorns, And wall her in, So that speak comfort to her.

she cannot find her paths. 5a will give her her vineyards from there,

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7 And the Valley of Achor as a door of She will chase her lovers, But not

overtake them; Yes, she will seek them, hope; She shall sing there, As in the

but not find them. Then she will say, "I days of her youth, As in the day when

will go and return to my first husband, she came up from the land of Egypt. For then it was better for me than now.'

1 6 'And it shall be, in that day," Says the

8 LORD, "That you will call Me "My For she did not know That I gave her

grain, new wine, and oil, And multiplied Husband,' And no longer call Me "My

her silver and gold-- Which they Master,'

prepared for Baal. 7For I will take from her mouth the

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"Therefore I will return and take away names of the Baals, And they shall be

My grain in its time And My new wine in remembered by their name no more.

its season, And will take back My wool 8 n that day I will make a covenant for

and My linen, Given to cover her 1 nakedness. them With the beasts of the field, With

the birds of the air, And with the

10Now I will uncover her lewdness in the creeping things of the ground. Bow and

sight of her lovers, And no one shall sword of battle I will shatter from the

deliver her from My hand. earth, To make them lie down safely.

1 ' I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I

1 will also cause all her mirth to cease, 1

Her feast days, Her New Moons, Her will betroth you to Me In  
righteousness

Sabbaths-- All her appointed feasts. and justice, In lovingkindness and  
mercy;

20 will betroth you to Me in faithfulness,

and David their king. They shall fear the

And you shall know the LORD. LORD and His goodness in the latter  
days.

21a It shall come to pass in that day That I will answer," says the  
LORD; "I will

answer the heavens, And they shall 4Hear the word of the LORD, You  
answer the earth.

children of Israel, For the LORD brings a

2 charge against the inhabitants of the 2 The earth shall answer With  
grain, land: "There is no truth or mercy Or

With new wine, And with oil; They shall knowledge of God in the  
land. answer Jezreel.

2 By swearing and lying, Killing and

23 Then I will sow her for Myself in the stealing and committing  
adultery, They

earth, And I will have mercy on her who break all restraint, With  
bloodshed upon

had not obtained mercy; Then I will say bloodshed. to those who were  
not My people, "You

are My people!' And they shall say, "You 3Therefore the land will  
mourn; And

are my God!"

everyone who dwells there will waste  
away With the beasts of the field And  
the birds of the air; Even the fish of the

3Then the LORD said to me, "Go sea will be taken away.

again, love a woman who is loved by a

lover and is committing adultery, just like 4 Now let no man  
contend, or rebuke the love of the LORD for the children of another;  
For your people are like those

Israel, who look to other gods and love who contend with the priest.  
the raisin cakes of the pagans."

5Therefore you shall stumble in the day;

2So I bought her for myself for fifteen The prophet also shall stumble  
with you

shekels of silver, and one and one-half in the night; And I will destroy  
your

homers of barley. mother.

3And I said to her, "You shall stay with 6My people are destroyed for  
lack of me many days; you shall not play the knowledge. Because you  
have rejected

harlot, nor shall you have a man--so, too, knowledge, I also will reject  
you from

will I be toward you." being priest for Me; Because you have

forgotten the law of your God, I also will

4 forget your children. For the children of Israel shall abide many days  
without king or prince,



without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without 7 The more they increased,  
The more ephod or teraphim. they sinned against Me; I will change

their glory into shame.

5Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their  
God 8 16 'For They eat up the sin of My people; They Israel is stubborn  
Like a stubborn set their heart on their iniquity. calf; Now the LORD  
will let them forage

Like a lamb in open country.

'And it shall be: like people, like priest.

So I will punish them for their ways, And 1 7 Ephraim is joined to  
idols, Let him reward them for their deeds. alone.

1 1 0 8

For they shall eat, but not have Their drink is rebellion, They  
commit

enough; They shall commit harlotry, but harlotry continually. Her  
rulers dearly

not increase; Because they have love dishonor. ceased obeying the  
LORD.

1 ' The wind has wrapped her up in its

1 1 Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave

wings, And they shall be ashamed

the heart. because of their sacrifices.

12

My people ask counsel from their

wooden idols, And their staff informs 5 Hear this, O priests! Take

heed, O them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, And they have house of Israel! Give ear, O house of

played the harlot against their God. the king! For yours is the judgment,

Because you have been a snare to

<sup>13</sup>They offer sacrifices on the Mizpah And a net spread on Tabor.

mountaintops, And burn incense on the <sup>2</sup>The revoltors are deeply involved in hills, Under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, Because their shade is good. slaughter, Though I rebuke them all.

Therefore your daughters commit Al know Ephraim, And Israel is not harlotry, And your brides commit

adultery. hidden from Me; For now, O Ephraim,

you commit harlotry; Israel is defiled.

<sup>14</sup> will not punish your daughters when they commit harlotry, Nor your brides <sup>4</sup> They do not direct their deeds Toward when they commit adultery; For the men turning to their God, For the spirit of

themselves go apart with harlots, And harlotry is in their midst, And they do not

offer sacrifices with a ritual harlot. know the LORD. Therefore people who do not

understand will be trampled. <sup>5</sup> The pride of Israel testifies to his face;

Therefore Israel and Ephraim stumble in

<sup>15</sup>§'Though you, Israel, play the harlot, their iniquity; Judah also stumbles with

Let not Judah offend. Do not come up to them.

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Nor go up to Beth Aven, Nor

# Gilgal,

swear an oath, saying, "As the LORD 6 With their flocks and herds  
They shall lives'-- go to seek the LORD, But they will not

find Him; He has withdrawn Himself  
from them.

7They have dealt treacherously with the LORD, For they have begotten  
pagan 6Come, and let us return to the LORD;

children. Now a New Moon shall devour

For He has torn, but He will heal us; He  
them and their heritage.

has stricken, but He will bind us up.

8 Blow the ram's horn in Gibeah, The

2After two days He will revive us; On the  
trumpet in Ramah! Cry aloud at Beth

Aven, "Look behind you, O Benjamin!" third day He will raise us up,  
That we

may live in His sight.

Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of 3Let us know, Let us pursue  
the

rebuke; Among the tribes of Israel I

knowledge of the LORD. His going forth  
make known what is sure. is established as the morning; He will

1 come to us like the rain, Like the latter 0§ 7Th e princes of Judah are

like those and former rain to the earth.

who remove a landmark; I will pour out

My wrath on them like water. <sup>4</sup> O Ephraim, what shall I do to you? O

<sup>1</sup> faithfulness is like a morning cloud, And

1 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in Judah, what shall I do to you?  
For your

judgment, Because he willingly walked like the early dew it goes  
away. by human precept.

<sup>1</sup> prophets, I have slain them by the words

<sup>2</sup> Therefore I will be to Ephraim like a <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by  
the

moth, And to the house of Judah like of My mouth; And your  
judgments are

rottenness. like light that goes forth.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> <sup>3a</sup> When Ephraim saw his sickness, And

For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,

Judah saw his wound, Then Ephraim And the knowledge of God more  
than

went to Assyria And sent to King Jareb; burnt offerings. Yet he cannot  
cure you, Nor heal you of

your wound. <sup>7</sup> But like men they transgressed the

<sup>1</sup> covenant; There they dealt <sup>4</sup> For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, And

treacherously with Me.

like a young lion to the house of Judah. I,

even I, will tear them and go away; I will s

Gilead is a city of evildoers And defiled

take them away, and no one shall

with blood.

rescue.

<sup>1</sup> As bands of robbers lie in wait for a <sup>5a</sup> will return again to My place  
Till they

man, So the company of priests murder

acknowledge their offense. Then they

on the way to Shechem; Surely they

will seek My face; In their affliction they

commit lewdness.

will earnestly seek Me."

<sup>10</sup> I have seen a horrible thing in the <sup>8</sup> Ephraim has mixed himself  
among the

house of Israel: There is the harlotry of peoples; Ephraim is a cake  
unturned.

Ephraim; Israel is defiled.

<sup>9</sup> Aliens have devoured his strength, But

<sup>11</sup> Also, O Judah, a harvest is appointed he does not know it; Yes, gray  
hairs are

for you, When I return the captives of here and there on him, Yet he  
does not

My people. know it.

And the pride of Israel testifies to his

7 face, But they do not return to the LORD When I would have healed Israel,

their God, Nor seek Him for all this.

Then the iniquity of Ephraim was

uncovered, And the wickedness of 1 1 'Ephraim also is like a silly dove, Samaria. For they have committed fraud; A thief comes in; A band of without sense-- They call to Egypt, They

robbers takes spoil outside. go to Assyria.

2 Wherever they go, I will spread My net They do not consider in their hearts

That I remember all their wickedness; on them; I will bring them down like

Now their own deeds have surrounded birds of the air; I will chastise them

them; They are before My face. According to what their congregation

has heard.

3They make a king glad with their 13 Woe to them, for they have fled from wickedness, And princes with their lies.

Me! Destruction to them, Because they

4 have transgressed against Me! Though I

They are all adulterers. Like an oven

redeemed them, Yet they have spoken

heated by a baker-- He ceases stirring

lies against Me.

the fire after kneading the dough, Until it

is leavened. <sup>1</sup> 4They did not cry out to Me with their <sup>5</sup> heart When  
they wailed upon their beds.

In the day of our king Princes have

"They assemble together for grain and

made him sick, inflamed with wine; He

new wine, They rebel against Me;

stretched out his hand with scoffers.

<sup>1</sup> 5Though I disciplined and strengthened

<sup>6</sup>They prepare their heart like an oven,

their arms, Yet they devise evil against

While they lie in wait; Their baker sleeps

Me;

all night; In the morning it burns like a

flaming fire. <sup>1</sup> 6They return, but not to the Most High; <sup>7</sup> They are like a  
treacherous bow. Their

They are all hot, like an oven, And have

princes shall fall by the sword For the

devoured their judges; All their kings

cursings of their tongue. This shall be

have fallen. None among them calls

their derision in the land of Egypt.

upon Me.

they shall sorrow a little, Because of the

8 Set the trumpet to your mouth! He burden of the king of princes.

shall come like an eagle against the 11 'Because Ephraim has made  
many house of the LORD, Because they have transgressed My  
covenant And rebelled altars for sin, They have become for him

against My law. altars for sinning.

21 2a have written for him the great things

Israel will cry to Me, "My God, we know

You!" of My law, But they were considered a

strange thing.

3Israel has rejected the good; The 1 3For the sacrifices of My offerings  
they enemy will pursue him.

sacrifice flesh and eat it, But the LORD

4 does not accept them. Now He will They set up kings, but not by Me;  
They

made princes, but I did not acknowledge remember their iniquity and  
punish their

them. From their silver and gold They sins. They shall return to Egypt.

made idols for themselves-- That they 1 4 'For Israel has forgotten his  
Maker, might be cut off.

And has built temples; Judah also has



5 multiplied fortified cities; But I will send

Your calf is rejected, O Samaria! My

fire upon his cities, And it shall devour

anger is aroused against them-- How

long until they attain to innocence? his palaces."

6For from Israel is even this: A workman made it, and it is not God;  
But the calf of 9Do not rejoice, O Israel, with joy like

Samaria shall be broken to pieces. other peoples, For you have played  
the

harlot against your God. You have made

7 love for hire on every threshing floor. They sow the wind, And reap  
the whirlwind. The stalk has no bud; It shall

never produce meal. If it should produce, 2 The threshing floor and the  
winepress Aliens would swallow it up. Shall not feed them, And the  
new wine

shall fail in her.

8Israel is swallowed up; Now they are among the Gentiles Like a vessel  
in 3They shall not dwell in the LORD's land,

which is no pleasure. But Ephraim shall return to Egypt, And

shall eat unclean things in Assyria.

'For they have gone up to Assyria, Like

a wild donkey alone by itself; Ephraim 4They shall not offer wine  
offerings to has hired lovers. the LORD, Nor shall their sacrifices be

pleasing to Him. It shall be like bread of

10 es, though they have hired among mourners to them; All who eat it  
shall be

the nations, Now I will gather them; And defiled. For their bread shall

be for their

own life; It shall not come into the house Yes, woe to them when I  
depart from

of the LORD. them!

5 13

What will you do in the appointed day, Just as I saw Ephraim like  
Tyre,

And in the day of the feast of the planted in a pleasant place, So  
Ephraim

LORD? will bring out his children to the

murderer."

6For indeed they are gone because of

1 4

destruction. Egypt shall gather them up; Give them, O LORD-- What  
will You

Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall give? Give them a miscarrying  
womb

possess their valuables of silver; Thorns And dry breasts! shall be in  
their tents.

154'All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For

7The days of punishment have come; there I hated them. Because of  
the evil

The days of recompense have come. of their deeds I will drive them  
from My

Israel knows! The prophet is a fool, The house; I will love them no  
more. All their

spiritual man is insane, Because of the princes are rebellious. greatness  
of your iniquity and great

enmity. <sup>16</sup>Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried

up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were

<sup>8</sup>The watchman of Ephraim is with my they to bear children, I would  
kill the

God; But the prophet is a fowler's snare darlings of their womb." in all  
his ways-- Enmity in the house of

his God. <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>My God will cast them away, Because

they did not obey Him; And they shall be

"They are deeply corrupted, As in the wanderers among the nations.  
days of Gibeah. He will remember their

iniquity; He will punish their sins.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Olsrael empties his vine; He brings <sup>0a</sup> found Israel Like grapes  
in the

forth fruit for himself. According to the

wilderness; I saw your fathers As the

multitude of his fruit He has increased

firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season.

the altars; According to the bounty of his

But they went to Baal Peor, And

land They have embellished his sacred

separated themselves to that shame;

pillars.

They became an abomination like the

thing they loved. <sup>2</sup> Their heart is divided; Now they are <sup>1</sup> held guilty.

He will break down their 1

As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly altars; He will ruin their sacred pillars.

away like a bird-- No birth, no pregnancy,

and no conception! 3For now they say, "We have no king,

1 Because we did not fear the LORD. And 2Though they bring up their children,

as for a king, what would he do for us?"

Yet I will bereave them to the last man.

4They have spoken words, Swearing ground, For it is time to seek the LORD,

falsely in making a covenant. Thus Till He comes and rains righteousness

judgment springs up like hemlock in the on you. furrows of the field.

1 3 ou have plowed wickedness; You

5The inhabitants of Samaria fear have reaped iniquity. You have eaten

Because of the calf of Beth Aven. For its the fruit of lies, Because you trusted in

people mourn for it, And its priests your own way, In the multitude of your

shriek for it-- Because its glory has mighty men. departed from it.

1 4Therefore tumult shall arise among

6The idol also shall be carried to Assyria your people, And all your fortresses

As a present for King Jareb. Ephraim shall be plundered As Shalman shall receive shame, And Israel shall be plundered Beth Arbel in the

day of

ashamed of his own counsel. battle-- A mother dashed in pieces upon  
her children.

7As for Samaria, her king is cut off Like

15

a twig on the water. Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel,

Because of your great wickedness. At

8 dawn the king of Israel Shall be cut off Also the high places of Aven,  
the sin of

Israel, Shall be destroyed. The thorn utterly. and thistle shall grow on  
their altars;

They shall say to the mountains, "Cover

us!" And to the hills, "Fall on us!" 1 1 When Israel was a child, I  
loved

him, And out of Egypt I called My son.

"O Israel, you have sinned from the

days of Gibeah; There they stood. The 2

As they called them, So they went from

battle in Gibeah against the children of

them; They sacrificed to the Baals, And

iniquity Did not overtake them.

burned incense to carved images.

10When it is My desire, I will chasten 3

"I taught Ephraim to walk, Taking them

them. Peoples shall be gathered against

by their arms; But they did not know that  
them When I bind them for their two  
I healed them.  
transgressions.

<sup>1</sup> Ephraim is a trained heifer That loves <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> drew them with gentle  
cords, With  
bands of love, And I was to them as  
to thresh grain; But I harnessed her fair  
those who take the yoke from their neck.  
neck, I will make Ephraim pull a plow.

I stooped and fed them.  
Judah shall plow; Jacob shall break his

clouds." <sup>5</sup> He shall not return to the land of <sup>1</sup> Egypt; But the Assyrian  
shall be his king, <sup>2</sup>

Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
Because they refused to repent.

Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow <sup>6</sup> <sup>2</sup> And the sword shall slash in  
his cities, The LORD also brings a charge Devour his districts, And  
consume them, against Judah, And will punish Jacob

Because of their own counsels. according to his ways; According to his  
deeds He will recompense him.

<sup>7</sup>My people are bent on backsliding from

Me. Though they call to the Most High, He took his brother by the  
heel in the

None at all exalt Him. womb, And in his strength he struggled

with God.

8 How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel?  
How can I 4 Yes, he struggled with the Angel and make you like  
Admah? How can I set prevailed; He wept, and sought favor

you like Zeboiim? My heart churns from Him. He found Him in  
Bethel, And

within Me; My sympathy is stirred. there He spoke to us--

'I will not execute the fierceness of My 5That is, the LORD God of  
hosts. The anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim. LORD is His  
memorable name. For I am God, and not man, The Holy

One in your midst; And I will not come 6 So you, by the help of your  
God, return; with terror. Observe mercy and justice, And wait on

your God continually.

10§"They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He  
roars, 7 A cunning Canaanite! Deceitful scales Then His sons shall  
come trembling are in his hand; He loves to oppress.

from the west;

1 And Ephraim said, "Surely I have

1

They shall come trembling like a bird become rich, I have found  
wealth for

from Egypt, Like a dove from the land of myself; In all my labors They  
shall find in

Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their me no iniquity that is sin.'  
houses," Says the LORD.

1 since the land of Egypt; I will again

2 Ephraim has encircled Me with lies, 9 But I am the LORD your God,  
Ever

And the house of Israel with deceit; But make you dwell in tents, As  
in the days

Judah still walks with God, Even with of the appointed feast. the Holy  
One who is faithful.

1 0a have also spoken by the prophets, And have multiplied visions; I  
have

1 2 Ephraim feeds on the wind, And given symbols through the  
witness of

pursues the east wind; He daily the prophets."

increases lies and desolation. Also they 1 Though Gilead has idols--  
Surely they

make a covenant with the Assyrians, 1 And oil is carried to Egypt. are  
vanity-- Though they sacrifice bulls

in Gilgal, Indeed their altars shall be

heaps in the furrows of the field.

1 7 2

Jacob fled to the country of Syria; So I will be to them like a lion;  
Like a

Israel served for a spouse, And for a leopard by the road I will lurk;  
wife he tended sheep.

81 will meet them like a bear deprived of

13

By a prophet the LORD brought Israel her cubs; I will tear open  
their rib cage,

out of Egypt, And by a prophet he was And there I will devour them  
like a lion.



preserved. The wild beast shall tear them.

<sup>14</sup>Ephraim provoked Him to anger most "O Israel, you are destroyed,  
But your

bitterly; Therefore his Lord will leave the help is from Me. guilt of his  
bloodshed upon him, And

return his reproach upon him. <sup>1</sup> Oa will be your King; Where is any  
other,

That he may save you in all your cities?

And your judges to whom you said,

<sup>1</sup> "Give me a king and princes"? <sup>3</sup> When Ephraim spoke, trembling,

He exalted himself in Israel; But when <sup>11a</sup> gave you a king in My  
anger, And he offended through Baal worship, he died. took him away  
in My wrath.

<sup>124</sup>The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up;

<sup>2</sup>Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded  
images, His sin is stored up. Idols of their silver, according to their

skill; All of it is the work of craftsmen. <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

The sorrows of a woman in childbirth

They say of them, "Let the men who shall come upon him. He is an  
unwise

sacrifice kiss the calves!" son, For he should not stay long where

children are born.

3

Therefore they shall be like the morning

cloud And like the early dew that passes 14 will ransom them from the power of away, Like chaff blown off from a the grave; I will redeem them from death.

threshing floor And like smoke from a O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave,

chimney. I will be your destruction! Pity is hidden

from My eyes."

4 Yet I am the LORD your God Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall 1 5Though he is fruitful among his know no God but Me; For there is no brethren, An east wind shall come; The

savior besides Me. wind of the LORD shall come up from

the wilderness. Then his spring shall

5 become dry, And his fountain shall be 1 knew you in the wilderness, In the

land of great drought. dried up. He shall plunder the treasury

of every desirable prize.

6When they had pasture, they were filled; They were filled and their heart Samaria is held guilty, For she has 16

was exalted; Therefore they forgot Me. rebelled against her God. They shall fall

by the sword, Their infants shall be 51 will be like the dew to Israel; He shall dashed in pieces, And their women with grow like the lily, And lengthen his roots

child ripped open. like Lebanon.

6His branches shall spread; His beauty

1 shall be like an olive tree, And his 40 Israel, return to the LORD your

God, For you have stumbled because of fragrance like Lebanon.

your iniquity; <sup>7</sup>Those who dwell under his shadow <sup>2</sup> shall return; They shall be revived like

Take words with you, And return to the

grain, And grow like a vine. Their scent

LORD. Say to Him, "Take away all

shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

iniquity; Receive us graciously, For we

will offer the sacrifices of our lips. <sup>8</sup> Ephraim shall say, "What have I to do <sup>3</sup> anymore with idols?" I have heard and

Assyria shall not save us, We will not

observed him. I am like a green cypress

ride on horses, Nor will we say anymore

tree; Your fruit is found in Me."

to the work of our hands, "You are our

gods.' For in You the fatherless finds <sup>9</sup> Who is wise? Let him understand these mercy."

things. Who is prudent? Let him know

<sup>4</sup> them. For the ways of the LORD are I will heal their backsliding, I will love

right; The righteous walk in them, But

them freely, For My anger has turned

transgressors stumble in them.

away from him.

# Prophet Isaiah

8So the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, As a hut in a garden

1 of cucumbers, As a besieged city. The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz,

which he saw concerning Judah and 'Unless the LORD of hosts Had left to

Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah,

Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of us a very small remnant, We would

have become like Sodom, We would

Judah.

have been made like Gomorrah.

2Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O O Hear the word of the LORD, You rulers

1

earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I

of Sodom; Give ear to the law of our

have nourished and brought up children,

And they have rebelled against Me; God, You people of Gomorrah:

3The ox knows its owner And the 11 "To what purpose is the multitude

of

donkey its master's crib; But Israel your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD.

does

"I have had enough of burnt offerings of  
not know, My people do not consider."

rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not  
4 delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs

Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with or goats.

iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children

who are corrupters! They have forsaken 1 24 When you come to  
appear before Me, the LORD, They have provoked to Who has  
required this from your hand, anger The Holy One of Israel, They To  
trample My courts? have turned away backward.

1 3Bring no more futile sacrifices; Incense

5Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more.  
The whole is an abomination to Me. The New

head is sick, And the whole heart faints. Moons, the Sabbaths, and the  
calling of

assemblies-- I cannot endure iniquity

6 and the sacred meeting.

From the sole of the foot even to the

head, There is no soundness in it, But 14 our New Moons and your  
appointed wounds and bruises and putrefying feasts My soul hates;  
They are a trouble sores; They have not been closed or to Me, I am

weary of bearing them. bound up, Or soothed with ointment.

15When you spread out your hands, I will

7Your country is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire; Strangers devour hide My eyes from you; Even though

your land in your presence; And it is you make many prayers, I will not hear.

desolate, as overthrown by strangers. Your hands are full of blood.

1 2 6 5 will turn My hand against you, And

Wash yourselves, make yourselves

clean; Put away the evil of your doings thoroughly purge away your dross, And

from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, take away all your alloy.

1 2 7 6a will restore your judges as at the first, Learn to do good; Seek justice, Rebuke the oppressor; Defend the And your counselors as at the beginning.

fatherless, Plead for the widow. Afterward you shall be called the city of

righteousness, the faithful city."

1" Come now, and let us reason 7Zion shall be redeemed with justice, together," Says the LORD, "Though 2 your sins are like scarlet, They shall be And her penitents with righteousness.

as white as snow; Though they are red

like crimson, They shall be as wool. 2 ' The destruction of transgressors and

of sinners shall be together, And those

1' If you are willing and obedient, You who forsake the LORD shall be  
shall eat the good of the land; consumed.

22 OBut if you refuse and rebel, You shall ' For they shall be ashamed  
of the  
be devoured by the sword"; For the terebinth trees Which you have  
desired;  
mouth of the LORD has spoken. And you shall be embarrassed because  
of the gardens Which you have chosen.

21  
How the faithful city has become a 30 For you shall be as a  
terebinth whose  
harlot! It was full of justice; Righteousness lodged in it, But now leaf  
fades, And as a garden that has no  
murderers. water.

23 21  
Your silver has become dross, Your The strong shall be as tinder,  
And the  
wine mixed with water. work of it as a spark; Both will burn  
together, And no one shall quench them.

23Your princes are rebellious, And companions of thieves; Everyone  
loves  
bribes, And follows after rewards. They 2 The word that Isaiah the son  
of Amoz  
do not defend the fatherless, Nor does saw concerning Judah and  
Jerusalem.  
the cause of the widow come before

them. 2

Now it shall come to pass in the latter

2 days That the mountain of the LORD's 4Therefore the Lord says, The LORD of

house Shall be established on the top of

hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I the mountains, And shall be exalted

will rid Myself of My adversaries, And above the hills; And all nations shall flow

take vengeance on My enemies. to it.

3Many people shall come and say,

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, To the house of the God be bowed down, And the LORD alone

of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And shall be exalted in that day. we shall walk in His paths." For out of

Zion shall go forth the law, And the word 2 1For the day of the LORD of hosts Shall of the LORD from Jerusalem. come upon everything proud and lofty,

Upon everything lifted up-- And it shall

4He shall judge between the nations, be brought low--And rebuke many people; They shall

beat their swords into plowshares, And 1 3Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that their spears into pruning hooks; Nation are high and lifted up, And upon all the

shall not lift up sword against nation, oaks of Bashan; Neither shall they learn war anymore.



5 Upon all the high mountains, And upon

O house of Jacob, come and let us all the hills that are lifted up;  
walk In the light of the LORD.

1 5

6 Upon every high tower, And upon

For You have forsaken Your people, every fortified wall;

the house of Jacob, Because they are

filled with eastern ways; They are 1 6

Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And

soothsayers like the Philistines, And

upon all the beautiful sloops.

they are pleased with the children of

foreigners. 1 7The loftiness of man shall be bowed 7 down, And the  
haughtiness of men shall

Their land is also full of silver and gold, be brought low; The LORD  
alone will be

And there is no end to their treasures;

exalted in that day,

Their land is also full of horses, And

there is no end to their chariots. 1 ' But the idols He shall utterly  
abolish.

8Their land is also full of idols; They

1 ' They shall go into the holes of the

worship the work of their own hands,

That which their own fingers have made. rocks, And into the caves of  
the earth,

From the terror of the LORD And the  
glory of His majesty, When He arises to

'People bow down, And each man

shake the earth mightily.

humbles himself; Therefore do not

forgive them. 2 On that day a man will cast away his 1 idols of silver  
And his idols of gold, 0

Enter into the rock, and hide in the

Which they made, each for himself to

dust, From the terror of the LORD And

worship, To the moles and bats,

the glory of His majesty.

1

1The lofty looks of man shall be 2 1To go into the clefts of the rocks,  
And

into the crags of the rugged rocks, From

humbled, The haughtiness of men shall

the terror of the LORD And the glory of His majesty, When He arises  
to shake doings Are against the LORD, To

the earth mightily. provoke the eyes of His glory.

Sever yourselves from such a man, The look on their countenance  
 Whose breath is in his nostrils; For of witnesses against them, And  
 they  
 what account is he? declare their sin as Sodom; They do not  
 hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have  
 brought evil upon themselves.

3 For behold, the Lord, the LORD of 1 0 Say to the righteous that it  
 shall be hosts, Takes away from Jerusalem and well with them, For  
 they shall eat the from Judah The stock and the store, fruit of their  
 doings. The whole supply of bread and the

whole supply of water; 1 1 Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with 2 him,  
 For the reward of his hands shall

The mighty man and the man of war,  
 be given him.

The judge and the prophet, And the

diviner and the elder; 1 2 As for My people, children are their

3 The captain of fifty and the honorable oppressors, And women  
 rule over them. O My people! Those who lead you man, The  
 counselor and the skillful cause you to err, And destroy the way  
 of artisan, And the expert enchanter. your paths."

4 I will give children to be their princes, 3

1 The LORD stands up to plead, And

And babes shall rule over them.

stands to judge the people.

5The people will be oppressed, Every 4

1 The LORD will enter into judgment

one by another and every one by his

With the elders of His people And His

neighbor; The child will be insolent

toward the elder, And the base toward princes: "For you have eaten up  
the

vineyard; The plunder of the poor is in

the honorable."

your houses.

6When a man takes hold of his brother 5What do you mean by  
crushing My

1

In the house of his father, saying, "You

people And grinding the faces of the

have clothing; You be our ruler, And let

these ruins be under your power," poor?" Says the Lord GOD of hosts.

1 6Moreover the LORD says: "Because

7In that day he will protest, saying, "I

the daughters of Zion are haughty, And

cannot cure your ills, For in my house is

neither food nor clothing; Do not make walk with outstretched necks  
And

wanton eyes, Walking and mincing as  
me a ruler of the people."

they go, Making a jingling with their feet,

'For Jerusalem stumbled, And Judah is

fallen, Because their tongue and their 17Therefore the Lord will  
strike with a scab The crown of the head of the 4And in that day  
seven women shall

daughters of Zion, And the LORD will

take hold of one man, saying, "We will  
uncover their secret parts."

eat our own food and wear our own  
1 apparel; Only let us be called by your

' In that day the Lord will take away the name, To take away our  
reproach."

finery: The jingling anklets, the scarves,  
and the crescents; 2

In that day the Branch of the LORD  
1 shall be beautiful and glorious; And the

' The pendants, the bracelets, and the fruit of the earth shall be  
excellent and

veils; appealing For those of Israel who have  
escaped.

20 The headdresses, the leg ornaments,

and the headbands; The perfume boxes, 3And it shall come to pass  
that he who is

the charms, The nose jewels, The outer left in Zion and remains in  
Jerusalem

garments, the purses, The fine linen, the will be called holy--everyone  
who is

turbans, and the robes. recorded among the living in Jerusalem.

21 and the rings; The nose jewels, 4 When the Lord has washed away  
the

2 purged the blood of Jerusalem from her

2 he festal apparel, and the mantles; filth of the daughters of Zion, and

The outer garments, the purses, midst, by the spirit of judgment and  
by

the spirit of burning,

23

and the mirrors; The fine linen, the

turbans, and the robes. sthen the LORD will create above every

dwelling place of Mount Zion, and above

24 her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by

And so it shall be: Instead of a sweet

smell there will be a stench; Instead of a day and the shining of a  
flaming fire by

sash, a rope; Instead of well-set hair, night. For over all the glory there  
will be

baldness; Instead of a rich robe, a a covering. girding of sackcloth;  
And branding

instead of beauty. and the rings; The 6And there will be a tabernacle  
for shade nose jewels, in the daytime from the heat, for a place

of refuge, and for a shelter from storm

25 and rain.

Your men shall fall by the sword, And  
your mighty in the war.

26Her gates shall lament and mourn, 5Now let me sing to my Well-  
beloved

And she being desolate shall sit on the A song of my Beloved  
regarding His

ground. vineyard: My Well-beloved has a

vineyard On a very fruitful hill.

21 He dug it up and cleared out its stones, 0For ten acres of vineyard  
shall yield And planted it with the choicest vine. He one bath, And a  
homer of seed shall

built a tower in its midst, And also made yield one ephah." a  
winepress in it; So He expected it to

bring forth good grapes, But it brought 1 1Woe to those who rise early  
in the forth wild grapes. morning, That they may follow

3"And intoxicating drink; Who continue until

now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem night, till wine inflames them!

and men of Judah, Judge, please,

between Me and My vineyard. 1 2The harp and the strings, The

tambourine and flute, And wine are in

4What more could have been done to their feasts; But they do not  
regard the

My vineyard That I have not done in it? work of the LORD, Nor  
consider the

Why then, when I expected it to bring operation of His hands. forth  
good grapes, Did it bring forth wild

grapes? <sup>1</sup> 3Therefore my people have gone into

captivity, Because they have no

<sup>5</sup>And now, please let Me tell you what I knowledge; Their honorable  
men are

will do to My vineyard: I will take away famished, And their  
multitude dried up

its hedge, and it shall be burned; And with thirst. break down its wall,  
and it shall be

trampled down. <sup>1</sup> 4Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself

And opened its mouth beyond measure;

<sup>6</sup>1 will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned Their glory and their  
multitude and their

or dug, But there shall come up briars pomp, And he who is jubilant,  
shall

and thorns. I will also command the descend into it. clouds That they  
rain no rain on it."

<sup>1</sup> 5People shall be brought down, Each

<sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts man shall be humbled, And the  
eyes of

is the house of Israel, And the men of the lofty shall be humbled.  
Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked

for justice, but behold, oppression; For <sup>16</sup>But the LORD of hosts shall  
be exalted righteousness, but behold, a cry for help. in judgment, And  
God who is holy shall

be hallowed in righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>Woe to those who join house to house; They add field to field, Till



there is no 1 7

Then the lambs shall feed in their  
place Where they may dwell alone in the pasture, And in the waste  
places of the  
midst of the land! fat ones strangers shall eat.

In my hearing the LORD of hosts said, 18Woe to those who draw  
iniquity with

"Truly, many houses shall be desolate, cords of vanity, And sin as if  
with a cart

Great and beautiful ones, without rope; inhabitant.

19That say, "Let Him make speed and the end of the earth; Surely they  
shall

hasten His work, That we may see it; come with speed, swiftly. And  
let the counsel of the Holy One of

Israel draw near and come, That we 2 7

No one will be weary or stumble  
may know it." among them, No one will slumber or  
sleep; Nor will the belt on their loins be

20

Woe to those who call evil good, and loosed, Nor the strap of their  
sandals be

good evil; Who put darkness for light, broken; and light for darkness;  
Who put bitter for

sweet, and sweet for bitter! 2 ' Whose arrows are sharp, And all their

2 seem like flint, And their wheels like a

1Woe to those who are wise in their bows bent; Their horses' hooves

will

own eyes, And prudent in their own whirlwind. sight!

2' Their roaring will be like a lion, They

22

Woe to men mighty at drinking wine, will roar like young lions;  
Yes, they will

Woe to men valiant for mixing roar And lay hold of the prey; They  
will

intoxicating drink, carry it away safely, And no one will

deliver.

23Who justify the wicked for a bribe, And take away justice from the  
righteous 30 n that day they will roar against them

man! Like the roaring of the sea. And if one

looks to the land, Behold, darkness and

24Therefore, as the fire devours the sorrow; And the light is darkened  
by the

stubble, And the flame consumes the clouds. chaff, So their root will  
be as rottenness,

And their blossom will ascend like dust;

Because they have rejected the law of 6In the year that King Uzziah  
died, I the LORD of hosts, And despised the

saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high

word of the Holy One of Israel.

and lifted up, and the train of His robe

2 filled the temple. 5Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused  
against His people; He has 2

Above it stood seraphim; each one had  
stretched out His hand against them  
six wings: with two he covered his face,  
And stricken them, And the hills  
with two he covered his feet, and with  
trembled. Their carcasses were as  
two he flew.

refuse in the midst of the streets. For all

this His anger is not turned away, But <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and  
said:

His hand is stretched out still.

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

<sup>2</sup> The whole earth is full of His glory!" <sup>6</sup>He will lift up a banner to the  
nations from afar, And will whistle to them from <sup>4</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

And the posts of the door were shaken The LORD has removed men  
far away,

by the voice of him who cried out, and And the forsaken places are  
many in the

the house was filled with smoke. midst of the land.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! But yet a tenth will be in it,  
And will

Because I am a man of unclean lips, return and be for consuming, As a  
And I dwell in the midst of a people of terebinth tree or as an oak,

Whose

unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the stump remains when it is cut down. So

King, The LORD of hosts." the holy seed shall be its stump."

6Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he 7Now it came to pass in the days of

had taken with the tongs from the altar.

Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of

7 Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin king of

And he touched my mouth with it, and Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah,

said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to

Your iniquity is taken away, And your sin make war against it, but could not

purged." prevail against it.

8 2 Also I heard the voice of the Lord, And it was told to the house of David, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who saying, "Syria's forces are deployed in

will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Ephraim." So his heart and the heart of

Send me." his people were moved as the trees of

the woods are moved with the wind.

'And He said, "Go, and tell this people:

"Keep on hearing, but do not 3Then the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out understand; Keep on seeing, but do not now to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-

perceive.' Jashub your son, at the end of the

<sup>1</sup> highway to the Fuller's Field, <sup>0</sup> Make the heart of this people dull,  
aqueduct from the upper pool, on the

And their ears heavy, And shut their

eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, And <sup>4</sup> and say to him: "Take heed,  
and be hear with their ears, And understand quiet; do not fear or be  
fainthearted for

with their heart, And return and be these two stubs of smoking  
firebrands,

healed." for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria,

and the son of Remaliah.

<sup>11</sup>

Then I said, "Lord, how long?" And He

answered: "Until the cities are laid waste <sup>5</sup>Because Syria, Ephraim, and  
the son of and without inhabitant, The houses are Remaliah have  
plotted evil against you,

without a man, The land is utterly saying, desolate,

<sup>6</sup> Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a gap in  
its

wall for ourselves, and set a king over The LORD will bring the king of them, the son of Tabel"-- Assyria upon you and your people and

your father's house--days that have not

7 come since the day that Ephraim thus says the Lord GOD: "It shall not

stand, Nor shall it come to pass. departed from Judah."

8 1 8And it shall come to pass in that day For the head of Syria is Damascus, And the head of Damascus is Rezin. That the LORD will whistle for the fly

Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be That is in the farthest part of the rivers of

broken, So that it will not be a people. Egypt, And for the bee that is in the land

of Assyria.

the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. The head of Ephraim is Samaria, And 1' They will come, and all of them will If you will not believe, Surely you shall rest In the desolate valleys and in the

not be established. clefts of the rocks, And on all thorns and '

in all pastures.

10Moreover the LORD spoke again to

2 0 n the same day the Lord will shave

Ahaz, saying,

with a hired razor, With those from

1 1 beyond the River, with the king of 'Ask a sign for yourself from the

LORD

your God; ask it either in the depth or in Assyria, The head and the hair of the

the height above." legs, And will also remove the beard.

<sup>1</sup> It shall be in that day That a man will But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

test the LORD!" keep alive a young cow and two sheep;

<sup>1</sup> so it shall be, from the abundance of

<sup>3</sup> Then he said, "Hear now, O house of <sup>2</sup>

milk they give, That he will eat curds;

David! Is it a small thing for you to weary

For curds and honey everyone will eat

men, but will you weary my God also?

who is left in the land.

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord Himself will give <sup>3</sup> It shall happen in that day, That

2

you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall

conceive and bear a Son, and shall call wherever there could be a thousand

His name Immanuel. vines Worth a thousand shekels of silver,

It will be for briers and thorns.

15 Curds and honey He shall eat, that He <sup>2</sup> may know to refuse the evil  
and choose With arrows and bows men will come <sup>4</sup>

the good. there, Because all the land will become

briers and thorns.

16For before the Child shall know to

<sup>2</sup> 5And to any hill which could be dug with

refuse the evil and choose the good, the

land that you dread will be forsaken by the hoe, You will not go there  
for fear of

both her kings. briers and thorns; But it will become a

range for oxen And a place for sheep to <sup>9</sup> Be shattered, <sup>0</sup> you  
peoples, and be roam. broken in pieces! Give ear, all you from

far countries. Gird yourselves, but be

broken in pieces; Gird yourselves, but

8Moreover the LORD said to me, be broken in pieces.

"Take a large scroll, and write on it with <sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup>Take counsel together, but  
it will come a man's pen concerning Maher-Shalal- to nothing; Speak  
the word, but it will not Hash-Baz. stand, For God is with us."

<sup>2</sup>And I will take for Myself faithful <sup>1</sup>For the LORD spoke thus to me  
with a

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witnesses to record, Uriah the priest and

strong hand, and instructed me that I



Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah."

should not walk in the way of this people,

3Then I went to the prophetess, and she saying:

conceived and bore a son. Then the <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> Do not say, "A conspiracy,"  
LORD said to me, "Call his name Concerning all that this people call a  
Maher-Shalal-Hash-Baz; conspiracy, Nor be afraid of their threats, <sup>4</sup>  
nor be troubled.

for before the child shall have

knowledge to cry "My father' and "My <sup>13</sup>The LORD of hosts, Him you  
shall mother,' the riches of Damascus and the hallow; Let Him be your  
fear, And let spoil of Samaria will be taken away Him be your dread.  
before the king of Assyria."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

<sup>5</sup> He will be as a sanctuary, But a stone The LORD also spoke to me  
again,

saying: of stumbling and a rock of offense To

both the houses of Israel, As a trap and

<sup>6</sup> a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

Inasmuch as these people refused

The waters of Shiloah that flow softly, <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>And many among them shall  
stumble; And rejoice in Rezin and in Remaliah's

SON; They shall fall and be broken, Be snared

and taken."

<sup>7</sup>Now therefore, behold, the Lord brings <sup>6</sup>Bind up the testimony, Seal the law

1

up over them The waters of the River,

strong and mighty-- The king of Assyria among my disciples.

and all his glory; He will go up over all <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>And I will wait on the LORD, Who his channels And go over all his banks.

hides His face from the house of Jacob;

'He will pass through Judah, He will And I will hope in Him.

overflow and pass over, He will reach up <sup>18</sup>Here am I and the children whom the to the neck; And the stretching out of his wings Will fill the breadth of Your land, LORD has given me! We are for signs

O Immanuel.

and wonders in Israel From the LORD of <sup>4</sup>For You have broken the yoke of his hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion. burden And the staff of his shoulder,

The rod of his oppressor, As in the day

<sup>19</sup>And when they say to you, "Seek of Midian.

those who are mediums and wizards,

who whisper and mutter," should not a <sup>5</sup>For every warrior's sandal from the people seek their God? Should they noisy battle, And garments rolled in

seek the dead on behalf of the living? blood, Will be used for burning and fuel

of fire.

<sup>20</sup>To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is <sup>6</sup>For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a because there is no light in them. Son is given; And the government will

be upon His shoulder. And His name will

21They will pass through it hard-pressed be called Wonderful,  
Counselor, Mighty

and hungry; and it shall happen, when God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of

they are hungry, that they will be Peace. enraged and curse their king  
and their

God, and look upward. 7Of the increase of His government and

peace There will be no end, Upon the

22 throne of David and over His kingdom,

Then they will look to the earth, and

see trouble and darkness, gloom of To order it and establish it with  
judgment

anguish; and they will be driven into and justice From that time  
forward, even

darkness. forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts

will perform this.

9Nevertheless the gloom will not be sThe LORD sent a word against  
Jacob,

And it has fallen on Israel.

upon her who is distressed, As when at

first He lightly esteemed The land of 'All the people will know--  
Ephraim and Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And

the inhabitant of Samaria-- Who say in

afterward more heavily oppressed her,

By the way of the sea, beyond the pride and arrogance of heart:

Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. <sup>104</sup> "The bricks have fallen down, But we <sup>2</sup> will rebuild with hewn stones; The

The people who walked in darkness

sycamores are cut down, But we will

Have seen a great light; Those who

dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, replace them with cedars."

Upon them a light has shined. <sup>11</sup> Therefore the LORD shall set up The

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation And adversaries of Rezin against him,  
And spur his enemies on, increased its joy; They rejoice before

You According to the joy of harvest, As <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> The Syrians before and the  
Philistines men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

behind; And they shall devour Israel with an open mouth. For all this  
His anger is <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and not turned away,  
But His hand is Ephraim Manasseh; Together they shall

stretched out still. be against Judah. For all this His anger

is not turned away, But His hand is

<sup>13</sup> stretched out still.

For the people do not turn to Him who

strikes them, Nor do they seek the

LORD of hosts.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup> Woe to those who decree

<sup>14</sup> Therefore the LORD will cut off head unrighteous decrees, Who  
write

and tail from Israel, Palm branch and misfortune, Which they have prescribed

bulrush in one day.

2 To rob the needy of justice, And to take

15 The elder and honorable, he is the

what is right from the poor of My people,

head; The prophet who teaches lies, he That widows may be their prey, And that

is the tail. they may rob the fatherless.

16For the leaders of this people cause 3What will you do in the day of them to err, And those who are led by punishment, And in the desolation which

them are destroyed. will come from afar? To whom will you

flee for help? And where will you leave

17Therefore the Lord will have no joy in your glory?

their young men, Nor have mercy on

their fatherless and widows; For 4 Without Me they shall bow down everyone is a hypocrite and an evildoer, among the prisoners, And they shall fall

And every mouth speaks folly. For all among the slain." For all this His anger

this His anger is not turned away, But is not turned away, But His hand is

His hand is stretched out still. stretched out still.

1 5 8For wickedness burns as the fire; It

Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger

shall devour the briars and thorns, And And the staff in whose hand is  
My

kindle in the thickets of the forest; They indignation. shall mount up  
like rising smoke.

61 will send him against an ungodly

1' Through the wrath of the LORD of nation, And against the people of  
My

hosts The land is burned up, And the wrath I will give him charge, To  
seize

people shall be as fuel for the fire; No the spoil, to take the prey, And  
to tread

man shall spare his brother. them down like the mire of the streets.

27 0And he shall snatch on the right hand

Yet he does not mean so, Nor does his

And be hungry; He shall devour on the heart think so; But it is in his  
heart to

left hand And not be satisfied; Every destroy, And cut off not a few  
nations.

man shall eat the flesh of his own arm.

81 For he says, "Are not my princes 6Therefore the Lord, the Lord of  
hosts, altogether kings? Will send leanness among his fat ones;

And under his glory He will kindle a

'Is not Camo like Carchemish? Is not burning Like the burning of a  
fire. Hamath like Arpad? Is not Samaria like

1 7

Damascus? So the Light of Israel will be for a fire,

And his Holy One for a flame; It will burn

10 and devour His thorns and his briers in

As my hand has found the kingdoms

of the idols, Whose carved images one day. excelled those of  
Jerusalem and

Samaria, 1' And it will consume the glory of his

forest and of his fruitful field, Both soul

11 and body; And they will be as when a

As I have done to Samaria and her

idols, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem sick man wastes away. and her  
idols?"

1 ' Then the rest of the trees of his forest

12Therefore it shall come to pass, when Will be so few in number That  
a child

the Lord has performed all His work on may write them.

Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, that He 0And it shall come to pass in  
that day

will say, "I will punish the fruit of the 2 arrogant heart of the king of  
Assyria, That the remnant of Israel, And such as

and the glory of his haughty looks." have escaped of the house of  
Jacob,

Will never again depend on him who

13 defeated them, But will depend on the

For he says: "By the strength of my

hand I have done it, And by my wisdom, LORD, the Holy One of  
Israel, in truth.

for I am prudent; Also I have removed 1The remnant will return, the

remnant of

the boundaries of the people, And have 2 robbed their treasuries; So I have put Jacob, To the Mighty God. down the inhabitants like a valiant man.

2 2For though your people, O Israel, be

14My hand has found like a nest the as the sand of the sea, A remnant of

riches of the people, And as one gathers them will return; The destruction

eggs that are left, I have gathered all the decreed shall overflow with earth; And there was no one who moved righteousness. his wing, Nor opened his mouth with

even a peep." 23For the Lord GOD of hosts Will make a

determined end In the midst of all the

15 Shall the ax boast itself against him land. who chops with it? Or shall the saw

exalt itself against him who saws with it? 2 4Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of As if a rod could wield itself against hosts: "0 My people, who dwell in Zion,

those who lift it up, Or as if a staff could do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He lift up, as if it were not wood!

shall strike you with a rod and lift up his 34He will cut down the thickets of the

staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. forest with iron, And Lebanon will fall by

the Mighty One.

25For yet a very little while and the indignation will cease, as will My anger

in their destruction." 1 1 There shall come forth a Rod from

the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall



And the LORD of hosts will stir up a grow out of his roots.

scourge for him like the slaughter of

Midian at the rock of Oreb; as His rod <sup>2</sup>

The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon

was on the sea, so will He lift it up in the Him, The Spirit of wisdom  
and

manner of Egypt.

understanding, The Spirit of counsel and

<sup>2</sup> might, The Spirit of knowledge and of <sup>7</sup> shall come to pass in that  
day That

the fear of the LORD.

his burden will be taken away from your

shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, <sup>3</sup>His delight is in the fear of  
the LORD,

And the yoke will be destroyed because And He shall not judge by the  
sight of

of the anointing oil. His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of

<sup>2</sup> His ears;

' He has come to Aiath, He has passed

Migron; At Michmash he has attended to <sup>4</sup> But with righteousness He  
shall judge his equipment.

the poor, And decide with equity for the

<sup>2</sup> meek of the earth; He shall strike the

' They have gone along the ridge, They earth with the rod of His  
mouth, And

have taken up lodging at Geba. Ramah with the breath of His lips He shall slay

is afraid, Gibeah of Saul has fled. the wicked.

30 Lift up your voice, O daughter of 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His Gallim! Cause it to be heard as far as loins, And faithfulness the belt of His

Laish-- O poor Anathoth! waist.

31 Madmenah has fled, The inhabitants 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, of Gebim seek refuge. The leopard shall lie down with the

32 As yet he will remain at Nob that day; young goat, The calf and the young lion

and the fatling together; And a little child

He will shake his fist at the mount of the shall lead them. daughter of Zion, The hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, The LORD of hosts, 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; Their

young ones shall lie down together; And

Will top off the bough with terror; Those the lion shall eat straw like the ox. of high stature will be hewn down, And

the haughty will be humbled.

8 The nursing child shall play by the the River, And strike it in the seven

cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall streams, And make men cross over

put his hand in the viper's den. dryshod.

1 6

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My There will be a highway for the

holy mountain, For the earth shall be full remnant of His people Who will be left

of the knowledge of the LORD As the from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the

waters cover the sea. day that he came up from the land of

Egypt.

1 0 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner

to the people; For the Gentiles shall 1 2And in that day you will say: "O seek Him, And His resting place shall be LORD, I will praise You; Though You

glorious." were angry with me, Your anger is

1 turned away, and You comfort me. 1 shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the 2

Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust

second time To recover the remnant of

and not be afraid; "For YAH, the LORD,

His people who are left, From Assyria

is my strength and song; He also has

and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, become my salvation." From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath

and the islands of the sea. 3Therefore with joy you will draw water

1 From the wells of salvation. 2He will set up a banner for the nations,  
And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, 4

And in that day you will say: "Praise the

And gather together the dispersed of

Judah From the four corners of the earth. LORD, call upon His name;  
Declare His

deeds among the peoples, Make

1 mention that His name is exalted. 3Also the envy of Ephraim shall  
depart,

And the adversaries of Judah shall be 5Sing to the LORD, For He has  
done cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, excellent things; This is  
known in all the And Judah shall not harass Ephraim. earth.

14 But they shall fly down upon the 6

Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion,

shoulder of the Philistines toward the

west; Together they shall plunder the For great is the Holy One of  
Israel in

your midst!"

people of the East; They shall lay their

hand on Edom and Moab; And the

people of Ammon shall obey them.

1 3 The burden against Babylon

15The LORD will utterly destroy the which Isaiah the son of Amoz  
saw.

tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His

mighty wind He will shake His fist over 2 Lift up a banner on the high  
mountain, forth, And the moon will not cause its

Raise your voice to them; Wave your light to shine. hand, that they  
may enter the gates of

the nobles. 11 will punish the world for its evil, And

the wicked for their iniquity; I will halt the

I

I have commanded My sanctified ones; arrogance of the proud, And  
will lay low

I have also called My mighty ones for the haughtiness of the terrible.  
My anger-- Those who rejoice in My

exaltation." 12a will make a mortal more rare than

fine gold, A man more than the golden

4The noise of a multitude in the wedge of Ophir. mountains, Like that  
of many people! A

tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of 1 3Therefore I will shake the  
heavens, nations gathered together! The LORD of And the earth will  
move out of her place,

hosts musters The army for battle. In the wrath of the LORD of hosts  
And in

the day of His fierce anger.

5They come from a far country, From the end of heaven-- The LORD  
and His 1 4

It shall be as the hunted gazelle, And

weapons of indignation, To destroy the as a sheep that no man takes  
up; Every

whole land. man will turn to his own people, And

everyone will flee to his own land.

6Wail, for the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction  
from 15Everyone who is found will be thrust the Almighty. through,  
And everyone who is captured

will fall by the sword.

7Therefore all hands will be limp, Every

man's heart will melt, 1 6Their children also will be dashed to

pieces before their eyes; Their houses

'And they will be afraid. Pangs and will be plundered And their wives

sorrows will take hold of them; They will ravished. be in pain as a  
woman in childbirth;

They will be amazed at one another; 1 7 Behold, I will stir up the  
Medes Their faces will be like flames. against them, Who will not  
regard silver;

And as for gold, they will not delight in it.

'Behold, the day of the LORD comes,

Cruel, with both wrath and fierce anger, 1 ' Also their bows will dash  
the young To lay the land desolate; And He will men to pieces, And  
they will have no

destroy its sinners from it. pity on the fruit of the womb; Their eye

1

0For the stars of heaven and their will not spare children.

constellations Will not give their light; 1' And Babylon, the glory of  
kingdoms, The sun will be darkened in its going The beauty of the  
Chaldeans' pride, Will

be as when God overthrew Sodom and "How the oppressor has ceased,  
The

Gomorraah. golden city ceased!

2 5 0 will never be inhabited, Nor will it be

The LORD has broken the staff of the  
settled from generation to generation; wicked, The scepter of the  
rulers; Nor will the Arabian pitch tents there,

Nor will the shepherds make their 6 He who struck the people in wrath  
with sheepfolds there. a continual stroke, He who ruled the

2 one hinders. 1But wild beasts of the desert will lie nations in anger,  
Is persecuted and no

there, And their houses will be full of

owls; Ostriches will dwell there, And wild 7The whole earth is at rest  
and quiet; goats will caper there. They break forth into singing.

22The hyenas will howl in their citadels, sIndeed the cypress trees  
rejoice over And jackals in their pleasant palaces. you, And the cedars  
of Lebanon, Saying,

Her time is near to come, And her days "Since you were cut down, No  
will not be prolonged." woodsman has come up against us.'

"Hell from beneath is excited about you,

1 4For the LORD will have mercy on To meet you at your coming;  
It stirs up

Jacob, and will still choose Israel, and the dead for you, All the chief  
ones of

settle them in their own land. The the earth; It has raised up from  
their strangers will be joined with them, and thrones All the kings of  
the nations. they will cling to the house of Jacob.

They all shall speak and say to you:

<sup>2</sup> "Have you also become as weak as we? Then people will take them and bring

them to their place, and the house of Have you become like us?

Israel will possess them for servants <sup>1</sup> our pomp is brought down to Sheol,

and maids in the land of the LORD; they <sup>1</sup> will take them captive whose captives And the sound of your stringed

they were, and rule over their instruments; The maggot is spread oppressors. under you, And worms cover you.'

Alt shall come to pass in the day the <sup>12</sup> How you are fallen from heaven, O LORD gives you rest from your sorrow, Lucifer, son of the morning! How you

and from your fear and the hard are cut down to the ground, You who bondage in which you were made to weakened the nations! serve,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>For you have said in your heart: "I will

<sup>4</sup>that you will take up this proverb ascend into heaven, I will exalt my

against the king of Babylon, and say: throne above the stars of God; I will also

sit on the mount of the congregation On <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> will also make it a possession for the the farthest sides of the north; porcupine, And marshes of muddy

water; I will sweep it with the broom of

<sup>14</sup> will ascend above the heights of the destruction," says the LORD of hosts.

clouds, I will be like the Most High.'



The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying,

15 "Surely, as I have thought, so it shall

Yet you shall be brought down to

Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. come to pass, And as I have purposed,

so it shall stand:

16§Those who see you will gaze at you, 5That I will break the Assyrian in My

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And consider you, saying: "Is this the

man who made the earth tremble, Who land, And on My mountains tread him

shook kingdoms, underfoot. Then his yoke shall be

removed from them, And his burden

1 removed from their shoulders. 7Who made the world as a wilderness

And destroyed its cities, Who did not 2 6This is the purpose that is purposed open the house of his prisoners?"

against the whole earth, And this is the

18§§All the kings of the nations, All of hand that is stretched out over all the

nations.

them, sleep in glory, Everyone in his

own house; 2 7For the LORD of hosts has purposed,

1 And who will annul it? His hand is '

But you are cast out of your grave Like

stretched out, And who will turn it back?"

an abominable branch, Like the garment

of those who are slain, Thrust through 2 8This is the burden which  
came in the with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like  
a corpse trodden year that King Ahaz died. underfoot.

2 "' Do not rejoice, all you of Philistia,

20You will not be joined with them in Because the rod that struck you  
is

burial, Because you have destroyed broken; For out of the serpent's  
roots

your land And slain your people. The will come forth a viper, And its  
offspring

brood of evildoers shall never be named. will be a fiery flying serpent.

2

1Prepare slaughter for his children 30The firstborn of the poor will  
feed, And

Because of the iniquity of their fathers, the needy will lie down in  
safety; I will kill

Lest they rise up and possess the land, your roots with famine, And it  
will slay

And fill the face of the world with cities." your remnant.

22 31Wail, O gate! Cry, O city! All you of 'For I will rise up against  
them," says

the LORD of hosts, "And cut off from Philistia are dissolved; For smoke

will

Babylon the name and remnant, And come from the north, And no one will be

offspring and posterity," says the LORD. alone in his appointed times."

32

What will they answer the messengers They will carry away to the Brook of the

of the nation? That the LORD has Willows. founded Zion, And the poor of His

people shall take refuge in it. 8For the cry has gone all around the

borders of Moab, Its wailing to Eglaim

And its wailing to Beer Elim.

1 5The burden against Moab.

Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid For the waters of Dimon will be full of

waste And destroyed, Because in the blood; Because I will bring more upon

night Kir of Moab is laid waste And Dimon, Lions upon him who escapes destroyed, from Moab, And on the remnant of the

land."

2He has gone up to the temple and Dibon, To the high places to weep.

Moab will wail over Nebo and over 1 6Send the lamb to the ruler of the Medeba; On all their heads will be land, From Sela to the wilderness, To

baldness, And every beard cut off. the mount of the daughter of Zion.

Min their streets they will clothe 2 For it shall be as a wandering bird themselves with sackcloth; On the tops thrown out of the nest; So shall be the

of their houses And in their streets daughters of Moab at the fords of the

Everyone will wail, weeping bitterly. Arnon.

4Heshbon and Elealeh will cry out, Their 3"Take counsel, execute judgment;

voice shall be heard as far as Jahaz; Make your shadow like the night in the

Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab middle of the day; Hide the outcasts, Do

will cry out; His life will be burdensome not betray him who escapes. to him.

4 Let My outcasts dwell with you, O

5 My heart will cry out for Moab; His Moab; Be a shelter to them from the

fugitives shall flee to Zoar, Like a three- face of the spoiler. For the extortioner is

year-old heifer. For by the Ascent of at an end, Devastation ceases, The

Luhith They will go up with weeping; For oppressors are consumed out of the

in the way of Horonaim They will raise land. up a cry of destruction,

s In mercy the throne will be established;

6For the waters of Nimrim will be And One will sit on it in truth, in the

desolate, For the green grass has tabernacle of David, Judging and

withered away; The grass fails, there is seeking justice and hastening nothing green. righteousness."

7Therefore the abundance they have 6We have heard of the pride of  
Moab--

gained, And what they have laid up, He is very proud-- Of his  
haughtiness

and his pride and his wrath; But his lies But now the LORD has  
spoken, saying,

shall not be so. "Within three years, as the years of a

hired man, the glory of Moab will be

7 despised with all that great multitude, Therefore Moab shall wail for  
Moab;

Everyone shall wail. For the foundations and the remnant will be very  
small and

of Kir Hareseth you shall mourn; Surely feeble." they are stricken.

8For the fields of Heshbon languish, And 1 7 The burden against  
Damascus.

the vine of Sibmah; The lords of the "Behold, Damascus will cease  
from

nations have broken down its choice being a city, And it will be a  
ruinous

plants, Which have reached to Jazer heap. And wandered through the  
wilderness.

Her branches are stretched out, They 2

The cities of Aroer are forsaken; They

are gone over the sea.

will be for flocks Which lie down, and no

one will make them afraid.

"Therefore I will bewail the vine of

Sibmah, With the weeping of Jazer; I will 3The fortress also will cease  
from

drench you with my tears, O Heshbon

Ephraim, The kingdom from Damascus,

and Elealeh; For battle cries have fallen And the remnant of Syria;  
They will be

Over your summer fruits and your

as the glory of the children of Israel,"

harvest.

Says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>10</sup>Gladness is taken away, And joy from

<sup>4</sup> In that day it shall come to pass That

the plentiful field; In the vineyards there the glory of Jacob will wane,  
And the

will be no singing, Nor will there be fatness of his flesh grow lean.  
shouting; No treaders will tread out wine

in the presses; I have made their <sup>5</sup> shouting cease. It shall be as when  
the harvester

gathers the grain, And reaps the heads

<sup>1</sup> with his arm; It shall be as he who <sup>1</sup>Therefore my heart shall  
resound like

gathers heads of grain In the Valley of

a harp for Moab, And my inner being for

Rephaim.

Kir Heres.

<sup>1</sup> Yet gleanings will be left in it,

And it shall come to pass, When it is

Like the shaking of an olive tree, Two or  
seen that Moab is weary on the high

three olives at the top of the uppermost  
place, That he will come to his

bough, Four or five in its most fruitful  
sanctuary to pray; But he will not prevail.

branches," Says the LORD God of Israel.

13This is the word which the LORD has

7In that day a man will look to his Maker,  
spoken concerning Moab since that time.

And his eyes will have respect for the

Holy One of Israel.

8He will not look to the altars, The work of his hands; He will not  
respect what 1 8Woe to the land shadowed with his fingers have  
made, Nor the wooden buzzing wings, Which is beyond the  
images nor the incense altars.

rivers of Ethiopia,

In that day his strong cities will be as a 2

Which sends ambassadors by sea,  
forsaken bough And an uppermost Even in vessels of reed on the  
waters,

branch, Which they left because of the



saying, "Go, swift messengers, to a

children of Israel; And there will be nation tall and smooth of skin, To  
a

desolation. people terrible from their beginning

1 onward, A nation powerful and treading

0

Because you have forgotten the God down, Whose land the rivers  
divide."

of your salvation, And have not been

mindful of the Rock of your stronghold, 3All inhabitants of the world  
and dwellers

Therefore you will plant pleasant plants on the earth: When he lifts up  
a banner

And set out foreign seedlings; on the mountains, you see it; And when

1 he blows a trumpet, you hear it. 1 n the day you will make your  
plant to

grow, And in the morning you will make 4For so the LORD said to me,  
"I will take your seed to flourish; But the harvest will My rest, And I  
will look from My dwelling

be a heap of ruins In the day of grief and place Like clear heat in  
sunshine, Like a

desperate sorrow. cloud of dew in the heat of harvest."

12Woe to the multitude of many people

5For before the harvest, when the bud is

Who make a noise like the roar of the perfect And the sour grape is  
ripening in

seas, And to the rushing of nations That the flower, He will both cut  
off the sprigs

make a rushing like the rushing of with pruning hooks And take away  
and

mighty waters! cut down the branches.

13The nations will rush like the rushing of

6They will be left together for the

many waters; But God will rebuke them mountain birds of prey And  
for the

and they will flee far away, And be beasts of the earth; The birds of  
prey

chased like the chaff of the mountains will summer on them, And all  
the beasts

before the wind, Like a rolling thing of the earth will winter on them.  
before the whirlwind.

1 Then behold, at eventide, trouble! And the LORD of hosts From a  
people tall

47In that time a present will be brought to

before the morning, he is no more. This and smooth of skin, And from  
a people

is the portion of those who plunder us, terrible from their beginning  
onward, A

And the lot of those who rob us. nation powerful and treading down,

Whose land the rivers divide-- To the

place of the name of the LORD of hosts,

To Mount Zion.

10And its foundations will be broken. All

1 who make wages will be troubled of soul. 9The burden against Egypt. Behold,

the LORD rides on a swift cloud, And 11Surely the princes of Zoan are fools; will come into Egypt; The idols of Egypt Pharaoh's wise counselors give foolish will totter at His presence, And the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst. counsel. How do you say to Pharaoh, "I

am the son of the wise, The son of

2 ancient kings?" I will set Egyptians against Egyptians;

Everyone will fight against his brother, 1 2Where are they? Where are your wise And everyone against his neighbor, City against city, kingdom against kingdom. men? Let them tell you now, And let

them know what the LORD of hosts has

3The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I purposed against Egypt.

will destroy their counsel, And they will 1 3The princes of Zoan have become consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers. fools; The princes of Noph are deceived;

They have also deluded Egypt, Those

4 who are the mainstay of its tribes.

And the Egyptians I will give Into the

hand of a cruel master, And a fierce king 14The LORD has mingled a perverse will rule over them," Says the Lord, the LORD of hosts. spirit in her midst; And they have

caused Egypt to err in all her work, As a

5 drunken man staggers in his vomit.

The waters will fail from the sea, And

the river will be wasted and dried up. 1 5Neither will there be any  
work for

6 Egypt, Which the head or tail, Palm The rivers will turn foul; The  
brooks of

branch or bulrush, may do.

defense will be emptied and dried up;

The reeds and rushes will wither. 1 6)n that day Egypt will be like  
women, 7 and will be afraid and fear because of

The papyrus reeds by the River, by the

the waving of the hand of the LORD of

mouth of the River, And everything

hosts, which He waves over it.

sown by the River, Will wither, be driven

away, and be no more. 1 7And the land of Judah will be a terror 8 to  
Egypt; everyone who makes mention

The fishermen also will mourn; All

of it will be afraid in himself, because of

those will lament who cast hooks into

the counsel of the LORD of hosts which

the River, And they will languish who

He has determined against it.

spread nets on the waters.

18 n that day five cities in the land of

'Moreover those who work in fine flax

Egypt will speak the language of

And those who weave fine fabric will be

Canaan and swear by the LORD of

ashamed;

hosts; one will be called the City of Assyria sent him, and he fought  
against

Destruction. Ashdod and took it,

1 2 9 n that day there will be an altar to the

at the same time the LORD spoke by

LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, Isaiah the son of Amoz,  
saying, "Go,

and a pillar to the LORD at its border. and remove the sackcloth from  
your

body, and take your sandals off your

20 feet." And he did so, walking naked and

And it will be for a sign and for a

witness to the LORD of hosts in the land barefoot.

of Egypt; for they will cry to the LORD 3Then because of the  
oppressors, and He will the LORD said, "Just as My

send them a Savior and a Mighty One, servant Isaiah has walked  
naked and

and He will deliver them. barefoot three years for a sign and a

wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,

21

Then the LORD will be known to Egypt,

and the Egyptians will know the LORD <sup>4</sup> so shall the king of Assyria lead away in that day, and will make sacrifice and the Egyptians as prisoners and the

offering; yes, they will make a vow to the Ethiopians as captives, young and old,

LORD and perform it. naked and barefoot, with their buttocks

uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

22

And the LORD will strike Egypt, He will

strike and heal it; they will return to the <sup>5</sup>Then they shall be afraid and ashamed LORD, and He will be entreated by them of Ethiopia their expectation and Egypt

and heal them. their glory.

<sup>2 6 3 n</sup> that day there will be a highway And the inhabitant of this territory will from Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian say in that day, "Surely such is our

will come into Egypt and the Egyptian expectation, wherever we flee for help to

into Assyria, and the Egyptians will be delivered from the king of Assyria;

serve with the Assyrians. and how shall we escape?"

<sup>24 n</sup> that day Israel will be one of three

with Egypt and Assyria--a blessing in 2 1 The burden against the  
the midst of the land, Wilderness of the Sea. As whirlwinds in

2 the South pass through, So it comes 5whom the LORD of hosts shall  
bless,

from the desert, from a terrible land.

saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people,

and Assyria the work of My hands, and 2 A distressing vision is  
declared to me; Israel My inheritance." The treacherous dealer deals

treacherously, And the plunderer plunders. Go up, O Elam! Besiege, O

2 Oln the year that Tartan came to Media! All its sighing I have  
made to

Ashdod, when Sargon the king of cease.

3Therefore my loins are filled with pain; 12The watchman said, "The  
morning Pangs have taken hold of me, like the comes, and also the  
night. If you will

pangs of a woman in labor. I was inquire, inquire; Return! Come  
back!"

distressed when I heard it; I was

dismayed when I saw it. 1 3The burden against Arabia. In the

forest in Arabia you will lodge, O you

4My heart wavered, fearfulness traveling companies of Dedanites.  
frightened me; The night for which I

longed He turned into fear for me. 14 O inhabitants of the land of  
Tema,

Bring water to him who is thirsty; With

5Prepare the table, Set a watchman in their bread they met him who  
fled. the tower, Eat and drink. Arise, you

princes, Anoint the shield! <sup>1</sup> 5For they fled from the swords, from the

drawn sword, From the bent bow, and

<sup>6</sup>For thus has the Lord said to me: "Go, from the distress of war. set a watchman, Let him declare what

he sees." <sup>1</sup> 6For thus the LORD has said to me:

"Within a year, according to the year of

<sup>7</sup>And he saw a chariot with a pair of a hired man, all the glory of Kedar will

horsemen, A chariot of donkeys, and a fail; chariot of camels, And he listened

earnestly with great care. <sup>17</sup>and the remainder of the number of

archers, the mighty men of the people of

<sup>8</sup>Then he cried, "A lion, my Lord! I stand Kedar, will be diminished; for the LORD

continually on the watchtower in the God of Israel has spoken it." daytime; I have sat at my post every

night.

22The burden against the Valley of

'And look, here comes a chariot of men Vision. What ails you now, that you have

with a pair of horsemen!" Then he

all gone up to the housetops,

answered and said, "Babylon is fallen, is

fallen! And all the carved images of her <sup>2</sup> gods He has broken to the ground." You who are full of noise, A tumultuous

city, a joyous city? Your slain men are

<sup>1</sup> not slain with the sword, Nor dead in 0



Oh, my threshing and the grain of my

battle.

floor! That which I have heard from the

LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, I 3All your rulers have fled together;  
They have declared to you. are captured by the archers. All who are 1  
found in you are bound together; They 1

The burden against Dumah. He calls

have fled from afar.

to me out of Seir, "Watchman, what of

the night? Watchman, what of the 4 Therefore I said, "Look away from  
me, I night?" will weep bitterly; Do not labor to comfort me Because  
of the plundering 13But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying of the  
daughter of my people." oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and

drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for

5 tomorrow we die!" For it is a day of trouble and treading down and  
perplexity By the Lord GOD of

1 4

hosts In the Valley of Vision-- Breaking Then it was revealed in my  
hearing by

down the walls And of crying to the the LORD of hosts, "Surely for this  
mountain. iniquity there will be no atonement for

you, Even to your death," says the Lord

6 GOD of hosts. Elam bore the quiver With chariots of

men and horsemen, And Kir uncovered 5Thus says the Lord GOD of  
hosts: "Go,

the shield. 1

proceed to this steward, To Shebna,

7 who is over the house, and say: It shall come to pass that your  
choicest valleys Shall be full of chariots, And the

horsemen shall set themselves in array 1 64 What have you here, and  
whom have at the gate. you here, That you have hewn a

sepulcher here, As he who hews himself

8 a sepulcher on high, Who carves a tomb He removed the protection  
of Judah.

You looked in that day to the armor of for himself in a rock? the  
House of the Forest;

1 7 ndeed, the LORD will throw you away

'You also saw the damage to the city of violently, O mighty man, And  
will surely

David, That it was great; And you seize you. gathered together the  
waters of the

1 8

lower pool. He will surely turn violently and toss

you like a ball Into a large country;

10 There you shall die, and there your

You numbered the houses of

Jerusalem, And the houses you broke glorious chariots Shall be the  
shame of

down To fortify the wall. your master's house.

11 1 ou also made a reservoir between ' So I will drive you out of  
your office, the two walls For the water of the old And from your  
position he will pull you

pool. But you did not look to its Maker, down. Nor did you have respect for Him who

fashioned it long ago. "Then 204 it shall be in that day, That I will

call My servant Eliakim the son of

12 Hilkihah;

And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts

Called for weeping and for mourning, I will clothe him with your robe And

For baldness and for girding with 2 sackcloth. strengthen him with your belt; I will

commit your responsibility into his hand.

He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Neither do I rear young men, Nor bring

Jerusalem And to the house of Judah. up virgins."

2 5 2

The key of the house of David I will lay When the report reaches Egypt, They

on his shoulder; So he shall open, and also will be in agony at the report of

no one shall shut; And he shall shut, Tyre. and no one shall open.

6 Cross over to Tarshish; Wail, you

23 will fasten him as a peg in a secure inhabitants of the coastland! place, And he will become a glorious

throne to his father's house. 7 1s this your joyous city, Whose antiquity

is from ancient days, Whose feet carried

24§"They will hang on him all the glory of her far off to dwell? his

father's house, the offspring and the

posterity, all vessels of small quantity, 8 Who has taken this counsel  
against from the cups to all the pitchers. Tyre, the crowning city,  
Whose

merchants are princes, Whose traders

25 n that day,' says the LORD of hosts, are the honorable of the earth?  
"the peg that is fastened in the secure

place will be removed and be cut down "The LORD of hosts has  
purposed it, To

and fall, and the burden that was on it bring to dishonor the pride of  
all glory,

will be cut off; for the LORD has To bring into contempt all the  
honorable

spoken." of the earth.

1 0Overflow through your land like the

2 3 The burden against Tyre. Wail, River, O daughter of Tarshish;  
There is

you ships of Tarshish! For it is laid no more strength. waste, So that  
there is no house, no

11

harbor; From the land of Cyprus it is He stretched out His hand over  
the

revealed to them. sea, He shook the kingdoms; The LORD

has given a commandment against

2 Canaan To destroy its strongholds. Be still, you inhabitants of the  
coastland,

You merchants of Sidon, Whom those 2And He said, "You will rejoice

no more,

who cross the sea have filled. <sup>1</sup>

O you oppressed virgin daughter of

3And on great waters the grain of Shihor, Sidon. Arise, cross over to Cyprus;

The harvest of the River, is her revenue; There also you will have no rest."

And she is a marketplace for the nations. 3Behold, the land of the Chaldeans,

1

4 This people which was not; Assyria Be ashamed, O Sidon; For the sea has

spoken, The strength of the sea, saying, founded it for wild beasts of the desert.

"I do not labor, nor bring forth children; They set up its towers, They raised up

its palaces, And brought it to ruin.

1 4 4

Wail, you ships of Tarshish! For your The earth mourns and fades away, The

strength is laid waste. world languishes and fades away; The

haughty people of the earth languish.

15Now it shall come to pass in that day that Tyre will be forgotten seventy years, <sup>5</sup> The earth is also defiled under its according to the days of one king. At the inhabitants, Because they have end of seventy years it will happen to transgressed the laws, Changed the

Tyre as in the song of the harlot: ordinance, Broken the everlasting

covenant.

16 "Take a harp, go about the city, You forgotten harlot; Make sweet melody, 6Therefore the curse has devoured the sing many songs, That you may be earth, And those who dwell in it are

remembered." desolate. Therefore the inhabitants of

the earth are burned, And few men are

17 left.

And it shall be, at the end of seventy  
years, that the LORD will deal with Tyre.

She will return to her hire, and commit 7The new wine fails, the vine languishes, fornication with all the kingdoms of the All the merry-hearted sigh. world on the face of the earth.

8The mirth of the tambourine ceases,

1 ' Her gain and her pay will be set apart The noise of the jubilant ends, The joy

for the LORD; it will not be treasured nor of the harp ceases. laid up, for her gain will be for those who

dwell before the LORD, to eat 9They shall not drink wine with a song; sufficiently, and for fine clothing. Strong drink is bitter to those who drink

24Behold, the LORD makes the 1 0The city of confusion is broken down; earth empty and makes it waste, Every house is shut up, so that none

Distorts its surface And scatters abroad may go in. its inhabitants.

1 1There is a cry for wine in the streets,

2 All joy is darkened, The mirth of the land And it shall be: As with the people, so

with the priest; As with the servant, so is gone. with his master; As

with the maid, so

with her mistress; As with the buyer, so in the city desolation is left,  
And the with the seller; As with the lender, so gate is stricken with  
destruction. with the borrower; As with the creditor,

so with the debtor. 13 When it shall be thus in the midst of

14 The land shall be entirely emptied and the land among the people, It  
shall be

like the shaking of an olive tree, Like the

utterly plundered, For the LORD has gleaning of grapes when the  
vintage is

spoken this word. done.

14

They shall lift up their voice, they shall will be shut up in the  
prison; After many

sing; For the majesty of the LORD They days they will be punished.  
shall cry aloud from the sea.

2 3 Then the moon will be disgraced And

15 Therefore glorify the LORD in the the sun ashamed; For the LORD of  
dawning light, The name of the LORD hosts will reign On Mount Zion  
and in

God of Israel in the coastlands of the Jerusalem And before His elders,  
sea. gloriously.

16 From the ends of the earth we have

heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" 25 O LORD, You are my God.  
I will

But I said, "I am ruined, ruined! Woe to exalt You, I will praise Your

name, For

me! The treacherous dealers have dealt

You have done wonderful things; Your  
treacherously, Indeed, the treacherous

counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.  
dealers have dealt very treacherously."

1 Fear and the pit and the snare Are 7 2 For You have made a city a  
ruin, A

fortified city a ruin, A palace of  
upon you, O inhabitant of the earth. foreigners to be a city no more; It  
will

1 never be rebuilt.

' And it shall be That he who flees from

the noise of the fear Shall fall into the pit, 3Therefore the strong  
people will glorify

And he who comes up from the midst of

You; The city of the terrible nations will  
the pit Shall be caught in the snare; For  
fear You.

the windows from on high are open, And  
the foundations of the earth are shaken. 4

For You have been a strength to the  
1 poor, A strength to the needy in his ' The  
earth is violently broken, The



distress, A refuge from the storm, A  
earth is split open, The earth is shaken  
shade from the heat; For the blast of the  
exceedingly.

terrible ones is as a storm against the  
  
2 wall. 0The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, And shall  
totter like a hut; Its 5

You will reduce the noise of aliens, As  
transgression shall be heavy upon it,  
heat in a dry place; As heat in the  
And it will fall, and not rise again.

shadow of a cloud, The song of the  
  
2 terrible ones will be diminished. 1 shall come to pass in that day  
That the LORD will punish on high the host of 6

And in this mountain The LORD of  
exalted ones, And on the earth the kings  
hosts will make for all people A feast of  
of the earth.

choice pieces, A feast of wines on the  
  
2 lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of 2They will be gathered  
together, As

well-refined wines on the lees.  
prisoners are gathered in the pit, And 7And He will destroy on this

mountain <sup>3</sup>You will keep him in perfect peace,

The surface of the covering cast over all Whose mind is stayed on You,  
Because

people, And the veil that is spread over he trusts in You. all nations.

<sup>4</sup> Trust in the LORD forever, For in Yah,

<sup>8</sup>He will swallow up death forever, And the LORD, is everlasting  
strength. the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from

all faces; The rebuke of His people He <sup>5</sup>For He brings down those who  
dwell on will take away from all the earth; For the high, The lofty  
city; He lays it low, He

LORD has spoken. lays it low to the ground, He brings it

down to the dust.

'And it will be said in that day: "Behold,

this is our God; We have waited for Him, <sup>6</sup> The foot shall tread it  
down-- The feet and He will save us. This is the LORD; of the poor  
And the steps of the needy."

We have waited for Him; We will be glad

and rejoice in His salvation." <sup>7</sup>

The way of the just is uprightness; O

<sup>1</sup> Most Upright, You weigh the path of the <sup>0</sup> For on this mountain the  
hand of the just.

LORD will rest, And Moab shall be

trampled down under Him, As straw is <sup>8</sup>

Yes, in the way of Your judgments, O

trampled down for the refuse heap. LORD, we have waited for You;  
The

1 desire of our soul is for Your name And 1And He will spread out His hands in

for the remembrance of You.

their midst As a swimmer reaches out to

swim, And He will bring down their pride 'With my soul I have desired You in the

Together with the trickery of their hands. night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will

1 seek You early; For when Your 2The fortress of the high fort of your

judgments are in the earth, The

walls He will bring down, lay low, And inhabitants of the world will learn bring to the ground, down to the dust. righteousness.

1 0Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet

26In that day this song will be sung he will not learn righteousness; In the

in the land of Judah: "We have a strong land of uprightness he will deal unjustly,

city; God will appoint salvation for walls And will not behold the majesty of the

and bulwarks. LORD.

2

open the gates, That the righteous 1 LORD, when Your hand is lifted up,

nation which keeps the truth may enter they will not see. But they will see and

in. be ashamed For their envy of people;

Yes, the fire of Your enemies shall  
devour them.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup> Come, my people, enter your LORD, You will establish peace for  
us,

For You have also done all our works in chambers, And shut your  
doors behind

us. you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little

moment, Until the indignation is past.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>

<sup>0</sup> LORD our God, masters besides

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

You Have had dominion over us; But by For behold, the LORD comes  
out of

You only we make mention of Your His place To punish the  
inhabitants of

name. the earth for their iniquity; The earth will

also disclose her blood, And will no

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> They are dead, they will not live; They more cover her slain.

are deceased, they will not rise.

Therefore You have punished and

destroyed them, And made all their <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> In that day the LORD  
with His memory to perish. severe sword, great and strong, Will

<sup>1</sup> punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, <sup>5</sup> ou have increased the nation,  
<sup>0</sup>

Leviathan that twisted serpent; And He

LORD, You have increased the nation; will slay the reptile that is in

the sea.

You are glorified; You have expanded

all the borders of the land. 2

In that day sing to her, "A vineyard of

1 red wine! 6LORD, in trouble they have visited You, They poured out  
a prayer when Your 3 the LORD, keep it, I water it every

chastening was upon them. moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night

and day.

17

As a woman with child Is in pain and

cries out in her pangs, When she draws 4Fury is not in Me. Who would  
set briers near the time of her delivery, So have and thorns Against Me  
in battle? I would

we been in Your sight, O LORD. go through them, I would burn them

together.

18We have been with child, we have been in pain; We have, as it  
were, 5Or let him take hold of My strength, brought forth wind; We  
have not That he may make peace with Me; And

accomplished any deliverance in the he shall make peace with Me."  
earth, Nor have the inhabitants of the

world fallen. 6Those who come He shall cause to

take root in Jacob; Israel shall blossom

1 ' Your dead shall live; Together with my and bud, And fill the face of  
the world

dead body they shall arise. Awake and with fruit. sing, you who dwell  
in dust; For your

dew is like the dew of herbs, And the 7Has He struck Israel as He

struck those earth shall cast out the dead. who struck him? Or has He  
been slain

according to the slaughter of those who  
were slain by Him?

8In measure, by sending it away, You head of the verdant valleys, To  
those

contended with it. He removes it by His who are overcome with wine!  
rough wind In the day of the east wind.

2 Behold, the Lord has a mighty and

'Therefore by this the iniquity of Jacob strong one, Like a tempest of  
hail and a

will be covered; And this is all the fruit of destroying storm, Like a  
flood of mighty

taking away his sin: When he makes all waters overflowing, Who will  
bring them

the stones of the altar Like chalkstones down to the earth with His  
hand. that are beaten to dust, Wooden images

and incense altars shall not stand. 3The crown of pride, the drunkards  
of

1

0 et the fortified city will be desolate, Ephraim, Will be trampled  
underfoot;

The habitation forsaken and left like a 4And the glorious beauty is a  
fading wilderness; There the calf will feed, and flower Which is at the  
head of the

there it will lie down And consume its verdant valley, Like the first  
fruit before

branches. the summer, Which an observer sees;

He eats it up while it is still in his hand.

When its boughs are withered, they  
will be broken off; The women come and sIn that day the LORD of  
hosts will be set them on fire. For it is a people of no For a crown of  
glory and a diadem of  
understanding; Therefore He who made beauty To the remnant of His  
people,  
them will not have mercy on them, And  
He who formed them will show them no 6  
For a spirit of justice to him who sits in  
favor.

judgment, And for strength to those who  
  
1 turn back the battle at the gate. 2 And it shall come to pass in that  
day That the LORD will thresh, From the 7

But they also have erred through wine,  
channel of the River to the Brook of  
And through intoxicating drink are out of  
Egypt; And you will be gathered one by  
the way; The priest and the prophet  
one, O you children of Israel.

have erred through intoxicating drink,  
  
1 They are swallowed up by wine, They 3 So it shall be in that day:  
The great are out of the way through intoxicating  
trumpet will be blown; They will come, drink; They err in vision, they  
stumble in  
who are about to perish in the land of judgment. Assyria, And they  
who are outcasts in

the land of Egypt, And shall worship the

'For all tables are full of vomit and filth;

LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

No place is clean.

9 Whom will he teach knowledge? And

28 Woe to the crown of pride, to the whom will he make to  
understand the

drunkards of Ephraim, Whose glorious message? Those just weaned  
from

beauty is a fading flower Which is at the milk? Those just drawn from  
the

breasts?

11 0 For precept must be upon precept, 8 Your covenant with death will  
be precept upon precept, Line upon line, annulled, And your  
agreement with

line upon line, Here a little, there a little." Sheol will not stand; When  
the

overflowing scourge passes through,

11 Then you will be trampled down by it.

For with stammering lips and another  
tongue He will speak to this people,

1 ' As often as it goes out it will take you;

12 For morning by morning it will pass over,

To whom He said, "This is the rest with  
which You may cause the weary to And by day and by night; It will be  
a



rest," And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet terror just to understand the report."

they would not hear. 0For the bed is too short to stretch out

2

13 on, And the covering so narrow that one

But the word of the LORD was to them,

"Precept upon precept, precept upon cannot wrap himself in it.  
precept, Line upon line, line upon line,

21

Here a little, there a little," That they For the LORD will rise up as at  
Mount

might go and fall backward, and be Perazim, He will be angry as in  
the

broken And snared and caught. Valley of Gibeon-- That He may do His

work, His awesome work, And bring to

14Therefore hear the word of the LORD, pass His act, His unusual act.

you scornful men, Who rule this people 2Now therefore, do not be  
mockers,

who are in Jerusalem, 2

Lest your bonds be made strong; For I

15Because you have said, "We have have heard from the Lord GOD of  
hosts,

made a covenant with death, And with A destruction determined even  
upon the

Sheol we are in agreement. When the whole earth. overflowing  
scourge passes through, It

will not come to us, For we have made 2 3

Give ear and hear my voice, Listen

lies our refuge, And under falsehood we and hear my speech. have  
hidden ourselves."

2 4Does the plowman keep plowing all

16Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

day to sow? Does he keep turning his

"Behold, I lay in Zion a stone for a soil and breaking the clods?  
foundation, A tried stone, a precious

cornerstone, a sure foundation; 25When he has leveled its surface,  
Does Whoever believes will not act hastily. he not sow the black  
cummin And

scatter the cummin, Plant the wheat in

17

Also I will make justice the measuring rows, The barley in the  
appointed place,

line, And righteousness the plummet; And the spelt in its place? The  
hail will sweep away the refuge of

lies, And the waters will overflow the 2 6For He instructs him in right  
judgment, hiding place. His God teaches him.

27

For the black cummin is not threshed great noise, With storm and  
tempest

with a threshing sledge, Nor is a And the flame of devouring fire.  
cartwheel rolled over the cummin; But

the black cummin is beaten out with a 7The multitude of all the  
nations who stick, And the cummin with a rod. fight against Ariel,  
Even all who fight

against her and her fortress, And

2 ' Bread flour must be ground; Therefore distress her, Shall be as a dream of a

he does not thresh it forever, Break it night vision. with his cartwheel, Or crush it with his

horsemen. 8 It shall even be as when a hungry man

dreams, And look--he eats; But he

2' This also comes from the LORD of awakes, and his soul is still empty; Or

hosts, Who is wonderful in counsel and as when a thirsty man dreams, And

excellent in guidance. look--he drinks; But he awakes, and

indeed he is faint, And his soul still

craves: So the multitude of all the

29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city nations shall be, Who fight against

Mount Zion."

where David dwelt! Add year to year;

Let feasts come around. 'Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves

2 and be blind! They are drunk, but not

Yet I will distress Ariel; There shall be

with wine; They stagger, but not with

heaviness and sorrow, And it shall be to

intoxicating drink.

Me as Ariel.

Al will encamp against you all around, I 1 0For the LORD has poured

out on you

The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed  
will lay siege against you with a mound,

your eyes, namely, the prophets; And  
And I will raise siegeworks against you.

He has covered your heads, namely, the  
4 seers.

You shall be brought down, You shall  
speak out of the ground; Your speech 11

The whole vision has become to you  
shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice  
shall be like a medium's, out of the like the words of a book that is  
sealed,

which men deliver to one who is literate,  
ground; And your speech shall whisper  
saying, "Read this, please." And he says,  
out of the dust.

"I cannot, for it is sealed."

5 Moreover the multitude of your foes 2

1 Then the book is delivered to one who  
Shall be like fine dust, And the multitude  
is illiterate, saying, "Read this, please."  
of the terrible ones Like chaff that

And he says, "I am not literate."

passes away; Yes, it shall be in an

instant, suddenly. <sup>1</sup> 3Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as <sup>6</sup> these people draw near with their

You will be punished by the LORD of mouths And honor Me with their lips, But

hosts With thunder and earthquake and

<sup>2</sup> 1

have removed their hearts far from Me, Who make a man an offender by a

And their fear toward Me is taught by word, And lay a snare for him who

the commandment of men, reproves in the gate, And turn aside the

just by empty words.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, behold, I will again do a marvelous work Among this people, A <sup>2</sup> 2Therefore thus says the LORD, who marvelous work and a wonder; For the redeemed Abraham, concerning the

wisdom of their wise men shall perish, house of Jacob: "Jacob shall not now be

And the understanding of their prudent ashamed, Nor shall his face now grow

men shall be hidden." pale;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 5Woe to those who seek deep to hide <sup>3</sup>But when he sees his children, The their counsel far from the LORD, And work of My hands, in his midst, They will

their works are in the dark; They say, hallow My name, And hallow the Holy

"Who sees us?" and, "Who knows us?" One of Jacob, And fear the God of Israel.

Surely you have things turned around! These also who erred in spirit will

Shall the potter be esteemed as the come to understanding, And those who

clay; For shall the thing made say of him complained will learn doctrine." who made it, "He did not make me"? Or

shall the thing formed say of him who

formed it, "He has no understanding"? 3 0 Woe to the rebellious children,"

1 says the LORD, "Who take counsel, but 7A

s it not yet a very little while Till

not of Me, And who devise plans, but

Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful

not of My Spirit, That they may add sin

field, And the fruitful field be esteemed to sin; as a forest?

1

8 n that day the deaf shall hear the 2 Who walk to go down to Egypt, And

have not asked My advice, To

words of the book, And the eyes of the

strengthen themselves in the strength of

blind shall see out of obscurity and out

Pharaoh, And to trust in the shadow of

of darkness. Egypt!

<sup>1</sup>9The humble also shall increase their <sup>3</sup>Therefore the strength of  
Pharaoh Shall

joy in the LORD, And the poor among

be your shame, And trust in the shadow

men shall rejoice In the Holy One of

of Egypt Shall be your humiliation.

Israel.

2

0For the terrible one is brought to <sup>4</sup> For his princes were at Zoan, And  
his

ambassadors came to Hanes.

nothing, The scornful one is consumed,

And all who watch for iniquity are cut off- <sup>5</sup>They were all ashamed of  
a people

who could not benefit them, Or be help

or benefit, But a shame and also a And He shall break it like the breaking

reproach." of the potter's vessel, Which is broken in

pieces; He shall not spare. So there

6 shall not be found among its fragments The burden against the beasts of the

South. Through a land of trouble and A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or

anguish, From which came the lioness to take water from the cistern." and lion, The viper and fiery flying

serpent, They will carry their riches on <sup>1</sup> 5For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy the backs of young donkeys, And their One of Israel: "In returning and rest you

treasures on the humps of camels, To a shall be saved; In quietness and

people who shall not profit; confidence shall be your strength." But you would not,

<sup>7</sup>For the Egyptians shall help in vain and <sup>6</sup>And you said, "No, for we will flee on

to no purpose. Therefore I have called <sup>1</sup> her Rahab-Hem-Shebeth. horses"-- Therefore you shall flee! And,

"We will ride on swift horses"--

<sup>8</sup> Therefore those who pursue you shall Now go, write it before them on a tablet,

And note it on a scroll, That it may be for be swift! time to come, Forever and ever:



One thousand shall flee at the threat of

"That this is a rebellious people, Lying one, At the threat of five you shall flee,

children, Children who will not hear the Till you are left as a pole on top of a

law of the LORD; mountain And as a banner on a hill.

11 0 ' Therefore the LORD will wait, that He Who say to the seers, "Do not see," And to the prophets, "Do not prophesy may be gracious to you; And therefore

to us right things; Speak to us smooth He will be exalted, that He may have

things, prophesy deceits. mercy on you. For the LORD is a God of

justice; Blessed are all those who wait

11 for Him.

Get out of the way, Turn aside from

the path, Cause the Holy One of Israel 1' For the people shall dwell in Zion at To cease from before us."

Jerusalem; You shall weep no more. He

1 will be very gracious to you at the sound 2Therefore thus says the Holy One of

of your cry; When He hears it, He will

Israel: "Because you despise this word,

answer you.

And trust in oppression and perversity,

And rely on them, <sup>2</sup> 0And though the Lord gives you The

<sup>1</sup> bread of adversity and the water of <sup>3</sup>Therefore this iniquity shall be  
to you

affliction, Yet your teachers will not be

Like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a

moved into a corner anymore, But your

high wall, Whose breaking comes

suddenly, in an instant. eyes shall see your teachers.

<sup>2</sup>1

Your ears shall hear a word behind futility; And there shall be a  
bridle in the

you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," jaws of the people, Causing  
them to err.

Whenever you turn to the right hand Or

whenever you turn to the left. <sup>2</sup> ' You shall have a song As in the night

when a holy festival is kept, And

<sup>2</sup>2

you will also defile the covering of gladness of heart as when one  
goes

your images of silver, And the ornament with a flute, To come into the  
mountain

of your molded images of gold. You will of the LORD, To the Mighty  
One of

throw them away as an unclean thing; Israel. You will say to them,  
"Get away!"

<sup>3</sup> 0The LORD will cause His glorious

<sup>2</sup>3Then He will give the rain for your voice to be heard, And show the

seed With which you sow the ground, descent of His arm, With the indignation

And bread of the increase of the earth; It of His anger And the flame of a

will be fat and plentiful. In that day your devouring fire, With scattering, tempest,

cattle will feed In large pastures. and hailstones.

231 4Likewise the oxen and the young For through the voice of the LORD

donkeys that work the ground Will eat Assyria will be beaten down, As He

cured fodder, Which has been strikes with the rod. winnowed with the shovel and fan.

32And in every place where the staff of

25There will be on every high mountain punishment passes, Which the LORD

And on every high hill Rivers and lays on him, It will be with tambourines

streams of waters, In the day of the and harps; And in battles of brandishing

great slaughter, When the towers fall. He will fight with it.

26Moreover the light of the moon will be 33For Tophet was established of old,

as the light of the sun, And the light of Yes, for the king it is prepared. He has

the sun will be sevenfold, As the light of made it deep and large; Its pyre is fire

seven days, In the day that the LORD with much wood; The breath of

the

binds up the bruise of His people And LORD, like a stream of  
brimstone,

heals the stroke of their wound. Kindles it.

27Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, Burning with His  
anger, And 3 1 Woe to those who go down to His burden is heavy; His  
lips are full of

Egypt for help, And rely on horses, Who  
indignation, And His tongue like a

trust in chariots because they are many,  
devouring fire.

And in horsemen because they are very

2 strong, But who do not look to the Holy 8His breath is like an  
overflowing

One of Israel, Nor seek the LORD!

stream, Which reaches up to the neck,

To sift the nations with the sieve of 2Yet He also is wise and will bring  
the banner," Says the LORD, Whose fire

disaster, And will not call back His is in Zion And whose furnace is in  
words, But will arise against the house Jerusalem. of evildoers, And  
against the help of

those who work iniquity.

3 2Behold, a king will reign in

3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not righteousness, And princes will  
rule with

God; And their horses are flesh, and not

justice.

spirit. When the LORD stretches out His

hand, Both he who helps will fall, And he <sup>2</sup> who is helped will fall  
down; They all will A man will be as a hiding place from

perish together. the wind, And a cover from the tempest,

As rivers of water in a dry place, As the

<sup>4</sup> shadow of a great rock in a weary land.

For thus the LORD has spoken to me:

"As a lion roars, And a young lion over <sup>3</sup>The eyes of those who see  
will not be his prey (When a multitude of shepherds dim, And the ears  
of those who hear will be summoned against him, He will not be listen.  
afraid of their voice Nor be disturbed by their noise), So the LORD of  
hosts will

come down To fight for Mount Zion and <sup>4</sup>Also the heart of the rash  
will

for its hill. understand knowledge, And the tongue

of the stammerers will be ready to speak

<sup>5</sup> plainly.

Like birds flying about, So will the

LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>The foolish person will no longer be  
Defending, He will also deliver it; Passing over, He will preserve it."  
called generous, Nor the miser said to

be bountiful;

<sup>6</sup>Return to Him against whom the <sup>6</sup>For the foolish person will speak  
children of Israel have deeply revolted.

foolishness, And his heart will work

7 iniquity: To practice ungodliness, To For in that day every man shall throw

away his idols of silver and his idols of utter error against the LORD,  
To keep

gold--sin, which your own hands have the hungry unsatisfied, And he will

made for yourselves. cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

8

Then Assyria shall fall by a sword not 7Also the schemes of the schemer are

of man, And a sword not of mankind evil; He devises wicked plans To  
shall devour him. But he shall flee from destroy the poor with lying  
words, Even

the sword, And his young men shall when the needy speaks justice.

become forced labor. 8But a generous man devises generous

things, And by generosity he shall stand.

'He shall cross over to his stronghold for

fear, And his princes shall be afraid of 'Rise up, you women who are at  
ease, 18My people will dwell in a peaceful Hear my voice; You  
complacent habitation, In secure dwellings, and in

daughters, Give ear to my speech. quiet resting places,

11 0 n a year and some days You will be

' Though hail comes down on the forest,

troubled, you complacent women; For And the city is brought low in

humiliation.

the vintage will fail, The gathering will

not come. <sup>2</sup> O Blessed are you who sow beside all

waters, Who send out freely the feet of

<sup>11</sup> Tremble, you women who are at ease; the ox and the donkey. Be troubled, you complacent ones; Strip

yourselves, make yourselves bare, And

gird sackcloth on your waists. <sup>3</sup> Woe to you who plunder, though

<sup>1</sup> you have not been plundered; And you <sup>2</sup> eople shall mourn upon their breasts

who deal treacherously, though they

For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful

have not dealt treacherously with you!

vine.

When you cease plundering, You will be

<sup>1</sup> plundered; When you make an end of <sup>3</sup> On the land of my people will come up

dealing treacherously, They will deal

thorns and briars, Yes, on all the happy treacherously with you. homes in the joyous city;

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, be gracious to us; We have

<sup>14</sup> Because the palaces will be forsaken, waited for You. Be their arm every

The bustling city will be deserted. The morning, Our salvation also in the time

forts and towers will become lairs of trouble. forever, A joy of wild donkeys, a pasture

of flocks-- S

At the noise of the tumult the people

1 shall flee; When You lift Yourself up, the 5 Until the Spirit is poured upon us from nations shall be scattered;

on high, And the wilderness becomes a

fruitful field, And the fruitful field is 4

And Your plunder shall be gathered

counted as a forest.

Like the gathering of the caterpillar; As

1 the running to and fro of locusts, He 6 Then justice will dwell in the

shall run upon them.

wilderness, And righteousness remain in

the fruitful field. 5

The LORD is exalted, for He dwells on

1 high; He has filled Zion with justice and 7 The work of righteousness will be righteousness.

peace, And the effect of righteousness,

quietness and assurance forever. 6 Wisdom and knowledge will be the

stability of your times, And the strength

of salvation; The fear of the LORD is His

treasure.



7 1 Surely their valiant ones shall cry 6He will dwell on high; His place  
of outside, The ambassadors of peace defense will be the fortress of  
rocks;

shall weep bitterly. Bread will be given him, His water will

be sure.

8The highways lie waste, The traveling man ceases. He has broken the  
1 7 our eyes will see the King in His covenant, He has despised the  
cities, beauty; They will see the land that is

He regards no man. very far off.

"The earth mourns and languishes, 1 ' Your heart will meditate on  
terror: Lebanon is shamed and shriveled; "Where is the scribe? Where  
is he who

Sharon is like a wilderness, And Bashan weighs? Where is he who  
counts the

and Carmel shake off their fruits. towers?"

1 1 0 Now I will rise," says the LORD; "Now

' You will not see a fierce people, A

I will be exalted, Now I will lift Myself up. people of obscure speech,  
beyond

perception, Of a stammering tongue that

11 ou shall conceive chaff, You shall you cannot understand.

bring forth stubble; Your breath, as fire, 0Look upon Zion, the city of  
our

shall devour you. 2

appointed feasts; Your eyes will see

<sup>1</sup><sup>2</sup> Jerusalem, a quiet home, A tabernacle

And the people shall be like the

burnings of lime; Like thorns cut up they that will not be taken down;  
Not one of

shall be burned in the fire. its stakes will ever be removed, Nor will

any of its cords be broken.

<sup>1</sup><sup>3</sup> Hear, you who are afar off, what I have <sup>2</sup> done; <sup>1</sup> But there the  
majestic LORD will be for And you who are near,

acknowledge My might." us A place of broad rivers and streams,

In which no galley with oars will sail, Nor

<sup>1</sup><sup>4</sup> majestic ships pass by

The sinners in Zion are afraid;

Fearfulness has seized the hypocrites: <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup> (For the LORD is our Judge,  
The "Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among  
us shall LORD is our Lawgiver, The LORD is our

dwell with everlasting burnings?" King; He will save us);

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup><sup>3</sup> our tackle is loosed, They could not <sup>5</sup> He who walks righteously  
and speaks uprightly, He who despises the gain of strengthen their  
mast, They could not

oppressions, Who gestures with his spread the sail. Then the prey of  
great

hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his plunder is divided; The lame  
take the

ears from hearing of bloodshed, And prey. shuts his eyes from seeing  
evil:

And the inhabitant will not say, "I am with blood, And their dust saturated with

sick"; The people who dwell in it will be fatness." forgiven their iniquity.

8For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, The year of recompense for  
34Come near, you nations, to hear; the cause of Zion.

And heed, you people! Let the earth

hear, and all that is in it, The world and 'Its streams shall be turned into pitch,

all things that come forth from it. And its dust into brimstone; Its land shall

become burning pitch.

2For the indignation of the LORD is 0 against all nations, And His fury against 1 It shall not be quenched night or day;

all their armies; He has utterly destroyed Its smoke shall ascend forever. From

them, He has given them over to the generation to generation it shall lie

slaughter. waste; No one shall pass through it

forever and ever.

3Also their slain shall be thrown out; 1 But the pelican and the porcupine shall Their stench shall rise from their corpses, And the mountains shall be possess it, Also the owl and the raven

melted with their blood. shall dwell in it. And He shall stretch out

over it The line of confusion and the

4 stones of emptiness. All the host of heaven shall be

dissolved, And the heavens shall be 1 2They shall call its nobles to the  
rolled up like a scroll; All their host shall fall down As the leaf falls  
from the vine, kingdom, But none shall be there, and

And as fruit falling from a fig tree. all its princes shall be nothing.

5 1 3And thorns shall come up in its For My sword shall be bathed in  
heaven; Indeed it shall come down on palaces, Nettles and brambles in  
its

Edom, And on the people of My curse, fortresses; It shall be a  
habitation of

for judgment. jackals, A courtyard for ostriches.

6 1 4The wild beasts of the desert shall also

The sword of the LORD is filled with

blood, It is made overflowing with meet with the jackals, And the wild  
goat

fatness, With the blood of lambs and shall bleat to its companion; Also  
the

goats, With the fat of the kidneys of night creature shall rest there,  
And find

rams. For the LORD has a sacrifice in for herself a place of rest.  
Bozrah, And a great slaughter in the

land of Edom. 15There the arrow snake shall make her

nest and lay eggs And hatch, and gather

7 them under her shadow; There also The wild oxen shall come down  
with

them, And the young bulls with the shall the hawks be gathered,

Every one

mighty bulls; Their land shall be soaked with her mate.

176 Search from the book of the LORD,

The parched ground shall become a

and read: Not one of these shall fail; Not pool, And the thirsty land  
springs of

one shall lack her mate. For My mouth water; In the habitation of  
jackals, where

has commanded it, and His Spirit has each lay, There shall be grass  
with

gathered them. reeds and rushes.

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He has cast the lot for them, And His A highway shall be there, and  
a road,

hand has divided it among them with a And it shall be called the  
Highway of

measuring line. They shall possess it Holiness. The unclean shall not  
pass

forever; From generation to generation over it, But it shall be for  
others.

they shall dwell in it." Whoever walks the road, although a fool,

Shall not go astray.

39No lion shall be there, Nor shall any 5The wilderness and the  
wasteland

ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not

shall be glad for them, And the desert

be found there. But the redeemed shall  
shall rejoice and blossom as the rose;  
walk there,

It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, O Even with joy and singing.  
The glory of <sup>1</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall

return, And come to Zion with singing,  
Lebanon shall be given to it, The

With everlasting joy on their heads.  
excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They

They shall obtain joy and gladness, And  
shall see the glory of the LORD, The

sorrow and sighing shall flee away.  
excellency of our God.

3

Strengthen the weak hands, And make

firm the feeble knees. <sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup>Now it came to pass in the

fourteenth year of King Hezekiah that

<sup>4</sup> Sennacherib king of Assyria came up Say to those who are fearful-  
hearted,

"Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your against all the fortified cities of  
Judah

God will come with vengeance, With the and took them. recompense  
of God; He will come and

save you." <sup>2</sup>Then the king of Assyria sent the

Rabshakeh with a great army from

5 Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. Then the eyes of the blind shall be

opened, And the ears of the deaf shall And he stood by the aqueduct from the

be unstopped. upper pool, on the highway to the

Fuller's Field.

6Then the lame shall leap like a deer, 3And Eliakim the son of Hilkihah, who

And the tongue of the dumb sing. For

waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, was over the household, Shebna the

And streams in the desert. scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the

recorder, came out to him.

4Then the Rabshakeh said to them, Hebrew in the hearing of the people who

"Say now to Hezekiah, "Thus says the are on the wall." great king, the king of Assyria: "What

confidence is this in which you trust? 12But the Rabshakeh said, "Has my

master sent me to your master and to

51 say you speak of having plans and you to speak these words, and not to

power for war; but they are mere words. the men who sit on the wall, who will eat

Now in whom do you trust, that you and drink their own waste with you?"

rebel against me?

1 3Then the Rabshakeh stood and called

6Look! You are trusting in the staff of this out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and

broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man said, "Hear the words of the great king,

leans, it will go into his hand and pierce the king of Assyria! it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who

trust in him. 1 4Thus says the king: "Do not let

Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be

7 But if you say to me, "We trust in the able to deliver you; LORD our God,' is it not He whose high

places and whose altars Hezekiah has 15nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the taken away, and said to Judah and LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely

Jerusalem, "You shall worship before deliver us; this city will not be given into

this altar'?" the hand of the king of Assyria."

8Now therefore, I urge you, give a 6

1 Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus

pledge to my master the king of Assyria, says the king of Assyria: "Make peace

and I will give you two thousand horses- with me by a present and come out to

-if you are able on your part to put riders me; and every one of you eat from his

on them! own vine and every one from his own fig

tree, and every one of you drink the

'How then will you repel one captain of waters of his own cistern; the



least of my master's servants, and

put your trust in Egypt for chariots and <sup>17</sup>

until I come and take you away to a

horsemen? land like your own land, a land of grain

and new wine, a land of bread and

<sup>10</sup>

Have I now come up without the vineyards.

LORD against this land to destroy it?

The LORD said to me, "Go up against <sup>18</sup>Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, this land, and destroy it." saying, "The LORD will deliver us." Has

<sup>1</sup> delivered its land from the hand of the

<sup>1</sup>Then Eliakim, Shebna, and Joah said any one of the gods of the nations

to the Rabshakeh, "Please speak to king of Assyria? your servants in Aramaic, for we

understand it; and do not speak to us in <sup>19</sup>Where are the gods of Hamath and to reproach the living God, and will

Arpad? Where are the gods of rebuke the words which the LORD your

Sepharvaim? Indeed, have they God has heard. Therefore lift up your delivered Samaria from my hand? prayer for the remnant that is left."

<sup>25</sup> 0

Who among all the gods of these So the servants of King Hezekiah came

lands have delivered their countries to Isaiah. from my hand, that the LORD should

deliver Jerusalem from my hand?' 6 And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you

2 LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words

1But they held their peace and shall say to your master, "Thus says the  
answered him not a word; for the king's which you have heard, with  
which the

commandment was, "Do not answer servants of the king of Assyria  
have

him." blasphemed Me.

2 7 2

Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who Surely I will send a spirit  
upon him, and

was over the household, Shebna the he shall hear a rumor and return  
to his

scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the own land; and I will cause him  
to fall by

recorder, came to Hezekiah with their the sword in his own land. '  
clothes torn, and told him the words of

the Rabshakeh. 8Then the Rabshakeh returned, and

found the king of Assyria warring

against Libnah, for he heard that he had

37And so it was, when King departed from Lachish.

Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his

clothes, covered himself with sackcloth, 'And the king heard  
concerning

and went into the house of the LORD. Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, "He  
has come

out to make war with you." So when he

2 heard it, he sent messengers to

Then he sent Eliakim, who was over

Hezekiah, saying,

the household, Shebna the scribe, and

the elders of the priests, covered with 1 04"Thus you shall speak to  
Hezekiah sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz. king of  
Judah, saying: "Do not let your

God in whom you trust deceive you,

3And they said to him, "Thus says saying, "Jerusalem shall not be  
given into the hand of the king of Assyria." Hezekiah: "This day is a  
day of trouble

and rebuke and blasphemy; for the 11Look! You have heard what the  
kings children have come to birth, but there is no strength to bring  
them forth. of Assyria have done to all lands by

utterly destroying them; and shall you be

4 delivered? It may be that the LORD your God will hear the words of  
the Rabshakeh, whom

his master the king of Assyria has sent 1 2 21

Have the gods of the nations delivered Then Isaiah the son of Amoz  
sent to

those whom my fathers have destroyed, Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says  
the LORD

Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the God of Israel, "Because you  
have

people of Eden who were in Telassar? prayed to Me against

Sennacherib king

of Assyria,

13

Where is the king of Hamath, the king

of Arpad, and the king of the city of <sup>2</sup> this is the word which the LORD  
has Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivaḥ?" spoken concerning him: "The  
virgin, the

daughter of Zion, Has despised you,

<sup>14</sup>And Hezekiah received the letter from laughed you to scorn; The  
daughter of

the hand of the messengers, and read it; Jerusalem Has shaken her  
head behind

and Hezekiah went up to the house of your back!

the LORD, and spread it before the <sup>34</sup>Whom have you reproached and  
LORD. <sup>2</sup>

blasphemed? Against whom have you

<sup>15</sup>Then Hezekiah prayed to the LORD, raised your voice, And lifted up  
your

saying: eyes on high? Against the Holy One of

Israel.

<sup>16</sup>§§O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, the

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>By your servants you have reproached

One who dwells between the cherubim,

You are God, You alone, of all the the Lord, And said, "By the  
multitude of

kingdoms of the earth. You have made my chariots I have come up to  
the

heaven and earth. height of the mountains, To the limits of

Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars

<sup>1</sup> And its choice cypress trees; I will enter <sup>7</sup> ncline Your ear, O LORD,  
and hear;

its farthest height, To its fruitful forest.

open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and

hear all the words of Sennacherib, <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup> have dug and drunk water, And  
with which he has sent to reproach the living God. the soles of my feet  
I have dried up All

the brooks of defense.'

<sup>18</sup> Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have

<sup>2</sup> <sup>64</sup>§ Did you not hear long ago How I

laid waste all the nations and their lands,

made it, From ancient times that I

<sup>1</sup> formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, ' and

have cast their gods into the fire;

That you should be For crushing fortified

for they were not gods, but the work of

men's cities into heaps of ruins. hands

--wood and stone.

Therefore they destroyed them. <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> Therefore their inhabitants had  
little

<sup>20</sup> Now therefore, O LORD our God, save power; They were dismayed  
and

confounded; They were as the grass of

us from his hand, that all the kingdoms

the field And the green herb, As the  
of the earth may know that You are the

grass on the housetops And grain  
LORD, You alone."

blighted before it is grown.

23 " But I know your dwelling place, Your 6 Then the angel of the  
LORD went out, going out and your coming in, And your and killed in  
the camp of the Assyrians

rage against Me. one hundred and eighty-five thousand;

and when people arose early in the  
2 morning, there were the corpses--all ' Because your rage against Me  
and

your tumult Have come up to My ears, dead.

Therefore I will put My hook in your 37 So nose And My bridle in your  
lips, And I Sennacherib king of Assyria

will turn you back By the way which you departed and went away,  
returned home,

came." and remained at Nineveh.

30 § 'Thi s shall be a sign to you: You shall 3' Now it came to pass, as  
he was

eat this year such as grows of itself, And worshiping in the house of  
Nisroch his

the second year what springs from the god, that his sons Adrammelech  
and

same; Also in the third year sow and Sharezer struck him down with

the

reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of sword; and they escaped into the land of

them. Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his son

reigned in his place.

31

And the remnant who have escaped of

the house of Judah Shall again take root

downward, And bear fruit upward. 38In those days Hezekiah was sick

32For out of Jerusalem shall go a and near death. And Isaiah the prophet,

the son of Amoz, went to him and said

remnant, And those who escape from to him, "Thus says the LORD:  
"Set your

Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of house in order, for you shall die  
and not

hosts will do this. live."

33§ 2 "Therefor e thus says the LORD Then Hezekiah turned his face  
toward concerning the king of Assyria: "He shall the wall, and prayed  
to the LORD, not come into this city, Nor shoot an

arrow there, Nor come before it with h and said, "Remember now, O  
LORD, I shield, Nor build a siege mound against pray, how I have  
walked before You in

it. truth and with a loyal heart, and have

done what is good in Your sight." And

34By the way that he came, By the same Hezekiah wept bitterly. shall

he return; And he shall not come

into this city,' Says the LORD. 4 And the word of the LORD came to 3  
Isaiah, saying,

5 'For I will defend this city, to save it

For My own sake and for My servant 5 Go and tell Hezekiah, "Thus  
says the David's sake." LORD, the God of David your father: "I

have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will add to  
your days eyes fail from looking upward. O LORD,

fifteen years. I am oppressed; Undertake for me!

6 1 I will deliver you and this city from the 54 What shall I say? He  
has both spoken hand of the king of Assyria, and I will to me, And He  
Himself has done it. I

defend this city.'" shall walk carefully all my years In the

bitterness of my soul.

7And this is the sign to you from the

1 6

LORD, that the LORD will do this thing O Lord, by these things men  
live; And

which He has spoken: in all these things is the life of my spirit;

So You will restore me and make me

'Behold, I will bring the shadow on the live. sundial, which has gone  
down with the

sun on the sundial of Ahaz, ten degrees 1 7 ndeed it was for my own  
peace That I backward." So the sun returned ten had great bitterness;  
But You have

degrees on the dial by which it had gone lovingly delivered my soul  
from the pit of

down. corruption, For You have cast all my



"This is the writing of Hezekiah king of 8For Sheol cannot thank You,  
Death

Judah, when he had been sick and had 1 recovered from his sickness:  
cannot praise You; Those who go down

to the pit cannot hope for Your truth.

1 0

said, "In the prime of my life I shall go

to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of 1 ' The living, the living man, he  
shall the remainder of my years." praise You, As I do this day; The  
father

shall make known Your truth to the

11 said, "I shall not see Yah, The LORD children. in the land of the  
living; I shall observe

man no more among the inhabitants of 'The 204 LORD was ready to  
save me;

the world. Therefore we will sing my songs with

stringed instruments All the days of our

12My life span is gone, Taken from me life, in the house of the LORD."

like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my

21

life like a weaver. He cuts me off from Now Isaiah had said, "Let them  
take a

the loom; From day until night You make lump of figs, and apply it as  
a poultice

an end of me. on the boil, and he shall recover."

1 2 3 have considered until morning-- Like And Hezekiah had said,  
"What is the 2

a lion, So He breaks all my bones; From sign that I shall go up to the  
house of

day until night You make an end of me. the LORD?"

14

Like a crane or a swallow, so I  
chattered; I mourned like a dove; My

8So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word

39At that time Merodach-Baladan of the LORD which you have  
spoken is

good!" For he said, "At least there will be  
the son of Baladan, king of Babylon,

peace and truth in my days."

sent letters and a present to Hezekiah,  
for he heard that he had been sick and  
had recovered.

40 Comfort, yes, comfort My

2And Hezekiah was pleased with them, people!" Says your God. and  
showed them the house of his

treasures--the silver and gold, the 2 Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and  
cry spices and precious ointment, and all out to her, That her warfare  
is ended,

his armory--all that was found among That her iniquity is pardoned;  
For she

his treasures. There was nothing in his has received from the LORD's  
hand

house or in all his dominion that Double for all her sins." Hezekiah did not show them.

3The voice of one crying in the

3Then Isaiah the prophet went to King wilderness: "Prepare the way of the

Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did LORD; Make straight in the desert A

these men say, and from where did they highway for our God. come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They

came to me from a far country, from 4

Every valley shall be exalted And every  
Babylon."

mountain and hill brought low; The  
4 crooked places shall be made straight

And he said, "What have they seen in And the rough places smooth;  
your house?" So Hezekiah answered,

"They have seen all that is in my house; 5

The glory of the LORD shall be  
there is nothing among my treasures

revealed, And all flesh shall see it  
that I have not shown them."

together; For the mouth of the LORD  
5 has spoken."

Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, "Hear  
the word of the LORD of hosts: 6

The voice said, "Cry out!" And he said,

6 "What shall I cry?" "All flesh is grass,

Behold, the days are coming when all And all its loveliness is like  
the flower of

that is in your house, and what your the field. fathers have  
accumulated until this day,

shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall 7

The grass withers, the flower fades,

be left,' says the LORD.

Because the breath of the LORD blows

7 upon it; Surely the people are grass.

And they shall take away some of your  
sons who will descend from you, whom 8

The grass withers, the flower fades, But

you will beget; and they shall be

the word of our God stands forever."

eunuchs in the palace of the king of

Babylon.'

'O Zion, You who bring good tidings, All nations before Him are as nothing,

Get up into the high mountain; O And they are counted by Him less than

Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, nothing and worthless. Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up,

be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, <sup>1</sup> 8To whom then will you liken God? Or "Behold your God!" what likeness will you compare to Him?

<sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with <sup>1</sup> ' The workman molds an image, The a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for goldsmith overspreads it with gold, And

Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, the silversmith casts silver chains. And His work before Him.

<sup>2</sup> 0Whoever is too impoverished for such

<sup>11</sup> He will feed His flock like a shepherd; a contribution Chooses a tree that will

He will gather the lambs with His arm, not rot; He seeks for himself a skillful

And carry them in His bosom, And workman To prepare a carved image

gently lead those who are with young. that will not totter.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 2 Who has measured the waters in the <sup>1</sup> Have you not known? Have you not hollow of His hand, Measured heaven heard? Has it not been told you from the

with a span And calculated the dust of beginning? Have you not understood

the earth in a measure? Weighed the from the foundations of the  
earth? mountains in scales And the hills in a

balance? 2

It is He who sits above the circle of the

1 earth, And its inhabitants are like 3Who has directed the Spirit of the

grasshoppers, Who stretches out the

LORD, Or as His counselor has taught heavens like a curtain, And  
spreads

Him? them out like a tent to dwell in.

1 2 4with whom did He take counsel, and 3He brings the princes to  
nothing; He who instructed Him, And taught Him in makes the judges  
of the earth useless.

the path of justice? Who taught Him

knowledge, And showed Him the way of 2 4Scarcely shall they be  
planted, understanding?

Scarcely shall they be sown, Scarcely

1 shall their stock take root in the earth, 5Behold, the nations are as a  
drop in a

When He will also blow on them, And

bucket, And are counted as the small they will wither, And the  
whirlwind will

dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the take them away like stubble.  
isles as a very little thing.

2 5 'To whom then will you liken Me, Or to

16And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,

whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy

Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt One. offering.

26Lift up your eyes on high, And see who gave them as the dust to his  
sword, As

has created these things, Who brings driven stubble to his bow? out  
their host by number; He calls them

all by name, By the greatness of His 3Who pursued them, and passed  
safely

might And the strength of His power; By the way that he had not gone  
with his

Not one is missing. feet?

27Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak,

4 Who has performed and done it, Calling

O Israel: "My way is hidden from the the generations from the  
beginning? "I,

LORD, And my just claim is passed over the LORD, am the first; And  
with the last

by my God"? I am He."

25 ' Have you not known? Have you not The coastlands saw it and  
feared, The heard? The everlasting God, the LORD, ends of the earth  
were afraid; They drew

The Creator of the ends of the earth, near and came. Neither faints nor  
is weary. His

understanding is unsearchable. 6

Everyone helped his neighbor, And

2 said to his brother, "Be of good

' He gives power to the weak, And to courage!"

those who have no might He increases

strength. 7

So the craftsman encouraged the

30Even the youths shall faint and be goldsmith; He who smooths with the

hammer inspired him who strikes the

weary, And the young men shall utterly anvil, Saying, "It is ready for the

fall, soldering"; Then he fastened it with

31But those who wait on the LORD Shall pegs, That it might not totter.

renew their strength; They shall mount 8 But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob up with wings like eagles, They shall run whom I have chosen, The descendants

and not be weary, They shall walk and of Abraham My friend. not faint.

'You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest

41 Keep silence before Me, O regions, And said to you, "You are My coastlands, And let the people renew servant, I have chosen you and have

their strength! Let them come near, then not cast you away: let them speak; Let us come near

together for judgment. 1 0Fear not, for I am with you; Be not

dismayed, for I am your God. I will

2 Who raised up one from the east? strengthen you, Yes, I will help



you, I will

Who in righteousness called him to His uphold you with My righteous right

feet? Who gave the nations before him, hand.' And made him rule over kings? Who <sup>11</sup> Behold, all those who were incensed

oil tree; I will set in the desert the

against you Shall be ashamed and cypress tree and the pine And the box

disgraced; They shall be as nothing, tree together, And those who strive with you shall

perish. <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup> That they may see and know, And

consider and understand together, That

<sup>12</sup>

You shall seek them and not find the hand of the LORD has done this,

them-- Those who contended with you. And the Holy One of Israel has created

Those who war against you Shall be as it. nothing, As a nonexistent thing.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> 'Present your case," says the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> For I, the LORD your God, will hold "Bring forth your strong reasons," says

your right hand, Saying to you, "Fear not, the King of Jacob. I will help you.'

<sup>22</sup> 'Let them bring forth and show us

<sup>14</sup> 'Fear not, you worm Jacob, You men what will happen; Let them show the

of Israel! I will help you," says the LORD former things, what they were, That we

And your Redeemer, the Holy One of may consider them, And know  
the latter

Israel. end of them; Or declare to us things to  
come.

1 5 Behold, I will make you into a new

2 3

threshing sledge with sharp teeth; You Show the things that are to  
come

shall thresh the mountains and beat hereafter, That we may know that  
you

them small, And make the hills like chaff. are gods; Yes, do good or do  
evil, That

we may be dismayed and see it together.

16

You shall winnow them, the wind shall 4 ndeed you are nothing,  
And your work

carry them away, And the whirlwind 2 shall scatter them; You shall  
rejoice in is nothing; He who chooses you is an

the LORD, And glory in the Holy One of abomination. Israel.

254 have raised up one from the north,

17§ 'The poor and needy seek water, but And he shall come; From the  
rising of

there is none, Their tongues fail for thirst. the sun he shall call on My  
name; And

I, the LORD, will hear them; I, the God he shall come against princes  
as though

of Israel, will not forsake them. mortar, As the potter treads clay.

' I will open rivers in desolate heights, Who has declared from the beginning,

And fountains in the midst of the valleys; that we may know? And former times,

I will make the wilderness a pool of that we may say, "He is righteous"?

water, And the dry land springs of water. Surely there is no one who shows,

Surely there is no one who declares,

1 Surely there is no one who hears your ' I will plant in the wilderness the cedar

and the acacia tree, The myrtle and the words.

27

The first time I said to Zion, "Look, covenant to the people, As a light to the

there they are!' And I will give to Gentiles, Jerusalem one who brings good tidings.

7 To open blind eyes, To bring out

2' For I looked, and there was no man; I prisoners from the prison, Those who sit

looked among them, but there was no in darkness from the prison house. counselor, Who, when I asked of them,

could answer a word. 8 I am the LORD, that is My name; And

My glory I will not give to another, Nor

2 ' Indeed they are all worthless; Their My praise to carved images. works are nothing; Their molded images

are wind and confusion. 'Behold, the former things have come to

pass, And new things I declare; Before

they spring forth I tell you of them."

## 42 Behold! My Servant whom I

1 0

uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul Sing to the LORD a new song,  
And

delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; His praise from the ends of  
the earth,

He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. You who go down to the  
sea, and all

that is in it, You coastlands and you

2 inhabitants of them! He will not cry out, nor raise His voice,

Nor cause His voice to be heard in the 11 Let the wilderness and its  
cities lift up street.

their voice, The villages that Kedar

EA bruised reed He will not break, And inhabits. Let the inhabitants of  
Sela sing,

smoking flax He will not quench; He will Let them shout from the top  
of the

bring forth justice for truth. mountains.

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4 Let them give glory to the LORD, And He will not fail nor be  
discouraged, Till

He has established justice in the earth; declare His praise in the  
coastlands.

And the coastlands shall wait for His 13 The LORD shall go forth like a  
mighty law."

man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man

5 of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout

Thus says God the LORD, Who

created the heavens and stretched them aloud; He shall prevail against His

out, Who spread forth the earth and that enemies.

which comes from it, Who gives breath <sup>1</sup> 4a have held My peace a long time, I to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: have been still and restrained Myself.

Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I

6 will pant and gasp at once. I, the LORD, have called You in

righteousness, And will hold Your hand; 5 will lay waste the mountains and hills,

I will keep You and give You as a <sup>1</sup>

And dry up all their vegetation; I will

<sup>2</sup> 4

make the rivers coastlands, And I will Who gave Jacob for plunder, and

dry up the pools. Israel to the robbers? Was it not the

LORD, He against whom we have

<sup>16</sup> will bring the blind by a way they did sinned? For they would not walk in His

not know; I will lead them in paths they ways, Nor were they obedient to His law.

have not known. I will make darkness 5Therefore He has poured on him the

light before them, And crooked places 2 straight. These things I will do for them, fury of His anger And the strength of

And not forsake them. battle; It has set him on fire all around,

Yet he did not know; And it burned him,

17They shall be turned back, They shall Yet he did not take it to heart.

be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved

images, Who say to the molded images,

"You are our gods." 43But now, thus says the LORD,

1 who created you, O Jacob, And He who 8 Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind,

formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I

that you may see. have redeemed you; I have called you

by your name; You are Mine.

19Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger whom I send? Who is 2 When you pass through the waters, I blind as he who is perfect, And blind as will be with you; And through the rivers,

the LORD's servant? they shall not overflow you. When you

walk through the fire, you shall not be

20 Seeing many things, but you do not burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

observe; Opening the ears, but he does

not hear." 3For I am the LORD your God, The Holy

One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt

21 for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in

The LORD is well pleased for His  
righteousness' sake; He will exalt the your place. law and make it  
honorable.

4 Since you were precious in My sight,  
22But this is a people robbed and You have been honored, And I have  
plundered; All of them are snared in loved you; Therefore I will give  
men for

holes, And they are hidden in prison you, And people for your life.  
houses; They are for prey, and no one

delivers; For plunder, and no one says, 5Fear not, for I am with you; I  
will bring "Restore!" your descendants from the east, And

gather you from the west;  
23Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for  
the time to I I will say to the north, "Give them up!"

come? And to the south, "Do not keep them

back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My

daughters from the ends of the earth--

71 Everyone who is called by My name, 5 am the LORD, your Holy  
One, The Whom I have created for My glory; I Creator of Israel, your  
King." have formed him, yes, I have made

him." 16Thus says the LORD, who makes a

way in the sea And a path through the

8Bring out the blind people who have mighty waters, eyes, And the  
deaf who have ears.

1 7

Who brings forth the chariot and horse,

'Let all the nations be gathered together, The army and the power  
(They shall lie

And let the people be assembled. Who down together, they shall not rise; They

among them can declare this, And show are extinguished, they are quenched like

us former things? Let them bring out a wick): their witnesses, that they may be

justified; Or let them hear and say, "It is I " Do not remember the former things, truth." Nor consider the things of old.

1 0 You are My witnesses," says the

1 ' Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it

LORD, "And My servant whom I have shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?

chosen, That you may know and believe I will even make a road in the wilderness

Me, And understand that I am He. And rivers in the desert. Before Me there was no God formed,

Nor shall there be after Me. 2 0The beast of the field will honor Me,

1 The jackals and the ostriches, Because I 1 even I, am the LORD, And besides

give waters in the wilderness And rivers

Me there is no savior. in the desert, To give drink to My people,

My chosen.

12a have declared and saved, I have

proclaimed, And there was no foreign 2 1This people I have formed for Myself; god among you; Therefore you are My They shall declare My praise. witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I am

God. 2 2 'But you have not called upon Me, O



<sup>1</sup> Jacob; And you have been weary of Me, <sup>3</sup> indeed before the day was,  
I am He;

O Israel.

And there is no one who can deliver out

of My hand; I work, and who will reverse <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> you have not brought Me  
the sheep it?" for your burnt offerings, Nor have you

<sup>1</sup> honored Me with your sacrifices. I have <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD, your  
Redeemer, not caused you to serve with grain

The Holy One of Israel: "For your sake I offerings, Nor wearied you  
with incense.

will send to Babylon, And bring them all

down as fugitives-- The Chaldeans, who <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>

You have bought Me no sweet cane

rejoice in their ships.

with money, Nor have you satisfied Me

with the fat of your sacrifices; But you have burdened Me with your  
sins, You <sup>6</sup> Thus says the LORD, the King of

have wearied Me with your iniquities. Israel, And his Redeemer, the  
LORD of

hosts: "I am the First and I am the Last;

<sup>25a</sup> , even I, am He who blots out your Besides Me there is no God.  
transgressions for My own sake; And I

will not remember your sins. <sup>7</sup>And who can proclaim as I do? Then let

him declare it and set it in order for Me,

<sup>26</sup> ut Me in remembrance; Let us Since I appointed the ancient people.

contend together; State your case, that And the things that are coming  
and shall

you may be acquitted. come, Let them show these to them.

28 Do not fear, nor be afraid; Have I not 7 our first father sinned, And  
your mediators have transgressed against told you from that time, and  
declared it?

Me. You are My witnesses. Is there a God

besides Me? Indeed there is no other

2 Rock; I know not one." 8Therefore I will profane the princes of the  
sanctuary; I will give Jacob to the

curse, And Israel to reproaches. "Those who make an image, all of  
them

are useless, And their precious things

shall not profit; They are their own

44 Yet hear me now, O Jacob My that they may be ashamed.  
witnesses; They neither see nor know, servant, And Israel whom I  
have chosen.

10Who would form a god or mold an

2Thus says the LORD who made you image That profits him nothing?  
And formed you from the womb, who

will help you: "Fear not, O Jacob My 1

Surely all his companions would be

servant; And you, Jeshurun, whom I

ashamed; And the workmen, they are

have chosen.

mere men. Let them all be gathered

3For I will pour water on him who is together, Let them stand up; Yet they

shall fear, They shall be ashamed

thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I together. will pour My Spirit on your descendants,

And My blessing on your offspring; 12

The blacksmith with the tongs works

4 one in the coals, Fashions it with

They will spring up among the grass hammers, And works it with the strength

Like willows by the watercourses.' of his arms. Even so, he is hungry, and

his strength fails; He drinks no water

5One will say, "I am the LORD's"; and is faint. Another will call himself by the name of

Jacob; Another will write with his hand, 1 3The craftsman stretches out his rule, "The LORD's,' And name himself by the He marks one out with chalk; He

name of Israel. fashions it with a plane, He marks it out

with the compass, And makes it like the 2 0He feeds on ashes; A deceived heart figure of a man, According to the beauty has turned him aside; And he cannot

of a man, that it may remain in the deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a

house. lie in my right hand?"

1 2 4 1 Remember these, O Jacob, And

He cuts down cedars for himself, And

takes the cypress and the oak; He Israel, for you are My servant; I have

secures it for himself among the trees of formed you, you are My servant; O

the forest. He plants a pine, and the rain Israel, you will not be forgotten by Me!

nourishes it.

2 2a have blotted out, like a thick cloud,

15Then it shall be for a man to burn, For your transgressions, And like a cloud,

he will take some of it and warm himself; your sins. Return to Me, for I have

Yes, he kindles it and bakes bread; redeemed you." Indeed he makes a god and worships it;

He makes it a carved image, and falls 23

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has  
down to it. done it! Shout, you lower parts of the

earth; Break forth into singing, you

16

He burns half of it in the fire; With this mountains, O forest, and every tree in it!

half he eats meat; He roasts a roast, For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,

and is satisfied. He even warms himself And glorified Himself in Israel. and says, "Ah! I am warm, I have seen

the fire." 2 4Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,

And He who formed you from the womb:

17

And the rest of it he makes into a god, "I am the LORD, who makes all things,

His carved image. He falls down before Who stretches out the heavens all alone,

it and worships it, Prays to it and says, Who spreads abroad the earth by

"Deliver me, for you are my god!" Myself;

12 ' They do not know nor understand; For 5Who frustrates the signs of the He has shut their eyes, so that they babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who

cannot see, And their hearts, so that turns wise men backward, And makes

they cannot understand. their knowledge foolishness;

12 6 '

And no one considers in his heart, Nor Who confirms the word of His servant,

is there knowledge nor understanding to And performs the counsel of His

say, "I have burned half of it in the fire, messengers; Who says to Jerusalem,

Yes, I have also baked bread on its "You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of

coals; I have roasted meat and eaten it; Judah, "You shall be built,' And I will

And shall I make the rest of it an raise up her waste places; abomination? Shall I fall down before a

block of wood?" 27Who says to the deep, "Be dry! And I

will dry up your rivers';

28 ' Who says of Cyrus, "He is My Rain down, you heavens, from above, shepherd, And he shall perform all My And let the skies pour down pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You righteousness; Let the earth open, let

shall be built," And to the temple, "Your them bring forth salvation, And let

foundation shall be laid." righteousness spring up together. I, the

LORD, have created it.

45 Thus says the LORD to His "Woe to him who strives with his Maker!

anointed, To Cyrus, whose right hand I Let the potsherd strive with the

have held-- To subdue nations before potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay him And loose the armor of kings, To say to him who forms it, "What are you open before him the double doors, So making?' Or shall your handiwork say,

that the gates will not be shut: "He has no hands'?

1 0

2 Woe to him who says to his father, I will go before you And make the

crooked places straight; I will break in "What are you begetting?' Or to the

pieces the gates of bronze And cut the woman, "What have you brought forth?"

bars of iron. 11 Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of

I I will give you the treasures of darkness Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of things

And hidden riches of secret places, That to come concerning My sons; And

you may know that I, the LORD, Who concerning the work of My hands, you

call you by your name, Am the God of command Me.

Israel. <sup>1</sup> 2a have made the earth, And created <sup>4</sup> man on it. I--My hands--stretched out

For Jacob My servant's sake, And

Israel My elect, I have even called you the heavens, And all their host I have

by your name; I have named you, commanded.

though you have not known Me. <sup>13</sup> have raised him up in righteousness, <sup>5</sup> And I will direct all his ways; He shall

I am the LORD, and there is no other;

There is no God besides Me. I will gird build My city And let My exiles go free,

you, though you have not known Me, Not for price nor reward," Says the

LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>That they may know from the rising of <sup>4</sup> the sun to its setting That there is none <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: "The labor of

besides Me. I am the LORD, and there Egypt and merchandise of Cush And of

is no other; the Sabeans, men of stature, Shall

come over to you, and they shall be

<sup>7</sup> yours; They shall walk behind you, They

I form the light and create darkness, I

shall come over in chains; And they  
make peace and create calamity; I, the  
LORD, do all these things.' shall bow down to you. They will make  
supplication to you, saying, "Surely God is in you, And there is no  
other; There is 'Look to Me, and be saved, All you 2 2  
no other God.'" ends of the earth! For I am God, and  
there is no other.

15 Truly You are God, who hide Yourself, O God of Israel, the Savior! 2  
3 have sworn by Myself; The word has  
gone out of My mouth in righteousness,  
16 And shall not return, That to Me every  
They shall be ashamed And also  
disgraced, all of them; They shall go in knee shall bow, Every tongue  
shall take  
confusion together, Who are makers of an oath.

idols. 4 He shall say, "Surely in the LORD I

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17 But Israel shall be saved by the LORD have righteousness and  
strength. To  
With an everlasting salvation; You shall Him men shall come, And all  
shall be  
not be ashamed or disgraced Forever ashamed Who are incensed  
against  
and ever. Him.



1 2 5 n the LORD all the descendants of 8For thus says the LORD, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory."

the earth and made it, Who has

established it, Who did not create it in

vain, Who formed it to be inhabited: "I 46BeI bows down, Nebo stoops;

am the LORD, and there is no other.

Their idols were on the beasts and on

1 the cattle. Your carriages were heavily

' I have not spoken in secret, In a dark loaded, A burden to the weary beast.

place of the earth; I did not say to the

seed of Jacob, "Seek Me in vain"; I, the 2

They stoop, they bow down together;

LORD, speak righteousness, I declare

They could not deliver the burden, But

things that are right. have themselves gone into captivity.

2 0 3"Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, And

Assemble yourselves and come;

Draw near together, You who have all the remnant of the house of Israel,

escaped from the nations. They have no Who have been upheld by Me from birth,

knowledge, Who carry the wood of their Who have been carried from the womb:

carved image, And pray to a god that

cannot save. <sup>4</sup>Even to your old age, I am He, And <sup>2</sup> even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have <sup>1</sup>

Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let made, and I will bear; Even I will carry,

them take counsel together. Who has and will deliver you. declared this from ancient time? Who

has told it from that time? Have not I, <sup>5</sup> To whom will you liken Me, and make the LORD? And there is no other God Me equal And compare Me, that we besides Me, A just God and a Savior; should be alike? There is none besides Me.

<sup>6</sup>They lavish gold out of the bag, And the Chaldeans! For you shall no more

weigh silver on the scales; They hire a be called Tender and delicate. goldsmith, and he makes it a god; They

prostrate themselves, yes, they worship. <sup>2</sup> Take the millstones and grind meal.

Remove your veil, Take off the skirt,

<sup>7</sup>They bear it on the shoulder, they carry Uncover the thigh, Pass through the

it And set it in its place, and it stands; rivers. From its place it shall not move. Though

one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer <sup>3</sup>Your nakedness shall be uncovered,

Nor save him out of his trouble. Yes, your shame will be seen; I will take

vengeance, And I will not arbitrate with a

"Remember this, and show yourselves man." men; Recall to mind, O you

transgressors. <sup>4</sup>As for our Redeemer, the LORD of

hosts is His name, The Holy One of

'Remember the former things of old, For Israel. I am God, and there is no other; I am

God, and there is none like Me, <sup>5</sup> Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O

daughter of the Chaldeans; For you

<sup>10</sup>Declaring the end from the beginning, shall no longer be called The Lady of

And from ancient times things that are Kingdoms. not yet done, Saying, "My counsel shall

stand, And I will do all My pleasure,' I I was angry with My people; I have

<sup>1</sup> them into your hand. You showed them

<sup>1</sup> Calling a bird of prey from the east, profaned My inheritance, And given

The man who executes My counsel, no mercy; On the elderly you laid your

from a far country. Indeed I have spoken yoke very heavily. it; I will also bring it to pass. I have

purposed it; I will also do it. <sup>7</sup>And you said, "I shall be a lady forever,'

So that you did not take these things to

<sup>12</sup>§'Listen to Me, you stubborn-hearted, heart, Nor remember the latter end of

Who are far from righteousness: them.

<sup>13</sup> bring My righteousness near, it shall

"Therefore hear this now, you who are

not be far off; My salvation shall not be given to pleasures, Who dwell securely,

linger. And I will place salvation in Zion, Who say in your heart, "I am, and there

For Israel My glory. is no one else besides me; I shall not sit

as a widow, Nor shall I know the loss of  
children';

47 Come down and sit in the dust, O

virgin daughter of Babylon; Sit on the ground. But these two things shall come to you

ground without a throne, O daughter of In a moment, in one day: The loss of

children, and widowhood. They shall  
come upon you in their fullness Because

of the multitude of your sorceries, For 48 Hear this, O house  
of Jacob, the great abundance of your

Who are called by the name of Israel,  
enchantments.

And have come forth from the

1 wellsprings of Judah; Who swear by the name of the LORD, 0 'For you have trusted in  
your name of the LORD, And make mention

wickedness; You have said, "No one of the God of Israel, But not in  
truth or in

sees me'; Your wisdom and your righteousness; knowledge have  
warped you; And you

have said in your heart, "I am, and there 2 For they call themselves

after the holy is no one else besides me.'

city, And lean on the God of Israel; The

<sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts is His name:

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Therefore evil shall come upon you;

You shall not know from where it arises. <sup>3</sup>I have declared the former things from

And trouble shall fall upon you; You will

the beginning; They went forth from My

not be able to put it off. And desolation mouth, and I caused them to hear it.

shall come upon you suddenly, Which

Suddenly I did them, and they came to

you shall not know.

pass.

<sup>12</sup> Stand now with your enchantments

<sup>4</sup>Because I knew that you were

And the multitude of your sorceries, In

obstinate, And your neck was an iron

which you have labored from your

sinew, And your brow bronze,

youth-- Perhaps you will be able to profit,

Perhaps you will prevail. <sup>5</sup>

Even from the beginning I have

1 declared it to you; Before it came to 3 ou are wearied in the  
multitude of

pass I proclaimed it to you, Lest you  
your counsels; Let now the astrologers,

should say, "My idol has done them,  
the stargazers, And the monthly

And my carved image and my molded  
prognosticators Stand up and save you image Have commanded them.'  
From what shall come upon you.

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4Behold, they shall be as stubble, The 6 You have heard; See all this.  
And will

you not declare it? I have made you  
fire shall burn them; They shall not hear new things from this time,  
Even

deliver themselves From the power of hidden things, and you did not  
know

the flame; It shall not be a coal to be

them.

warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!

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5Thus shall they be to you With whom 7They are created now and not  
from the

beginning; And before this day you have  
you have labored, Your merchants from

not heard them, Lest you should say,

your youth; They shall wander each one "Of course I knew them.' to  
his quarter. No one shall save you.

8Surely you did not hear, Surely you did not know; Surely from long  
ago your ear

was not opened. For I knew that you Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer,

would deal very treacherously, And The Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD

were called a transgressor from the your God, Who teaches you to profit,

womb. Who leads you by the way you should

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"For My name's sake I will defer My

1 8

anger, And for My praise I will restrain it Oh, that you had heeded My from you, So that I do not cut you off. commandments! Then your peace

would have been like a river, And your

10 righteousness like the waves of the sea.

Behold, I have refined you, but not as silver; I have tested you in the furnace of affliction. 1 ' Your descendants also would have

been like the sand, And the offspring of

11 For My own sake, for My own sake, I your body like the grains of sand; His

will do it; For how should My name be name would not have been cut off Nor

profaned? And I will not give My glory to destroyed from before Me." another.



Go forth from Babylon! Flee from the

12§ Chaldeans! With a voice of singing,

'Listen to Me, O Jacob, And Israel, My

called: I am He, I am the First, I am also Declare, proclaim this, Utter  
it to the end

the Last. of the earth; Say, "The LORD has

redeemed His servant Jacob!"

1 3 ndeed My hand has laid the 2 1And they did not thirst When He led  
foundation of the earth, And My right

hand has stretched out the heavens; them through the deserts; He  
caused

When I call to them, They stand up the waters to flow from the rock  
for

together. them; He also split the rock, and the

waters gushed out.

14§§AIL of you, assemble yourselves, and hear! Who among them has  
declared "There is no peace," says the LORD, 224

these things? The LORD loves him; He "for the wicked." shall do His  
pleasure on Babylon, And

His arm shall be against the Chaldeans.

49 Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And

15 even I, have spoken; Yes, I have

take heed, you peoples from afar! The

called him, I have brought him, and his LORD has called Me from the  
womb;

way will prosper. From the matrix of My mother He has

made mention of My name.

16 Come near to Me, hear this: I have

not spoken in secret from the beginning; 2 And He has made My  
mouth like a From the time that it was, I was there. sharp sword; In  
the shadow of His hand

And now the Lord GOD and His Spirit He has hidden Me, And made  
Me a

Have sent Me."

polished shaft; In His quiver He has 9 That You may say to the  
prisoners, "Go hidden Me." forth,' To those who are in darkness,

"Show yourselves.' "They shall feed

3"And He said to me, "You are My along the roads, And their pastures  
shall

servant, O Israel, In whom I will be be on all desolate heights.  
glorified.'

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They shall neither hunger nor thirst,

4 Neither heat nor sun shall strike them; Then I said, "I have labored in  
vain, I

have spent my strength for nothing and For He who has mercy on  
them will lead

in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with them, Even by the springs of  
water He

the LORD, And my work with my God.' will guide them.

5 11a will make each of My mountains a

And now the LORD says, Who formed

Me from the womb to be His Servant, To road, And My highways shall  
be

bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel elevated. is gathered to Him  
(For I shall be

glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And <sup>12</sup>

Surely these shall come from afar;

My God shall be My strength), Look! Those from the north and the  
west,

And these from the land of Sinim."

<sup>6</sup>Indeed He says, "It is too small a thing <sup>3</sup>Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O  
earth!

that You should be My Servant To raise <sup>1</sup> up the tribes of Jacob, And  
to restore And break out in singing, O mountains!

the preserved ones of Israel; I will also For the LORD has comforted  
His people,

give You as a light to the Gentiles, That And will have mercy on His  
afflicted. You should be My salvation to the ends

of the earth.'" <sup>14</sup>But Zion said, "The LORD has

forsaken me, And my Lord has forgotten

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, The Redeemer of me." Israel, their Holy One, To  
Him whom

man despises, To Him whom the nation <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup> Can a woman forget her  
nursing child, abhors, To the Servant of rulers: "Kings And not have  
compassion on the son of

shall see and arise, Princes also shall her womb? Surely they may  
forget, Yet I

worship, Because of the LORD who is will not forget you. faithful, The  
Holy One of Israel; And He

has chosen You." <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup>

See, I have inscribed you on the palms

8 of My hands; Your walls are continually

Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable before Me.

time I have heard You, And in the day of

salvation I have helped You; I will <sup>17</sup>

Your sons shall make haste; Your

preserve You and give You As a

destroyers and those who laid you

covenant to the people, To restore the

waste Shall go away from you.

earth, To cause them to inherit the

desolate heritages;

<sup>12</sup> ' Lift up your eyes, look around and see; <sup>5</sup> But thus says the LORD:  
"Even the All these gather together and come to captives of the mighty  
shall be taken

you. As I live," says the LORD, "You away, And the prey of the terrible  
be

shall surely clothe yourselves with them delivered; For I will contend  
with him

all as an ornament, And bind them on who contends with you, And I  
will save

you as a bride does. your children.

<sup>12</sup> '" For your waste and desolate places, <sup>6a</sup> will feed those who  
oppress you with And the land of your destruction, Will their own  
flesh, And they shall be drunk

even now be too small for the with their own blood as with sweet  
wine.

inhabitants; And those who swallowed All flesh shall know That I, the

LORD,

you up will be far away. am your Savior, And your Redeemer,

the Mighty One of Jacob."

20The children you will have, After you have lost the others, Will say  
again in

your ears, "The place is too small for 50Thus says the LORD:  
"Where is

me; Give me a place where I may dwell.' the certificate of your  
mother's divorce,

2 Whom I have put away? Or which of My 1 Then you will say in your  
heart, "Who creditors is it to whom I have sold you?

has begotten these for me, Since I have For your iniquities you have  
sold

lost my children and am desolate, A yourselves, And for your  
transgressions

captive, and wandering to and fro? And your mother has been put  
away. who has brought these up? There I was,

left alone; But these, where were they?" 2

Why, when I came, was there no man?

2 Why, when I called, was there none to 2 Thus says the Lord GOD:  
"Behold, I answer? Is My hand shortened at all

will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, that it cannot redeem? Or  
have I no

And set up My standard for the peoples; power to deliver? Indeed with  
My rebuke

They shall bring your sons in their arms, I dry up the sea, I make the  
rivers a

And your daughters shall be carried on wilderness; Their fish stink  
because

their shoulders; there is no water, And die of thirst.

23 I Kings shall be your foster fathers, And I clothe the heavens with  
blackness,

their queens your nursing mothers; They And I make sackcloth their  
covering."

shall bow down to you with their faces to

the earth, And lick up the dust of your 4

The Lord GOD has given Me The

feet. Then you will know that I am the

tongue of the learned, That I should

LORD, For they shall not be ashamed

know how to speak A word in season to

who wait for Me."

him who is weary. He awakens Me

2 morning by morning, He awakens My 4 Shall the prey be taken from  
the ear To hear as the learned.

mighty, Or the captives of the righteous

be delivered?

5 2 The Lord GOD has opened My ear; Look to Abraham your father,  
And to And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn Sarah who bore you;  
For I called him

away. alone, And blessed him and increased

him."

61 gave My back to those who struck Me,

3

And My cheeks to those who plucked For the LORD will comfort Zion,  
He will

out the beard; I did not hide My face comfort all her waste places; He  
will

from shame and spitting. make her wilderness like Eden, And her

desert like the garden of the LORD; Joy

7 and gladness will be found in it, For the Lord GOD will help Me;

Therefore I will not be disgraced; Thanksgiving and the voice of  
melody.

Therefore I have set My face like a flint,

And I know that I will not be ashamed. 4 Listen to Me, My people; And  
give ear

to Me, O My nation: For law will proceed

'He is near who justifies Me; Who will from Me, And I will make My  
justice rest

contend with Me? Let us stand together. As a light of the peoples. Who  
is My adversary? Let him come

near Me. 5My righteousness is near, My salvation

has gone forth, And My arms will judge

'Surely the Lord GOD will help Me; Who the peoples; The coastlands  
will wait

is he who will condemn Me? Indeed upon Me, And on My arm they  
will trust.

they will all grow old like a garment; The

moth will eat them up. 6Lift up your eyes to the heavens, And

look on the earth beneath. For the

10a Who among you fears the LORD? heavens will vanish away like smoke,

Who obeys the voice of His Servant? The earth will grow old like a garment,

Who walks in darkness And has no And those who dwell in it will die in like

light? Let him trust in the name of the manner; But My salvation will be forever,

LORD And rely upon his God. And My righteousness will not be  
abolished.

11 Look, all you who kindle a fire, Who encircle yourselves with sparks: Walk in 7 Listen to Me, you who know

the light of your fire and in the sparks righteousness, You people in whose

you have kindled-- This you shall have heart is My law: Do not fear the

from My hand: You shall lie down in reproach of men, Nor be afraid of their

torment. insults.

8 For the moth will eat them up like a

51 garment, And the worm will eat them Listen to Me, you who follow after

like wool; But My righteousness will be  
righteousness, You who seek the

forever, And My salvation from

LORD: Look to the rock from which you generation to generation." were hewn, And to the hole of the pit

from which you were dug.



'Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm earth, And say to Zion, "You are My

of the LORD! Awake as in the ancient people." days, In the generations of old. Are You

not the arm that cut Rahab apart, And <sup>1</sup>7

Awake, awake! Stand up, O Jerusalem,  
wounded the serpent? You who have drunk at the hand of the

LORD The cup of His fury; You have  
<sup>1</sup>0

Are You not the One who dried up the drunk the dregs of the cup of  
trembling,  
sea, The waters of the great deep; That And drained it out. made the  
depths of the sea a road For

the redeemed to cross over? <sup>1</sup> ' There is no one to guide her Among all  
the sons she has brought forth; Nor is

<sup>1</sup>1  
So the ransomed of the LORD shall there any who takes her by the  
hand

return, And come to Zion with singing, Among all the sons she has  
brought up.

With everlasting joy on their heads.

They shall obtain joy and gladness; <sup>1</sup> ' These two things have come to  
you; Sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Who will be sorry for you?--  
Desolation

and destruction, famine and sword-- By  
<sup>1</sup>2a , even I, am He who comforts you. whom will I comfort you? Who  
are you that you should be afraid

Of a man who will die, And of the son of <sup>2</sup> 0Your sons have fainted,  
They lie at the a man who will be made like grass? head of all the

streets, Like an antelope

in a net; They are full of the fury of the

<sup>13</sup>And you forget the LORD your Maker, LORD, The rebuke of your  
God.

Who stretched out the heavens And laid

the foundations of the earth; You have <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Therefore please hear this,  
you feared continually every day Because of afflicted, And drunk but  
not with wine.

the fury of the oppressor, When he has

prepared to destroy. And where is the <sup>2</sup> Thus says your Lord, The  
LORD and fury of the oppressor?

your God, Who pleads the cause of His

<sup>1</sup> people: "See, I have taken out of your <sup>4</sup> The captive exile hastens,  
that he may hand The cup of trembling, The dregs of

be loosed, That he should not die in the the cup of My fury; You shall  
no longer

pit, And that his bread should not fail. drink it.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup> But I am the LORD your God, Who <sup>3</sup>But I will put it into the hand  
of those divided the sea whose waves roared-- who afflict you, Who  
have said to you,

The LORD of hosts is His name. "Lie down, that we may walk over  
you.'

And you have laid your body like the

<sup>16</sup>And I have put My words in your ground, And as the street, for  
those who

mouth; I have covered you with the walk over." shadow of My hand,  
That I may plant

the heavens, Lay the foundations of the

together; For they shall see eye to eye

52Awake, awake! Put on your When the LORD brings back Zion.

strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful 9Break forth into joy, sing together, You garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean waste places of Jerusalem! For the

Shall no longer come to you. LORD has comforted His people, He

has redeemed Jerusalem.

2Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit 0 down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from 1 The LORD has made bare His holy

the bonds of your neck, O captive arm In the eyes of all the nations; And

daughter of Zion! all the ends of the earth shall see The

salvation of our God.

3For thus says the LORD: "You have 1 1Depart! Depart! Go out from there, sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the

midst of her, Be clean, You who bear

4 the vessels of the LORD. For thus says the Lord GOD: "My

people went down at first Into Egypt to 12For you shall not go out with haste, dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. Nor go by flight; For the LORD will go

before you, And the God of Israel will be

5 your rear guard. Now therefore, what have I here," says

the LORD, "That My people are taken <sup>1</sup> 3Behold, My Servant shall deal away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the LORD, prudently; He shall be exalted and

"And extolled and be very high. My name is blasphemed continually every day.

<sup>1</sup> 4

Just as many were astonished at you,

<sup>6</sup> So His visage was marred more than Therefore My people shall know My

name; Therefore they shall know in that any man, And His form more than the

day That I am He who speaks: "Behold, sons of men; it is I."

<sup>1</sup> 5

So shall He sprinkle many nations.

<sup>7</sup> Kings shall shut their mouths at Him; How beautiful upon the mountains Are

the feet of him who brings good news, For what had not been told them they

Who proclaims peace, Who brings glad shall see, And what they had not heard

tidings of good things, Who proclaims they shall consider. salvation, Who says to Zion, "Your God

reigns!"

53Who has believed our report? And

<sup>8</sup>Your watchmen shall lift up their voices, to whom has the arm of the LORD been

With their voices they shall sing revealed?

<sup>2</sup>For He shall grow up before Him as a Because He had done no

violence, Nor

tender plant, And as a root out of dry was any deceit in His mouth.  
ground. He has no form or comeliness;

And when we see Him, There is no <sup>10</sup>Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise  
Him; beauty that we should desire Him. He has put Him to grief.  
When You

make His soul an offering for sin, He

3

He is despised and rejected by men, A shall see His seed, He shall  
prolong His

Man of sorrows and acquainted with days, And the pleasure of the  
LORD

grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces shall prosper in His hand. from  
Him; He was despised, and we did

not esteem Him. <sup>1</sup> 1He shall see the labor of His soul, and

be satisfied. By His knowledge My

<sup>4</sup>Surely He has borne our griefs And righteous Servant shall justify  
many, For

carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed He shall bear their iniquities.  
Him stricken, Smitten by God, and

afflicted. <sup>1</sup> 2Therefore I will divide Him a portion

with the great, And He shall divide the

<sup>5</sup>But He was wounded for our spoil with the strong, Because He  
transgressions, He was bruised for our poured out His soul unto death,  
And He

iniquities; The chastisement for our was numbered with the  
transgressors,

peace was upon Him, And by His stripes And He bore the sin of many,  
And made

we are healed. intercession for the transgressors.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; 54 Sing, O barren, You who have

And the LORD has laid on Him the not borne! Break forth into singing, and

iniquity of us all. cry aloud, You who have not labored

7 with child! For more are the children of

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, the desolate Than the children of the

Yet He opened not His mouth; He was married woman," says the LORD. led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a

sheep before its shearers is silent, So 2 Enlarge the place of your tent, And let He opened not His mouth. them stretch out the curtains of your

8 dwellings; Do not spare; Lengthen your

He was taken from prison and from cords, And strengthen your stakes.

judgment, And who will declare His

generation? For He was cut off from the 3For you shall expand to the right and to land of the living; For the transgressions

the left, And your descendants will

of My people He was stricken. inherit the nations, And make the

desolate cities inhabited.

'And they made His grave with the

wicked-- But with the rich at His death, 4 Do not fear, for you will not be

ashamed; Neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will 12 will make your pinnacles of rubies, forget the shame of your youth, And will Your gates of crystal, And all your walls

not remember the reproach of your of precious stones. widowhood

anymore.

1 3

All your children shall be taught by the

5For your Maker is your husband, The LORD, And great shall be the  
peace of

LORD of hosts is His name; And your your children. Redeemer is the  
Holy One of Israel; He

is called the God of the whole earth. 1 4 n righteousness you shall be

established; You shall be far from

6For the LORD has called you Like a oppression, for you shall not fear;  
And

woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, from terror, for it shall not  
come near

Like a youthful wife when you were you. refused," Says your God.

1 5 ndeed they shall surely assemble, but

7 For a mere moment I have forsaken not because of Me. Whoever  
assembles

you, But with great mercies I will gather against you shall fall for your  
sake. you.

16 'Behold, I have created the blacksmith

8With a little wrath I hid My face from Who blows the coals in the  
fire, Who

you for a moment; But with everlasting brings forth an instrument for  
his work;

kindness I will have mercy on you," And I have created the spoiler to  
destroy.

Says the LORD, your Redeemer.

1 7

No weapon formed against you shall

"For this is like the waters of Noah to prosper, And every tongue  
which rises

Me; For as I have sworn That the waters against you in judgment You  
shall

of Noah would no longer cover the earth, condemn. This is the  
heritage of the

So have I sworn That I would not be servants of the LORD, And their  
angry with you, nor rebuke you. righteousness is from Me," Says the

LORD.

<sup>10</sup>For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My  
kindness shall

not depart from you, Nor shall My <sup>55</sup> Ho! Everyone who thirsts,  
Come

covenant of peace be removed," Says

to the waters; And you who have no  
the LORD, who has mercy on you.

money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come,

<sup>1</sup> buy wine and milk Without money and <sup>1</sup> O you afflicted one, Tossed  
with

without price.

tempest, and not comforted, Behold, I

will lay your stones with colorful gems, <sup>2</sup>

Why do you spend money for what is  
And lay your foundations with sapphires.

not bread, And your wages for what



does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me,  
and eat what is good, And let your soul  
delight itself in abundance.

3 Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, please, And it shall prosper  
in the thing

and your soul shall live; And I will make for which I sent it. an  
everlasting covenant with you-- The

sure mercies of David. 12 For you shall go out with joy, And be

led out with peace; The mountains and

4 Indeed I have given him as a witness to the hills Shall break forth  
into singing

the people, A leader and commander for before you, And all the trees  
of the field

the people. shall clap their hands.

5 1 Surely you shall call a nation you do not 3 nstead of the thorn shall  
come up the know, And nations who do not know you cypress tree,  
And instead of the brier

shall run to you, Because of the LORD shall come up the myrtle tree;  
And it

your God, And the Holy One of Israel; shall be to the LORD for a  
name, For an

For He has glorified you." everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is  
near. 56 Thus says the LORD: "Keep

7 justice, and do righteousness, For My

Let the wicked forsake his way, And the salvation is about to come,  
And My

unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him righteousness to be revealed.  
return to the LORD, And He will have

mercy on him; And to our God, For He 2

Blessed is the man who does this, And  
will abundantly pardon.

the son of man who lays hold on it; Who  
8 keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, keeps his hand from doing  
any evil."

Nor are your ways My ways," says the

LORD. 3

Do not let the son of the foreigner Who

has joined himself to the LORD Speak,

"For as the heavens are higher than the saying, "The LORD has utterly  
earth, So are My ways higher than your separated me from His  
people"; Nor let

ways, And My thoughts than your the eunuch say, "Here I am, a dry  
tree."

thoughts.

4 For thus says the LORD: "To the

10 'For as the rain comes down, and the

eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And

snow from heaven, And do not return choose what pleases Me, And  
hold fast

there, But water the earth, And make it My covenant, bring forth and  
bud, That it may give

seed to the sower And bread to the 5

Even to them I will give in My house

eater,

And within My walls a place and a name

1 Better than that of sons and daughters; I 1 So shall My word be that  
goes forth will give them an everlasting name That

from My mouth; It shall not return to Me shall not be cut off. void, But  
it shall accomplish what I

6 Also the sons of the foreigner Who join That the righteous is taken  
away from

themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, evil. And to love the name of  
the LORD, to

be His servants-- Everyone who keeps 2 He shall enter into peace; They  
shall from defiling the Sabbath, And holds rest in their beds, Each one  
walking in

fast My covenant-- his uprightness.

7Even them I will bring to My holy 3"But come here, You sons of the  
mountain, And make them joyful in My sorceress, You offspring of the  
adulterer

house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and the harlot! and their  
sacrifices Will be accepted on

My altar; For My house shall be called a 4

Whom do you ridicule? Against whom  
house of prayer for all nations."

do you make a wide mouth And stick out  
8 the tongue? Are you not children of

The Lord GOD, who gathers the transgression, Offspring of falsehood,  
outcasts of Israel, says, "Yet I will gather

to him Others besides those who are s

Inflaming yourselves with gods under  
gathered to him."

every green tree, Slaying the children in

the valleys, Under the clefts of the

'All you beasts of the field, come to rocks? devour, All you beasts in  
the forest.

1 6Among the smooth stones of the OHis watchmen are blind, They are  
all stream Is your portion; They, they, are

ignorant; They are all dumb dogs, They your lot! Even to them you  
have poured

cannot bark; Sleeping, lying down, a drink offering, You have offered  
a

loving to slumber. grain offering. Should I receive comfort

in these?

11 es, they are greedy dogs Which never have enough. And they are 7  
On a lofty and high mountain You shepherds Who cannot understand;  
have set your bed; Even there you went

They all look to their own way, Every up To offer sacrifice. one for his  
own gain, From his own

territory. 8

Also behind the doors and their posts

1 You have set up your remembrance; For 2 Come," one says, "I will  
bring wine,

you have uncovered yourself to those

And we will fill ourselves with other than Me, And have gone up to

intoxicating drink; Tomorrow will be as them; You have enlarged your bed And

today, And much more abundant." made a covenant with them; You have

loved their bed, Where you saw their  
nudity.

57 The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart; Merciful men are You went to the king with ointment, And

taken away, While no one considers increased your perfumes; You sent your

messengers far off, And even For the iniquity of his covetousness I  
descended to Sheol. was angry and struck him; I hid and was

angry, And he went on backsliding in the

10 way of his heart.

You are wearied in the length of your

way; Yet you did not say, "There is no 8a have seen his ways, and will  
heal

hope.' You have found the life of your 1 hand; Therefore you were not  
grieved. him; I will also lead him, And restore

comforts to him And to his mourners.

1 1 'And of whom have you been afraid, or feared, That you have lied  
And not 1 ' I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, remembered Me, Nor  
taken it to your peace to him who is far off and to him

heart? Is it not because I have held My who is near," Says the LORD,  
"And I will

peace from of old That you do not fear heal him." Me?

20But the wicked are like the troubled

12a will declare your righteousness And

sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters

your works, For they will not profit you. cast up mire and dirt.

1 214 3When you cry out, Let your collection "There is no peace," Says  
my God,

of idols deliver you. But the wind will "for the wicked." carry them all  
away, A breath will take

them. But he who puts his trust in Me

shall possess the land, And shall inherit 58 Cry aloud, spare not; Lift up your My holy mountain."

voice like a trumpet; Tell My people their

<sup>1</sup> transgression, And the house of Jacob <sup>4</sup>

And one shall say, "Heap it up! Heap it

their sins.

up! Prepare the way, Take the stumbling

block out of the way of My people." <sup>2</sup>

Yet they seek Me daily, And delight to

<sup>1</sup> know My ways, As a nation that did <sup>5</sup>For thus says the High and Lofty One

righteousness, And did not forsake the

Who inhabits eternity, whose name is ordinance of their God. They ask of Me

Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, the ordinances of justice; They take

With him who has a contrite and humble

delight in approaching God.

spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble,

And to revive the heart of the contrite <sup>3</sup>"Why have we fasted,' they say, "and

ones.

You have not seen? Why have we

1 afflicted our souls, and You take no 6

For I will not contend forever, Nor will I notice?' "In fact, in the day  
of your fast

always be angry; For the spirit would fail you find pleasure, And  
exploit all your

before Me, And the souls which I have

laborers.

made.

4 Indeed you fast for strife and debate, And to strike with the fist of  
wickedness.

You will not fast as you do this day, To a watered garden, And like a  
spring of

make your voice heard on high. water, whose waters do not fail.

5 12

Is it a fast that I have chosen, A day for Those from among you Shall  
build the

a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow old waste places; You shall raise  
up the

down his head like a bulrush, And to foundations of many  
generations; And

spread out sackcloth and ashes? Would you shall be called the  
Repairer of the

you call this a fast, And an acceptable Breach, The Restorer of Streets  
to Dwell

day to the LORD? In.



61 Is this not the fast that I have chosen: 3 you turn away your foot from the To loose the bonds of wickedness, To Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on

undo the heavy burdens, To let the My holy day, And call the Sabbath a

oppressed go free, And that you break delight, The holy day of the LORD

every yoke? honorable, And shall honor Him, not

doing your own ways, Nor finding your

7 own pleasure, Nor speaking your own Is it not to share your bread with the

hungry, And that you bring to your words,

house the poor who are cast out; When 4Then you shall delight yourself in the

you see the naked, that you cover him, 1 And not hide yourself from your own LORD; And I will cause you to ride on

flesh? the high hills of the earth, And feed you

with the heritage of Jacob your father.

8 The mouth of the LORD has spoken." Then your light shall break forth like the

morning, Your healing shall spring forth

speedily, And your righteousness shall

go before you; The glory of the LORD 59Behold, the LORD's hand is not

shall be your rear guard. shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His

ear heavy, That it cannot hear.

"Then you shall call, and the LORD will

answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 2

But your iniquities have separated you

"Here I am." "If you take away the yoke from your God; And your sins have

from your midst, The pointing of the

hidden His face from you, So that He

finger, and speaking wickedness,

will not hear.

10 you extend your soul to the hungry 3For your hands are defiled with blood,

And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your

And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips

light shall dawn in the darkness, And

have spoken lies, Your tongue has

your darkness shall be as the noonday.

muttered perversity.

11The LORD will guide you continually,

4 No one calls for justice, Nor does any

And satisfy your soul in drought, And

plead for truth. They trust in empty

strengthen your bones; You shall be like words and speak lies; They conceive us; For our transgressions are with us,

evil and bring forth iniquity. And as for our iniquities, we know them:

51 They hatch vipers' eggs and weave the 3 n transgressing and lying against the spider's web; He who eats of their eggs LORD, And departing from our God,

dies, And from that which is crushed a Speaking oppression and revolt, viper breaks out. Conceiving and uttering from the heart

words of falsehood.

6Their webs will not become garments, 4Justice is turned back, And

Nor will they cover themselves with their 1 works; Their works are works of iniquity, righteousness stands afar off; For truth

And the act of violence is in their hands. is fallen in the street, And equity cannot

enter.

7Their feet run to evil, And they make

1 5

haste to shed innocent blood; Their So truth fails, And he who departs

thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; from evil makes himself a prey. Then

Wasting and destruction are in their the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him

paths. That there was no justice.

81 The way of peace they have not known, 6He saw that there was no man, And And there is no justice in their ways; wondered that there was no intercessor;

They have made themselves crooked Therefore His own arm brought paths; Whoever takes that way shall not salvation for Him; And His own

know peace. righteousness, it sustained Him.

"Therefore justice is far from us, Nor 1 7

For He put on righteousness as a

does righteousness overtake us; We breastplate, And a helmet of salvation

look for light, but there is darkness! For on His head; He put on the garments of

brightness, but we walk in blackness! vengeance for clothing, And was clad

with zeal as a cloak.

10We grope for the wall like the blind, And we grope as if we had no eyes; We 18According to their deeds, accordingly stumble at noonday as at twilight; We He will repay, Fury to His adversaries,

are as dead men in desolate places. Recompense to His enemies; The

coastlands He will fully repay.

11

We all growl like bears, And moan

sadly like doves; We look for justice, but 1' So shall they fear The name of the there is none; For salvation, but it is far LORD from the west, And His glory from

from us. the rising of the sun; When the enemy

comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the

12For our transgressions are multiplied LORD will lift up a standard against him.

before You, And our sins testify against 20§"The Redeemer will come to Zion, And and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall

to those who turn from transgression in come; They shall bring gold and incense,

Jacob," Says the LORD. And they shall proclaim the praises of

the LORD.

2 1 'As for Me," says the LORD, "this is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is 7All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered upon you, and My words which I have together to you, The rams of Nebaioth

put in your mouth, shall not depart from shall minister to you; They shall ascend

your mouth, nor from the mouth of your with acceptance on My altar, And I will

descendants, nor from the mouth of glorify the house of My glory. your descendants' descendants," says

the LORD, "from this time and 8 Who are these who fly like a cloud, forevermore." And like doves to their roosts?

'Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me;

6 OArise, shine; For your light has And the ships of Tarshish will come first,

come! And the glory of the LORD is To bring your sons from afar, Their

risen upon you. silver and their gold with them, To the

name of the LORD your God, And to the

2 Holy One of Israel, Because He has For behold, the darkness shall cover

the earth, And deep darkness the glorified you.

people; But the LORD will arise over 104'The sons of foreigners shall build up you, And His glory will be seen upon you. your walls, And their kings shall minister

to you; For in My wrath I struck you, But

3 in My favor I have had mercy on you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your 1 1Therefore your gates shall be open rising.

continually; They shall not be shut day

4 or night, That men may bring to you the Lift up your eyes all around, and see:

They all gather together, they come to wealth of the Gentiles, And their kings in

procession.

you; Your sons shall come from afar,

And your daughters shall be nursed at 12For the nation and kingdom which will your side.

not serve you shall perish, And those

5 nations shall be utterly ruined.

Then you shall see and become radiant,

And your heart shall swell with joy; 134The glory of Lebanon shall come to Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the you, The cypress, the pine, and the box

Gentiles shall come to you. tree together, To beautify the place of

My sanctuary; And I will make the place

6 of My feet glorious. The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian 1 2 41

Also the sons of those who afflicted Also your people shall all be righteous;

you Shall come bowing to you, And all They shall inherit the land

forever, The

those who despised you shall fall branch of My planting, The work of My

prostrate at the soles of your feet; And hands, That I may be glorified. they shall call you The City of the LORD,

Zion of the Holy One of Israel. 2 A little one shall become a thousand,

1 LORD, will hasten it in its time." 5a Whereas you have been forsaken and And a small one a strong nation. I, the

hated, So that no one went through you,

I will make you an eternal excellence, A

joy of many generations. 6 1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is

1 upon Me, Because the LORD has 6 You shall drink the milk of the Gentiles, anointed Me To preach good tidings to And milk the breast of kings; You shall the poor; He has sent Me to heal the know that I, the LORD, am your Savior brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of captives, And the opening of the prison Jacob. to those who are bound;

1 7 Instead of bronze I will bring gold,

2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the

Instead of iron I will bring silver, Instead

LORD, And the day of vengeance of our

of wood, bronze, And instead of stones, God; To comfort all who mourn, iron. I will also make your officers peace,

And your magistrates righteousness. 3To console those who mourn in Zion,

1 To give them beauty for ashes, The oil 8Violence shall no longer be heard in

of joy for mourning, The garment of  
your land, Neither wasting nor praise for the spirit of heaviness; That  
destruction within your borders; But you

they may be called trees of  
shall call your walls Salvation, And your righteousness, The planting  
of the  
gates Praise.

LORD, that He may be glorified."

19§The sun shall no longer be your light

4And they shall rebuild the old ruins,  
by day, Nor for brightness shall the

They shall raise up the former  
moon give light to you; But the LORD

desolations, And they shall repair the  
will be to you an everlasting light, And

ruined cities, The desolations of many  
your God your glory.

generations.

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Your sun shall no longer go down, Nor 5

Strangers shall stand and feed your  
shall your moon withdraw itself; For the



flocks, And the sons of the foreigner

LORD will be your everlasting light, And

Shall be your plowmen and your

the days of your mourning shall be

vinedressers.

ended.

6But you shall be named the priests of the LORD, They shall call you  
the servants of our God. You shall eat the forth as brightness, And her  
salvation as

riches of the Gentiles, And in their glory a lamp that burns. you shall  
boast.

2 The Gentiles shall see your

7Instead of your shame you shall have righteousness, And all kings  
your glory.

double honor, And instead of confusion You shall be called by a new  
name,

they shall rejoice in their portion. Which the mouth of the LORD will  
name.

Therefore in their land they shall

possess double; Everlasting joy shall be 3You shall also be a crown of  
glory In theirs. the hand of the LORD, And a royal

diadem In the hand of your God.

8For I, the LORD, love justice; I hate

robbery for burnt offering; I will direct 4 You shall no longer be termed  
their work in truth, And will make with Forsaken, Nor shall your land  
any more

them an everlasting covenant. be termed Desolate; But you shall be

called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah;

"Their descendants shall be known For the LORD delights in you, And your

among the Gentiles, And their offspring land shall be married. among the people. All who see them

shall acknowledge them, That they are 5For as a young man marries a virgin, the posterity whom the LORD has So shall your sons marry you; And as

blessed." the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,

So shall your God rejoice over you.

10a will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My

soul shall be joyful in my God; For He 6 1 have set watchmen on your walls, O has clothed me with the garments of Jerusalem; They shall never hold their

salvation, He has covered me with the peace day or night. You who make

robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom mention of the LORD, do not keep silent,

decks himself with ornaments, And as a

bride adorns herself with her jewels. 7

And give Him no rest till He establishes

1 And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in 1 For as the earth brings forth its bud, the earth.

As the garden causes the things that are

sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord

"The LORD has sworn by His right hand

GOD will cause righteousness and

And by the arm of His strength: "Surely I  
praise to spring forth before all the  
will no longer give your grain As food for  
nations.

your enemies; And the sons of the  
foreigner shall not drink your new wine,  
For which you have labored.

62 For Zion's sake I will not hold My

peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will 'But those who have gathered it  
shall

not rest, Until her righteousness goes eat it, And praise the LORD;  
Those who

have brought it together shall drink it in <sup>5</sup>1 looked, but there was no  
one to help, My holy courts." And I wondered That there was no one

to uphold; Therefore My own arm

<sup>10</sup> brought salvation for Me; And My own

Go through, Go through the gates!

Prepare the way for the people; Build up, fury, it sustained Me. Build  
up the highway! Take out the

stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples! <sup>6</sup>1 have trodden down the  
peoples in My

anger, Made them drunk in My fury, And

<sup>11</sup> indeed the LORD has proclaimed To brought down their strength to  
the

the end of the world: "Say to the earth." daughter of Zion, "Surely your  
salvation

is coming; Behold, His reward is with <sup>7</sup>1 will mention the  
lovingkindnesses of Him, And His work before Him." the LORD And

the praises of the LORD,

According to all that the LORD has

12 bestowed on us, And the great

And they shall call them The Holy

People, The Redeemed of the LORD; goodness toward the house of  
Israel,

And you shall be called Sought Out, A Which He has bestowed on  
them

City Not Forsaken. according to His mercies, According to

the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

63Who is this who comes from 8For He said, "Surely they are My

people, Children who will not lie." So He

Edom, With dyed garments from Bozrah, became their Savior.  
This One who is glorious in His apparel,

Traveling in the greatness of His 'In all their affliction He was  
afflicted,

strength?-- "I who speak in

And the Angel of His Presence saved

righteousness, mighty to save."

them; In His love and in His pity He

2 redeemed them; And He bore them and

Why is Your apparel red, And Your carried them All the days of old.

garments like one who treads in the

winepress? <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved His Holy

<sup>3</sup>"I have trodden the winepress alone, Spirit; So He turned Himself  
against

them as an enemy, And He fought

And from the peoples no one was with against them. Me. For I have  
trodden them in My

anger, And trampled them in My fury; <sup>1</sup> Their blood is sprinkled upon  
My Then he remembered the days of old,

garments, And I have stained all My Moses and his people, saying:  
"Where

robes. is He who brought them up out of the

sea With the shepherd of His flock?

<sup>4</sup> Where is He who put His Holy Spirit

For the day of vengeance is in My heart, within them,

And the year of My redeemed has come.

<sup>12</sup>

Who led them by the right hand of

Moses, With His glorious arm, Dividing <sup>64</sup>Oh, that You would rend  
the

the water before them To make for heavens! That You would come  
down!

Himself an everlasting name,

That the mountains might shake at Your

<sup>1</sup> presence--

<sup>3</sup>

Who led them through the deep, As a

horse in the wilderness, That they might 2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes not stumble?"

water to boil-- To make Your name

1 known to Your adversaries, That the 4As a beast goes down into the valley,

nations may tremble at Your presence!

And the Spirit of the LORD causes him

to rest, So You lead Your people, To 3When You did awesome things for

make Yourself a glorious name. which we did not look, You came down,

1 The mountains shook at Your presence. 5Look down from heaven, And see from

Your habitation, holy and glorious. 4 For since the beginning of the world Where are Your zeal and Your strength, Men have not heard nor perceived by

The yearning of Your heart and Your the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God

mercies toward me? Are they besides You, Who acts for the one who restrained? waits for Him.

16Doubtless You are our Father, Though

5You meet him who rejoices and does

Abraham was ignorant of us, And Israel righteousness, Who remembers You in

does not acknowledge us. You, O Your ways. You are indeed angry, for

LORD, are our Father; Our Redeemer we have sinned-- In these ways  
we

from Everlasting is Your name. continue; And we need to be saved.

17 O LORD, why have You made us stray 6 But we are all like an  
unclean thing, from Your ways, And hardened our And all our  
righteousnesses are like

heart from Your fear? Return for Your filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf,  
And our

servants' sake, The tribes of Your iniquities, like the wind, Have taken  
us

inheritance. away.

1' Your holy people have possessed it And there is no one who calls on  
Your

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but a little while; Our adversaries have name, Who stirs himself up to  
take hold

trodden down Your sanctuary. of You; For You have hidden Your face

1 from us, And have consumed us

' We have become like those of old, because of our iniquities.

over whom You never ruled, Those who

were never called by Your name. 8

But now, O LORD, You are our Father;

We are the clay, and You our potter;

And all we are the work of Your hand.

'Do not be furious, O LORD, Nor 6 Behold, it is written before Me: I  
will

remember iniquity forever; Indeed, not keep silence, but will repay--  
Even

please look--we all are Your people! repay into their bosom--

17 0

Your holy cities are a wilderness, Zion Your iniquities and the  
iniquities of your

is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. fathers together," Says the  
LORD, "Who

have burned incense on the mountains

11 And blasphemed Me on the hills;

Our holy and beautiful temple, Where

our fathers praised You, Is burned up Therefore I will measure their  
former

with fire; And all our pleasant things are work into their bosom." laid  
waste.

8 Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine

12 is found in the cluster, And one says,

will You restrain Yourself because of

these things, O LORD? Will You hold "Do not destroy it, For a blessing  
is in it,'

Your peace, and afflict us very So will I do for My servants' sake, That  
I

severely? may not destroy them all.

I will bring forth descendants from

65 I was sought by those who did Jacob, And from Judah an heir  
of My



mountains; My elect shall inherit it, And

not ask for Me; I was found by those My servants shall dwell there.  
who did not seek Me. I said, "Here I am,

here I am,' To a nation that was not <sup>1</sup> OSharon shall be a fold of flocks,  
And called by My name. the Valley of Achor a place for herds to <sup>2</sup> lie  
down, For My people who have

I have stretched out My hands all day sought Me.

long to a rebellious people, Who walk in

a way that is not good, According to <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> 'But you are those who  
forsake the their own thoughts;

LORD, Who forget My holy mountain,

EA people who provoke Me to anger Who prepare a table for Gad,  
And who

furnish a drink offering for Meni.

continually to My face; Who sacrifice in

gardens, And burn incense on altars of <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Therefore I will number you  
for the brick;

sword, And you shall all bow down to

<sup>4</sup> the slaughter; Because, when I called,

Who sit among the graves, And spend you did not answer; When I  
spoke, you

the night in the tombs; Who eat swine's did not hear, But did evil  
before My eyes,

flesh, And the broth of abominable And chose that in which I do not  
things is in their vessels; delight."

5Who say, "Keep to yourself, Do not 3Therefore thus says the Lord  
GOD:

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come near me, For I am holier than you!" "Behold, My servants shall  
eat, But you

These are smoke in My nostrils, A fire shall be hungry; Behold, My  
servants

that burns all the day.

2 1

shall drink, But you shall be thirsty; They shall build houses and  
inhabit

Behold, My servants shall rejoice, But them; They shall plant  
vineyards and eat

you shall be ashamed; their fruit.

1 2 4Behold, My servants shall sing for joy They shall not build and  
another

of heart, But you shall cry for sorrow of inhabit; They shall not plant  
and another

heart, And wail for grief of spirit. eat; For as the days of a tree, so  
shall

be the days of My people, And My elect

15 shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

You shall leave your name as a curse

to My chosen; For the Lord GOD will

slay you, And call His servants by 2 3They shall not labor in vain, Nor  
bring another name; forth children for trouble; For they shall

be the descendants of the blessed of

16 the LORD, And their offspring with them.

So that he who blesses himself in the  
earth Shall bless himself in the God of

truth; And he who swears in the earth 24a I shall come to pass That  
before they Shall swear by the God of truth; call, I will answer; And  
while they are

Because the former troubles are still speaking, I will hear. forgotten,  
And because they are hidden

from My eyes. 2 5The wolf and the lamb shall feed

together, The lion shall eat straw like the

1 7 'For

behold, I create new heavens and ox, And dust shall be the serpent's  
food.

a new earth; And the former shall not be They shall not hurt nor  
destroy in all My

remembered or come to mind. holy mountain," Says the LORD.

1 ' But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, I create  
Jerusalem 66Thus says the LORD: "Heaven is

as a rejoicing, And her people a joy. My throne, And earth is My  
footstool.

1 Where is the house that you will build ' I will rejoice in Jerusalem,  
And joy in Me? And where is the place of My rest?

My people; The voice of weeping shall

no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice 2

For all those things My hand has made,

of crying.

And all those things exist," Says the

2 LORD. "But on this one will I look: On 0 No more shall an infant  
from there live

him who is poor and of a contrite spirit,

but a few days, Nor an old man who has And who trembles at My  
word. not fulfilled his days; For the child shall

die one hundred years old, But the 3"He who kills a bull is as if he  
slays a

sinner being one hundred years old

man; He who sacrifices a lamb, as if he

shall be accursed.

breaks a dog's neck; He who offers a

grain offering, as if he offers swine's

blood; He who burns incense, as if he

blesses an idol. Just as they have

chosen their own ways, And their soul That you may feed and be satisfied

delights in their abominations, With the consolation of her bosom,  
That

you may drink deeply and be delighted

4 With the abundance of her glory." So will I choose their delusions,  
And bring their fears on them; Because,

when I called, no one answered, When I For thus says the LORD:  
"Behold, I will

spoke they did not hear; But they did extend peace to her like a river,  
And the

evil before My eyes, And chose that in glory of the Gentiles like a  
flowing

which I do not delight." stream. Then you shall feed; On her

sides shall you be carried, And be

5 dandled on her knees. Hear the word of the LORD, You who tremble  
at His word: "Your brethren who

hated you, Who cast you out for My As one whom his mother  
comforts, So

name's sake, said, "Let the LORD be I will comfort you; And you shall  
be

glorified, That we may see your joy.' But comforted in Jerusalem."  
they shall be ashamed."

When you see this, your heart shall

6The sound of noise from the city! A rejoice, And your bones shall flourish

voice from the temple! The voice of the like grass; The hand of the LORD shall

LORD, Who fully repays His enemies! be known to His servants, And His

indignation to His enemies.

7 Before she was in labor, she gave birth; Before her pain came, She 1  
5For behold, the LORD will come with delivered a male child. fire  
And with His chariots, like a

whirlwind, To render His anger with fury,

8 And His rebuke with flames of fire. Who has heard such a thing?  
Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be

made to give birth in one day? Or shall a 1 6For by fire and by His  
sword The nation be born at once? For as soon as LORD will judge all  
flesh; And the slain

Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her of the LORD shall be many.  
children.

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"Those who sanctify themselves and

'Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not purify themselves, To go to  
the gardens

cause delivery?" says the LORD. "Shall After an idol in the midst,  
Eating swine's

I who cause delivery shut up the flesh and the abomination and the  
womb?" says your God. mouse, Shall be consumed together,"

says the LORD.

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, And be glad with her, all you who love  
her; Rejoice 1 "" For I know their works and their for joy with her, all  
you who mourn for thoughts. It shall be that I will gather all

her; nations and tongues; and they shall

come and see My glory.

1 2 9 will set a sign among them; and 'For as the new heavens and the new those among them who escape I will earth Which I will make shall remain

send to the nations: to Tarshish and Put before Me," says the LORD, "So shall

and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal your descendants and your name

and Javan, to the coastlands afar off remain. who have not heard My fame nor seen

My glory. And they shall declare My 3 2And it shall come to pass That from glory among the Gentiles. one New Moon to another, And from

2 come to worship before Me," says the

0Then they shall bring all your brethren one Sabbath to another, All flesh shall

for an offering to the LORD out of all LORD. nations, on horses and in chariots and in

litters, on mules and on camels, to My 2 4 'And they shall go forth and look Upon holy mountain Jerusalem," says the the corpses of the men Who have

LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an transgressed against Me. For their worm

offering in a clean vessel into the house does not die, And their fire is not

of the LORD. quenched. They shall be an abhorrence

priests and Levites," says the LORD.



# 2nd Kings

7Then he said to them, "What kind of man was it who came up to meet  
you

1 and told you these words?" Moab rebelled against Israel after the  
death of Ahab. 8

So they answered him, "A hairy man  
2 wearing a leather belt around his waist."

Now Ahaziah fell through the lattice of

And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."  
his upper room in Samaria, and was

injured; so he sent messengers and said "Then the king sent to him a  
captain of

to them, "Go, inquire of Baal-Zebub, the

god of Ekron, whether I shall recover fifty with his fifty men. So he  
went up to

from this injury." him; and there he was, sitting on the top

of a hill. And he spoke to him: "Man of

3But the angel of the LORD said to God, the king has said, "Come  
down!"

Elijah the Tishbite, "Arise, go up to meet 10So Elijah answered and  
said to the the messengers of the king of Samaria, captain of fifty, "If I  
am a man of God, and say to them, "1s it because there is then let fire

come down from heaven no God in Israel that you are going to and consume you and your fifty men." inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron? And fire came down from heaven and consumed him and his fifty.

4Now therefore, thus says the LORD: 1Then he sent to him another captain of

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"You shall not come down from the bed

to which you have gone up, but you fifty with his fifty men. And he answered

shall surely die." So Elijah departed. and said to him: "Man of God, thus has

the king said, "Come down quickly!"

5And when the messengers returned to 2 him, he said to them, "Why have you 1 So Elijah answered and said to them,

come back?" "If I am a man of God, let fire come

down from heaven and consume you

6 and your fifty men." And the fire of God

So they said to him, "A man came up to came down from heaven and consumed

meet us, and said to us, "Go, return to him and his fifty. the king who sent you, and say to him,

"Thus says the LORD: "1s it because 13Again, he sent a third captain of fifty there is no God in Israel that you are

sending to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the with his fifty men. And the third captain

god of Ekron? Therefore you shall not of fifty went up, and came and

fell on his

knees before Elijah, and pleaded with

come down from the bed to which you

have gone up, but you shall surely him, and said to him: "Man of God, die. " please let my life and the life of these

fifty servants of yours be precious in lives, and as your soul lives, I will not

your sight. leave you!" So they went down to Bethel.

14 3Now the sons of the prophets who were

Look, fire has come down from heaven

and burned up the first two captains of at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to

fifties with their fifties. But let my life now him, "Do you know that the LORD will

be precious in your sight." take away your master from over you

today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep

15 silent!"

And the angel of the LORD said to

Elijah, "Go down with him; do not be

afraid of him." So he arose and went 4Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay down with him to the king. here, please, for the LORD has sent me

on to Jericho." But he said, "As the

16Then he said to him, "Thus says the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will

LORD: "Because you have sent not leave you!" So they came to Jericho.

messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub,

the god of Ekron, is it because there is 5Now the sons of the prophets who were no God in Israel to inquire of His word? at Jericho came to Elisha and said to

Therefore you shall not come down from him, "Do you know that the LORD will

the bed to which you have gone up, but take away your master from over you

you shall surely die." today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know;

keep silent!"

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So Ahaziah died according to the word

of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. 6Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Because he had no son, Jehoram please, for the LORD has sent me on to

became king in his place, in the second the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD

year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat, lives, and as your soul lives, I will not

king of Judah. leave you!" So the two of them went on.

17And fifty men of the sons of the ' Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the prophets went and stood facing them at

book of the chronicles of the kings of a distance, while the two of them stood

Israel? by the Jordan.

8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up,

2 And it came to pass, when the LORD and struck the water; and it was divided

this way and that, so that the two of  
was about to take up Elijah into heaven

them crossed over on dry ground.  
by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with  
Elisha from Gilgal.

'And so it was, when they had crossed  
2 over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask!  
Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here,

What may I do for you, before I am  
please, for the LORD has sent me on to

taken away from you?" Elisha said,  
Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD

"Please let a double portion of your spirit valley." And he said, "You  
shall not send

be upon me." anyone."

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So he said, "You have asked a hard But when they urged him till he  
was

thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when ashamed, he said, "Send  
them!"

I am taken from you, it shall be so for Therefore they sent fifty men,  
and they

you; but if not, it shall not be so." searched for three days but did not  
find

him.

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Then it happened, as they continued  
on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of <sup>1</sup> ' And when they came back  
to him, for fire appeared with horses of fire, and he had stayed in  
Jericho, he said to  
separated the two of them; and Elijah them, "Did I not say to you, "Do  
not  
went up by a whirlwind into heaven. go'?"

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And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, ' Then the men of the city said  
to Elisha,  
"My father, my father, the chariot of "Please notice, the situation of  
this city  
Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him is pleasant, as my lord sees;  
but the  
no more. And he took hold of his own water is bad, and the ground  
barren."  
clothes and tore them into two pieces.

<sup>2</sup> 0And he said, "Bring me a new bowl,

<sup>13</sup>He also took up the mantle of Elijah and put salt in it." So they  
brought it to

that had fallen from him, and went back him. and stood by the bank of  
the Jordan.

<sup>2</sup> 1

Then he went out to the source of the

<sup>14</sup> Then he took the mantle of Elijah that water, and cast in the salt  
there, and

had fallen from him, and struck the said, "Thus says the LORD: "I have water, and said, "Where is the LORD healed this water; from it there shall be

God of Elijah?" And when he also had no more death or barrenness." struck the water, it was divided this way

and that; and Elisha crossed over. 2 So the water remains healed to this

day, according to the word of Elisha

15 Now when the sons of the prophets which he spoke.

who were from Jericho saw him, they

said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on 23 Then he went up from there to Bethel; Elisha." And they came to meet him, and as he was going up the road, some

and bowed to the ground before him. youths came from the city and mocked

him, and said to him, "Go up, you

16 Then they said to him, "Look now, baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!" there are fifty strong men with your

servants. Please let them go and search 2 4

So he turned around and looked at

for your master, lest perhaps the Spirit them, and pronounced a curse on them

of the LORD has taken him up and cast in the name of the LORD. And two him upon some mountain or into some female bears came out of the woods 8 Then he said, "Which way shall we go and mauled forty-two of the youths. up?" And he answered, "By way of the

Wilderness of Edom."

25 Then he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to 'So the king of Israel went with the king

Samaria. of Judah and the king of Edom, and they

marched on that roundabout route  
seven days; and there was no water for  
the army, nor for the animals that

3Now Jehoram the son of Ahab

followed them.

became king over Israel at Samaria in

the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king 1 0And the king of Israel said,  
"Alas! For of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

the LORD has called these three kings

2 together to deliver them into the hand of

And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, Moab."

but not like his father and mother; for he

put away the sacred pillar of Baal that 11But Jehoshaphat said, "Is  
there no his father had made. prophet of the LORD here, that we may

3Nevertheless he persisted in the sins of inquire of the LORD by him?"  
So one of

the servants of the king of Israel

Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had answered and said, "Elisha the  
son of

made Israel sin; he did not depart from Shaphat is here, who poured  
water on

them. the hands of Elijah."

4Now Mesha king of Moab was a 2



1 And Jehoshaphat said, "The word of

sheepbreeder, and he regularly paid the the LORD is with him." So the king of

king of Israel one hundred thousand Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of

lambs and the wool of one hundred Edom went down to him. thousand rams.

13Then Elisha said to the king of Israel,

5But it happened, when Ahab died, that "What have I to do with you? Go to the

the king of Moab rebelled against the prophets of your father and the prophets

king of Israel. of your mother." But the king of Israel

6 said to him, "No, for the LORD has

So King Jehoram went out of Samaria called these three kings together to

at that time and mustered all Israel. deliver them into the hand of Moab."

7 1 Then he went and sent to Jehoshaphat 4And Elisha said, "As the LORD of king of Judah, saying, "The king of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely

Moab has rebelled against me. Will you were it not that I regard the presence of

go with me to fight against Moab?" And Jehoshaphat king of Judah, I would not

he said, "I will go up; I am as you are, look at you, nor see you. my people as your people, my horses as

your horses."

15But now bring me a musician." Then it killed one another; now  
therefore, Moab,

happened, when the musician played, to the spoil!" that the hand of  
the LORD came upon

him. 2 4

So when they came to the camp of  
Israel, Israel rose up and attacked the

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And he said, "Thus says the LORD: Moabites, so that they fled before  
them;

"Make this valley full of ditches.' and they entered their land, killing  
the

Moabites.

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For thus says the LORD: "You shall 5Then they destroyed the cities,  
and

not see wind, nor shall you see rain; yet 2 that valley shall be filled  
with water, so each man threw a stone on every good

that you, your cattle, and your animals piece of land and filled it; and  
they

may drink.' stopped up all the springs of water and

cut down all the good trees. But they left

18And this is a simple matter in the sight the stones of Kir Haraseth  
intact.

of the LORD; He will also deliver the However the slingers surrounded  
and

Moabites into your hand. attacked it.

1 2 6And when the king of Moab saw that 9Also you shall attack every fortified city and every choice city, and shall cut the battle was too fierce for him, he took

down every good tree, and stop up with him seven hundred men who drew

every spring of water, and ruin every sword, to break through to the king of

good piece of land with stones." Edom, but they could not.

2 27 0Then he took his eldest son who would Now it happened in the morning, when the grain offering was offered, that have reigned in his place, and offered

suddenly water came by way of Edom, him as a burnt offering upon the wall;

and the land was filled with water. and there was great indignation against

Israel. So they departed from him and

2 returned to their own land. 1And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against

them, all who were able to bear arms

and older were gathered; and they stood 4A certain woman of the wives of the

at the border. sons of the prophets cried out to Elisha,

saying, "Your servant my husband is

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Then they rose up early in the morning, dead, and you know that your servant

and the sun was shining on the water; feared the LORD. And the creditor is

and the Moabites saw the water on the coming to take my two sons to

be his

other side as red as blood. slaves."

22 3And they said, "This is blood; the kings So Elisha said to her,  
"What shall I do

have surely struck swords and have for you? Tell me, what do you  
have in

the house?" And she said, "Your maidservant has nothing in the house  
and a lampstand; so it will be, whenever

but a jar of oil." he comes to us, he can turn in there."

3Then he said, "Go, borrow vessels from 11And it happened one day  
that he came everywhere, from all your neighbors-- there, and he  
turned in to the upper

empty vessels; do not gather just a few. room and lay down there.

4 1 2

And when you have come in, you shall Then he said to Gehazi his  
servant,

shut the door behind you and your sons; "Call this Shunammite  
woman." When

then pour it into all those vessels, and he had called her, she stood  
before him.

set aside the full ones."

1 3And he said to him, "Say now to her,

5So she went from him and shut the "Look, you have been concerned  
for us

door behind her and her sons, who with all this care. What can I do  
for you?

brought the vessels to her; and she Do you want me to speak on your behalf

poured it out. to the king or to the commander of the

army?" She answered, "I dwell among

6 my own people." Now it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said to her son, "Bring

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me another vessel." And he said to her, So he said, "What then is to be done

"There is not another vessel." So the oil for her?" And Gehazi answered,

ceased. "Actually, she has no son, and her

husband is old."

7Then she came and told the man of

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God. And he said, "Go, sell the oil and So he said, "Call her." When he had

pay your debt; and you and your sons called her, she stood in the doorway.

live on the rest."

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Then he said, "About this time next

8Now it happened one day that Elisha year you shall embrace a son." And she

went to Shunem, where there was a said, "No, my lord. Man of God, do not

notable woman, and she persuaded him lie to your maidservant!" to eat some food. So it was, as often as

he passed by, he would turn in there to 1 7But the woman conceived,  
and bore a eat some food. son when the appointed time had come,

of which Elisha had told her.

'And she said to her husband, "Look

now, I know that this is a holy man of 1 ' And the child grew. Now it  
happened God, who passes by us regularly. one day that he went out  
to his father, to

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0 lease, let us make a small upper the reapers.

room on the wall; and let us put a bed 1' And he said to his father, "My  
head, for him there, and a table and a chair my head!" So he said to a  
servant,

"Carry him to his mother."

2 2 0When he had taken him and brought 8So she said, "Did I ask a son  
of my him to his mother, he sat on her knees lord? Did I not say, "Do  
not deceive

till noon, and then died. me'?"

2 2 1

And she went up and laid him on the ' Then he said to Gehazi, "Get  
yourself

bed of the man of God, shut the door ready, and take my staff in your  
hand,

upon him, and went out. and be on your way. If you meet anyone,

do not greet him; and if anyone greets

22 you, do not answer him; but lay my staff

Then she called to her husband, and

said, "Please send me one of the young on the face of the child."

men and one of the donkeys, that I may 30 And the mother of the child said, "As

run to the man of God and come back."

the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I  
23 will not leave you." So he arose and

So he said, "Why are you going to him  
today? It is neither the New Moon nor followed her. the Sabbath." And  
she said, "It is well."

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Now Gehazi went on ahead of them,  
24 and laid the staff on the face of the child;

Then she saddled a donkey, and said  
to her servant, "Drive, and go forward; but there was neither voice nor  
hearing.

do not slacken the pace for me unless I Therefore he went back to  
meet him,

tell you." and told him, saying, "The child has not  
awakened."

25 And so she departed, and went to the 3 man of God at Mount  
Carmel. So it was, 2 When Elisha came into the house,

when the man of God saw her afar off, there was the child, lying dead  
on his

that he said to his servant Gehazi, "Look, bed. the Shunammite  
woman!

33 He went in therefore, shut the door

26 lease run now to meet her, and say behind the two of them, and  
prayed to

to her, "Is it well with you? Is it well with the LORD. your husband?  
Is it well with the child?"

And she answered, "It is well." 34And he went up and lay on the child,  
and put his mouth on his mouth, his  
27 eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his

Now when she came to the man of  
God at the hill, she caught him by the hands; and he stretched himself  
out on  
feet, but Gehazi came near to push her the child, and the flesh of the  
child  
away. But the man of God said, "Let her become warm.

alone; for her soul is in deep distress, 35He returned and walked back  
and forth

and the LORD has hidden it from me,  
and has not told me." in the house, and again went up and  
stretched himself out on him; then the  
child sneezed seven times, and the child  
opened his eyes.

36And he called Gehazi and said, "Call 43But his servant said, "What?  
Shall I set this Shunammite woman." So he called this before one  
hundred men?" He said

her. And when she came in to him, he again, "Give it to the people,  
that they

said, "Pick up your son." may eat; for thus says the LORD: "They  
shall eat and have some left over."



So she went in, fell at his feet, and  
bowed to the ground; then she picked up the morsel. So he set it before them; and  
they ate up her son and went out. and had some left over, according  
to the  
word of the LORD.  
38And Elisha returned to Gilgal, and there was a famine in the land.  
Now the  
sons of the prophets were sitting before him. Now Naaman, commander of  
the  
army of the king of Syria, was a great  
the large pot, and boil stew for the sons  
and honorable man in the eyes of his  
of the prophets."  
master, because by him the LORD had  
39 given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper.  
herbs, and found a wild vine, and  
gathered from it a lapful of wild gourds, 2  
And the Syrians had gone out on raids,  
and came and sliced them into the pot  
and had brought back captive a young  
of stew, though they did not know what girl from the land of Israel.  
She waited  
they were.  
on Naaman's wife.

40Then they served it to the men to eat. 3Then she said to her mistress, "If only

Now it happened, as they were eating

my master were with the prophet who is the stew, that they cried out and said,

in Samaria! For he would heal him of his "Man of God, there is death in the pot!" leprosy." And they could not eat it.

4 So he said, "Then bring some flour." master, saying, "Thus and thus said the

1 4And Naaman went in and told his

And he put it into the pot, and said, girl who is from the land of Israel."

"Serve it to the people, that they may

eat." And there was nothing harmful in 5Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, the pot. and I will send a letter to the king of

4 Israel." So he departed and took with 2 Then a man came from Baal Shalisha, him ten talents of silver, six thousand and brought the man of God bread of shekels of gold, and ten changes of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley clothing. bread, and newly ripened grain in his

knapsack. And he said, "Give it to the 6Then he brought the letter to the king of

people, that they may eat."

Israel, which said, 4 Now be advised,

when this letter comes to you, that I

have sent Naaman my servant to you, great, would you not have done it? How

that you may heal him of his leprosy. much more then, when he says to you,

"Wash, and be clean'?"

7And it happened, when the king of

1 4

Israel read the letter, that he tore his So he went down and dipped seven

clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and times in the Jordan, according to the

make alive, that this man sends a man saying of the man of God; and his flesh

to me to heal him of his leprosy? was restored like the flesh of a little child,

Therefore please consider, and see how and he was clean. he seeks a quarrel with me."

1 5And he returned to the man of God, he

8So it was, when Elisha the man of God and all his aides, and came and stood

heard that the king of Israel had torn his before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I

clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, know that there is no God in all the earth,

"Why have you torn your clothes? except in Israel; now therefore, please

Please let him come to me, and he shall take a gift from your servant." know that there is a prophet in Israel."

16

But he said, "As the LORD lives,

'Then Naaman went with his horses and before whom I stand, I will receive

chariot, and he stood at the door of nothing." And he urged him to take it,

Elisha's house. but he refused.

11 0And Elisha sent a messenger to him, 7

So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please

saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan let your servant be given two mule-loads

seven times, and your flesh shall be of earth; for your servant will no longer

restored to you, and you shall be clean." offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to

other gods, but to the LORD.

11But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to 18 et in this thing may the LORD pardon myself, "He will surely come out to me, your servant: when my master goes into

and stand and call on the name of the the temple of Rimmon to worship there,

LORD his God, and wave his hand over and he leans on my hand, and I bow

the place, and heal the leprosy.' down in the temple of Rimmon--when I

bow down in the temple of Rimmon,

12 may the LORD please pardon your

Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar,

the rivers of Damascus, better than all servant in this thing." the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in

them and be clean?" So he turned and 1' Then he said to him, "Go in peace." So went away in a rage. he departed from him a short distance.

1 2 3And his servants came near and 0But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the man of God, said, "Look, my master has

prophet had told you to do something spared Naaman this Syrian, while not

receiving from his hands what he forever." And he went out from his

brought; but as the LORD lives, I will run presence leprous, as white as snow. after him and take something from him."

21

So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When 6And the sons of the prophets said to

Naaman saw him running after him, he

Elisha, "See now, the place where we

got down from the chariot to meet him, dwell with you is too small for us. and said, "Is all well?"

2

2And he said, "All is well. My master 2 Please, let us go to the Jordan, and let

every man take a beam from there, and

has sent me, saying, "Indeed, just now

let us make there a place where we may  
two young men of the sons of the

dwell." So he answered, "Go."  
prophets have come to me from the

mountains of Ephraim. Please give them <sup>3</sup>Then one said, "Please  
consent to go

a talent of silver and two changes of  
garments." with your servants." And he answered, "I  
will go."

<sup>23</sup>

So Naaman said, "Please, take two <sup>4</sup>  
talents." And he urged him, and bound So he went with them. And  
when they

came to the Jordan, they cut down trees.  
two talents of silver in two bags, with

two changes of garments, and handed <sup>5</sup>But as one was cutting down a  
tree, the them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead  
of him. iron ax head fell into the water; and he

cried out and said, "Alas, master! For it  
<sup>24</sup> was borrowed."

When he came to the citadel, he took  
them from their hand, and stored them <sup>6</sup> So the man of God said,  
"Where did it away in the house; then he let the men go, and they

departed. fall?" And he showed him the place. So

he cut off a stick, and threw it in there;

2 and he made the iron float. 5 Now he went in and stood before his

master. Elisha said to him, "Where did 7 Therefore he said, "Pick it up for you go, Gehazi?" And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere." yourself." So he reached out his hand

and took it.

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart 8 go with you when the man turned back Now the king of Syria was making war

from his chariot to meet you? Is it time against Israel; and he consulted with his

to receive money and to receive clothing, servants, saying, "My camp will be in

olive groves and vineyards, sheep and such and such a place." oxen, male and female servants?

'And the man of God sent to the king of

27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not

cling to you and your descendants pass this place, for the Syrians are

coming down there."

10 Then the king of Israel sent someone the mountain was full of horses and

to the place of which the man of God chariots of fire all around Elisha. had told him. Thus he warned him, and

he was watchful there, not just once or 18

So when the Syrians came down to

twice. him, Elisha prayed to the LORD, and

<sup>1</sup> blindness." And He struck them with

1 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria said, "Strike this people, I pray, with

was greatly troubled by this thing; and blindness according to the word of

he called his servants and said to them, Elisha. "Will you not show me which of us is for

the king of Israel?" <sup>1</sup> ' Now Elisha said to them, "This is not

the way, nor is this the city. Follow me,

<sup>12</sup>

And one of his servants said, "None, and I will bring you to the man whom

my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet you seek." But he led them to Samaria.

who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel

the words that you speak in your <sup>20</sup>

So it was, when they had come to

bedroom." Samaria, that Elisha said, "LORD, open

the eyes of these men, that they may

<sup>13</sup>

So he said, "Go and see where he is, see." And the LORD opened their eyes,

that I may send and get him." And it was and they saw; and there they were,

told him, saying, "Surely he is in inside Samaria! Dothan."

<sup>2</sup> 1 Now when the king of Israel saw them,



<sup>14</sup>Therefore he sent horses and chariots he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I kill

and a great army there, and they came them? Shall I kill them?" by night and surrounded the city.

<sup>2</sup> But he answered, "You shall not kill

<sup>15</sup>And when the servant of the man of them. Would you kill those whom you

God arose early and went out, there have taken captive with your sword and

was an army, surrounding the city with your bow? Set food and water before

horses and chariots. And his servant them, that they may eat and drink and

said to him, "Alas, my master! What go to their master." shall we do?"

<sup>2</sup> 3Then he prepared a great feast for

<sup>16</sup>

So he answered, "Do not fear, for them; and after they ate and drank, he

those who are with us are more than sent them away and they went to their

those who are with them." master. So the bands of Syrian raiders

came no more into the land of Israel.

<sup>17</sup>And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." <sup>2</sup> 4And it happened after this that Ben- Then the LORD opened the eyes of the Hadad king of Syria gathered all his

young man, and he saw. And behold, army, and went up and besieged

Samaria.

<sup>25</sup>And there was a great famine in said to the elders, "Do you see how this

Samaria; and indeed they besieged it son of a murderer has sent someone to

until a donkey's head was sold for eighty take away my head? Look, when the

shekels of silver, and one-fourth of a messenger comes, shut the door, and

kab of dove droppings for five shekels of hold him fast at the door. Is not the

silver. sound of his master's feet behind him?"

26Then, as the king of Israel was 33And while he was still talking with them,

passing by on the wall, a woman cried there was the messenger, coming down

out to him, saying, "Help, my lord, O to him; and then the king said, "Surely

king!" this calamity is from the LORD; why

should I wait for the LORD any longer?"

27

And he said, "If the LORD does not

help you, where can I find help for you?

From the threshing floor or from the 7Then Elisha said, "Hear the word of

winepress?"

the LORD. Thus says the LORD:

2 "Tomorrow about this time a seah of fine

' Then the king said to her, "What is flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two

troubling you?" And she answered, "This seahs of barley for a shekel,  
at the gate

woman said to me, "Give your son, that of Samaria." we may eat him  
today, and we will eat

my son tomorrow.' 2

So an officer on whose hand the king

2 leaned answered the man of God and ' So we boiled my son, and ate  
him. said, "Look, if the LORD would make

And I said to her on the next day, "Give windows in heaven, could this  
thing be?"

your son, that we may eat him'; but she And he said, "In fact, you shall  
see it

has hidden her son." with your eyes, but you shall not eat of

30Now it happened, when the king heard

the words of the woman, that he tore his 3Now there were four  
leprous men at the

clothes; and as he passed by on the entrance of the gate; and they said  
to

wall, the people looked, and there one another, "Why are we sitting  
here

underneath he had sackcloth on his until we die? body.

3 Then he said, "God do so to me and famine is in the city, and we  
shall die

1 4If we say, "We will enter the city,' the

more also, if the head of Elisha the son there. And if we sit here, we die also.

of Shaphat remains on him today!" Now therefore, come, let us surrender to

32But Elisha was sitting in his house, the army of the Syrians. If they keep us

alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we

and the elders were sitting with him. And shall only die." the king sent a man ahead of him, but

before the messenger came to him, he <sup>5</sup> 12

And they rose at twilight to go to the So the king arose in the night and said

camp of the Syrians; and when they had to his servants, "Let me now tell you

come to the outskirts of the Syrian camp, what the Syrians have done to us. They

to their surprise no one was there. know that we are hungry; therefore they

have gone out of the camp to hide

<sup>6</sup> themselves in the field, saying, "When For the LORD had caused the army of

the Syrians to hear the noise of chariots they come out of the city, we shall catch

and the noise of horses--the noise of a them alive, and get into the city."

great army; so they said to one another, 3And one of his servants answered and

"Look, the king of Israel has hired <sup>1</sup> against us the kings of the Hittites

and said, "Please, let several men take five

the kings of the Egyptians to attack us!" of the remaining horses which are left in

the city. Look, they may either become

7 like all the multitude of Israel that are left Therefore they arose and fled at twilight,

and left the camp intact--their tents, their in it; or indeed, I say, they may become

horses, and their donkeys--and they fled like all the multitude of Israel left from

for their lives. those who are consumed; so let us send

them and see."

8And when these lepers came to the 4Therefore they took two chariots with

outskirts of the camp, they went into one 1 tent and ate and drank, and carried from horses; and the king sent them in the

it silver and gold and clothing, and went direction of the Syrian army, saying, "Go

and hid them; then they came back and and see."

entered another tent, and carried some 5And they went after them to the

from there also, and went and hid it. 1

Jordan; and indeed all the road was full

"Then they said to one another, "We are of garments and weapons which the

not doing right. This day is a day of Syrians had thrown away in their haste.

good news, and we remain silent. If we So the messengers returned  
and told

wait the king. until morning light, some

punishment will come upon us. Now 6Then the people went out and  
therefore, come, let us go and tell the 1 king's household." plundered  
the tents of the Syrians. So a

seah of fine flour was sold for a shekel,

10 and two seahs of barley for a shekel,

So they went and called to the  
gatekeepers of the city, and told them, according to the word of the  
LORD. saying, "We went to the Syrian camp,

17

and surprisingly no one was there, not a Now the king had appointed  
the officer

human sound--only horses and donkeys on whose hand he leaned to  
have

tied, and the tents intact." charge of the gate. But the people

trampled him in the gate, and he died,

11 just as the man of God had said, who

And the gatekeepers called out, and  
they told it to the spoke when the king came down to him. king's  
household inside.

15 ' So it happened just as the man of God Now it happened, as he was  
telling the had spoken to the king, saying, "Two king how he had  
restored the dead to

seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah life, that there was the woman  
whose

of fine flour for a shekel, shall be sold son he had restored to life,  
appealing to

tomorrow about this time in the gate of the king for her house and for  
her land.

Samaria." And Gehazi said, "My lord, O king, this

is the woman, and this is her son whom

<sup>1</sup> Elisha restored to life." ' Then that officer had answered the man of  
God, and said, "Now look, if the

LORD would make windows in heaven, <sup>6</sup>And when the king asked the  
woman, could such a thing be?" And he had said, she told him. So the  
king appointed a

"In fact, you shall see it with your eyes, certain officer for her, saying,  
"Restore

but you shall not eat of it." all that was hers, and all the proceeds of

the field from the day that she left the

<sup>20</sup> land until now."

And so it happened to him, for the  
people trampled him in the gate, and he  
died. <sup>7</sup>Then Elisha went to Damascus, and

Ben-Hadad king of Syria was sick; and it

was told him, saying, "The man of God

<sup>8</sup>Then Elisha spoke to the woman has come here."

whose son he had restored to life, <sup>8</sup>And the king said to Hazael, "Take  
a saying, "Arise and go, you and your present in your hand, and go to  
meet household, and stay wherever you can; the man of God, and  
inquire of the for the LORD has called for a famine, LORD by him,  
saying, "Shall I recover and furthermore, it will come upon the from  
this disease?" land for seven years."

9 So Hazael went to meet him and took a

2So the woman arose and did according to the saying of the man of God, and present with him, of every good thing of

Damascus, forty camel-loads; and he

she went with her household and dwelt

in the land of the Philistines seven years. came and stood before him, and said,

"Your son Ben-Hadad king of Syria has

Alt came to pass, at the end of seven sent me to you, saying, "Shall I recover

from this disease?"

years, that the woman returned from the

land of the Philistines; and she went to 1 0And Elisha said to him, "Go, say to him, make an appeal to the king for her "You shall certainly recover.' However house and for her land. the LORD has shown me that he will 4 really die."

Then the king talked with Gehazi, the

servant of the man of God, saying, "Tell 11Then he set his countenance in a stare me, please, all the great things Elisha until he was ashamed; and the man of has done." God wept.

11 2 And Hazael said, "Why is my lord ' Yet the LORD would not destroy weeping?" He answered, "Because I Judah, for the sake of His servant David,

know the evil that you will do to the as He promised him to give a lamp to



children of Israel: Their strongholds you him and his sons forever. will set on fire, and their young men you

will kill with the sword; and you will dash 2 0 n his days Edom revolted against their children, and rip open their women Judah's authority, and made a king over

with child." themselves.

1 2 3 1 So Hazael said, "But what is your So Joram went to Zair, and all his servant--a dog, that he should do this chariots with him. Then he rose by night

gross thing?" And Elisha answered, and attacked the Edomites who had

"The LORD has shown me that you will surrounded him and the captains of the

become king over Syria." chariots; and the troops fled to their

tents.

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Then he departed from Elisha, and

came to his master, who said to him, 2 Thus Edom has been in revolt against "What did Elisha say to you?" And he Judah's authority to this day. And Libnah

answered, "He told me you would surely revolted at that time. recover."

2 3Now the rest of the acts of Joram, and

15But it happened on the next day that

all that he did, are they not written in the

he took a thick cloth and dipped it in book of the chronicles of the kings of

water, and spread it over his face so Judah? that he died; and Hazael reigned in his

So Joram rested with his fathers, and

1 was buried with his fathers in the City of 6Now in the fifth year of Joram the son

David. Then Ahaziah his son reigned in

of Ahab, king of Israel, Jehoshaphat his place. having been king of Judah, Jehoram the

son of Jehoshaphat began to reign as 25)n the twelfth year of Joram the son of king of Judah.

Ahab, king of Israel, Ahaziah the son of

1 Jehoram, king of Judah, began to reign. 7 He was thirty-two years old when he

became king, and he reigned eight 26Ahaziah was twenty-two years old years in Jerusalem.

when he became king, and he reigned

1 one year in Jerusalem. His mother's 8And he walked in the way of the kings

name was Athaliah the granddaughter

of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had of Omri, king of Israel. done, for the daughter of Ahab was his

wife; and he did evil in the sight of the 2 7And he walked in the way of the house LORD. of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the

LORD, like the house of Ahab, for he of us?" And he said, "For you, was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. Commander."

2 ' Now he went with Joram the son of 6Then he arose and went into the house.

Ahab to war against Hazael king of And he poured the oil on his head, and

Syria at Ramoth Gilead; and the Syrians said to him, "Thus says the LORD God

wounded Joram. of Israel: "I have anointed you king over

the people of the LORD, over Israel.

2 ' Then King Joram went back to Jezreel to recover from the wounds which the 7You shall strike down the house of Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah, Ahab your master, that I may avenge

when he fought against Hazael king of the blood of My servants the prophets,

Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram, and the blood of all the servants of the

king of Judah, went down to see Joram LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he

was sick. 'For the whole house of Ahab shall

perish; and I will cut off from Ahab all

the males in Israel, both bond and free.

9And Elisha the prophet called one of

the sons of the prophets, and said to 9So I will make the house of Ahab like

him, "Get yourself ready, take this flask the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

of oil in your hand, and go to Ramoth and like the house of Baasha the son of

Gilead. Ahijah.

21 0The dogs shall eat Jezebel on the plot Now when you arrive at that place, look there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, of ground at Jezreel, and there shall be

the son of Nimshi, and go in and make none to bury her." And he opened the

him rise up from among his associates, door and fled. and take him to an inner room.

1 1Then Jehu came out to the servants of

3Then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his master, and one said to him, "Is all

his head, and say, "Thus says the well? Why did this madman come to

LORD: "I have anointed you king over you?" And he said to them, "You know

Israel." Then open the door and flee, the man and his babble." and do not delay."

1 2

And they said, "A lie! Tell us now." So

4 he said, "Thus and thus he spoke to me, So the young man, the servant of the

prophet, went to Ramoth Gilead. saying, "Thus says the LORD: "I have anointed you king over Israel."

5And when he arrived, there were the 3Then each man hastened to take his

captains of the army sitting; and he said, 1 "I garment and put it under him on the top have a message for you,

Commander." Jehu said, "For which one of the steps; and they blew trumpets, 2 0So the watchman reported, saying, saying, "Jehu is king!" "He went up to them and is not coming

back; and the driving is like the driving

14 of Jehu the son of Nimshi, for he drives

So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat, the  
son of Nimshi, conspired against Joram. furiously!" (Now Joram had  
been defending

2 1

Ramoth Gilead, he and all Israel, Then Joram said, "Make ready." And  
against Hazael king of Syria. his chariot was made ready. Then

Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of

15But King Joram had returned to Judah went out, each in his chariot;  
and

Jezreel to recover from the wounds they went out to meet Jehu, and  
met

which the Syrians had inflicted on him him on the property of Naboth  
the

when he fought with Hazael king of Jezreelite. Syria.) And Jehu said,  
"If you are so

minded, let no one leave or escape from 2 Now it happened, when  
Joram saw the city to go and tell it in Jezreel." Jehu, that he said, "Is it  
peace, Jehu?"

So he answered, "What peace, as long

16 as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel

So Jehu rode in a chariot and went to  
Jezreel, for Joram was laid up there; and her witchcraft are so many?"

and Ahaziah king of Judah had come 3Then Joram turned around and  
fled,

down to see Joram. 2

and said to Ahaziah, "Treachery,

17Now a watchman stood on the tower in Ahaziah!"

Jezreel, and he saw the company of

24

Jehu as he came, and said, "I see a Now Jehu drew his bow with full company of men." And Joram said, "Get strength and shot Jehoram between his

a horseman and send him to meet them, arms; and the arrow came out at his

and let him say, "Is it peace?" heart, and he sank down in his chariot.

1 2 ' So the horseman went to meet him, 5Then Jehu said to Bidkar his captain, and said, "Thus says the king: "Is it "Pick him up, and throw him into the

peace?" And Jehu said, "What have tract of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite;

you to do with peace? Turn around and for remember, when you and I were

follow me." So the watchman reported, riding together behind Ahab his father,

saying, "The messenger went to them, that the LORD laid this burden upon

but is not coming back." him:

1 2 6 'Surely I saw yesterday the blood of ' Then he sent out a second horseman who came to them, and said, "Thus says Naboth and the blood of his sons,' says

the king: "Is it peace?" And Jehu the LORD, "and I will repay you in this

answered, "What have you to do with plot,' says the LORD. Now therefore,

peace? Turn around and follow me." take and throw him on the plot of ground,

according to the word of the LORD."

23 7 But when Ahaziah king of Judah saw 6Therefore they came back and told

this, he fled by the road to Beth Haggan. him. And he said, "This is the word of

So Jehu pursued him, and said, "Shoot the LORD, which He spoke by His

him also in the chariot." And they shot servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "On

him at the Ascent of Gur, which is by the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall

bleam. Then he fled to Megiddo, and eat the flesh of Jezebel; died there.

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2 refuse on the surface of the field, in the

8And his servants carried him in the and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as

chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say,

his tomb with his fathers in the City of "Here lies Jezebel." David.

2 9 n the eleventh year of Joram the son

1 ONow Ahab had seventy sons in

of Ahab, Ahaziah had become king over Samaria. And Jehu wrote and sent

Judah. letters to Samaria, to the rulers of

Jezreel, to the elders, and to those who

Now when Jehu had come to Jezreel, reared Ahab's sons, saying:

Jezebel heard of it; and she put paint on

her eyes and adorned her head, and <sup>2</sup> Now as soon as this letter comes to looked through a window. you, since your master's sons are with

<sup>3</sup> you, and you have chariots and horses, <sup>1</sup> Then, as Jehu entered at the gate, she

a fortified city also, and weapons,

said, "Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of

your master?" <sup>3</sup> Choose the best qualified of your

<sup>32</sup> And he looked up at the window, and master's sons, set him on his father's

throne, and fight for your master's house.

said, "Who is on my side? Who?" So

two or three eunuchs looked out at him. <sup>4</sup> But they were exceedingly afraid, and

<sup>33</sup> Then he said, "Throw her down." So said, "Look, two kings could not stand

up to him; how then can we stand?"

they threw her down, and some of her

blood spattered on the wall and on the <sup>5</sup> And he who was in charge of the house, horses; and he trampled her underfoot. and he who was in charge of the city,

<sup>34</sup> And when he had gone in, he ate and the elders also, and those who



reared

the sons, sent to Jehu, saying, "We are

drank. Then he said, "Go now, see to your servants, we will do all you tell us;

this accursed woman, and bury her, for but we will not make anyone king. Do

she was a king's daughter." what is good in your sight."

35<sup>6</sup> So they went to bury her, but they Then he wrote a second letter to them, found no more of her than the skull and saying: 4 If you are for me and will obey

the feet and the palms of her hands. my voice, take the heads of the men,

your master's sons, and come to me at of Ahaziah; we have come down to

Jezreel by this time tomorrow. Now the greet the sons of the king and the sons

king's sons, seventy persons, were with of the queen mother." the great men of the city, who were

rearing them. 1 4

And he said, "Take them alive!" So

they took them alive, and killed them at

7So it was, when the letter came to them, the well of Beth Eked, forty-two men;

that they took the king's sons and he left none of them. slaughtered seventy persons, put their

heads in baskets and sent them to him 1 5Now when he departed from there, he at Jezreel. met Jehonadab the son of Rechab,

coming to meet him; and he greeted him

<sup>8</sup>Then a messenger came and told him, and said to him, "Is your heart right, as

saying, "They have brought the heads of my heart is toward your heart?" And

the king's sons." And he said, "Lay them Jehonadab answered, "It is." Jehu said,

in two heaps at the entrance of the gate "If it is, give me your hand." So he gave

until morning." him his hand, and he took him up to him

into the chariot.

'So it was, in the morning, that he went <sup>6</sup>Then he said, "Come with me, and see

out and stood, and said to all the people, <sup>1</sup> "You are righteous. Indeed I conspired my zeal for the LORD." So they had him

against my master and killed him; but ride in his chariot. who killed all these?

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>And when he came to Samaria, he

<sup>10</sup>Know now that nothing shall fall to the killed all who remained to Ahab in

earth of the word of the LORD which the Samaria, till he had destroyed them,

LORD spoke concerning the house of according to the word of the LORD

Ahab; for the LORD has done what He which He spoke to Elijah. spoke by His servant Elijah."

<sup>18</sup>Then Jehu gathered all the people

<sup>11</sup>

So Jehu killed all who remained of the together, and said to them, "Ahab

house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his served Baal a little, Jehu will serve him

great men and his close acquaintances much. and his priests, until he left him none

remaining. <sup>1</sup> ' Now therefore, call to me all the

prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all

<sup>12</sup>

And he arose and departed and went his priests. Let no one be missing, for I

to Samaria. On the way, at Beth Eked of have a great sacrifice for Baal. Whoever

the Shepherds, is missing shall not live." But Jehu acted

deceptively, with the intent of destroying

<sup>13</sup> the worshipers of Baal.

Jehu met with the brothers of Ahaziah

king of Judah, and said, "Who are you?"

So they answered, "We are the brothers <sup>2 2</sup> 0And Jehu said, "Proclaim a solemn <sup>7</sup>

Then they broke down the sacred pillar

assembly for Baal." So they proclaimed of Baal, and tore down the temple of

it. Baal and made it a refuse dump to this

day.

<sup>21</sup>

Then Jehu sent throughout all Israel;

<sup>2</sup> 8

and all the worshipers of Baal came, so Thus Jehu destroyed Baal from Israel.

that there was not a man left who did

not come. So they came into the temple <sup>2</sup> ' However Jehu did not turn away from of Baal, and the temple of Baal was full the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

from one end to the other. who had made Israel sin, that is, from

<sup>2</sup> and Dan.

2And he said to the one in charge of the the golden calves that were at Bethel

wardrobe, "Bring out vestments for all

the worshipers of Baal." So he brought 30And the LORD said to Jehu, "Because

out vestments for them. you have done well in doing what is right

in My sight, and have done to the house

<sup>23</sup> Then Jehu and Jehonadab the son of of Ahab all that was in My heart, your

Rechab went into the temple of Baal, sons shall sit on the throne of Israel to

and said to the worshipers of Baal, the fourth generation."

"Search and see that no servants of the

LORD are here with you, but only the 31But Jehu took no heed to walk in the

worshipers of Baal." law of the LORD God of Israel with all

his heart; for he did not depart from the

<sup>24</sup>

So they went in to offer sacrifices and sins of Jeroboam, who had made Israel

burnt offerings. Now Jehu had sin. appointed for himself eighty men

on the

outside, and had said, "If any of the men 32 n those days the LORD began to cut

whom I have brought into your hands off parts of Israel; and Hazael escapes, whoever lets him escape, it conquered them in all the territory of

shall be his life for the life of the other." Israel

25Now it happened, as soon as he had pog

rom the Jordan eastward: all the land

made an end of offering the burnt of Gilead--Gad, Reuben, and offering, that Jehu said to the guard and Manasseh--from Aroer, which is by the

to the captains, "Go in and kill them; let River Arnon, including Gilead and

no one come out!" And they killed them Bashan. with the edge of the sword; then the

guards and the officers threw them out, 34

Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, all

and went into the inner room of the

that he did, and all his might, are they

temple of Baal.

not written in the book of the chronicles

2 of the kings of Israel? 6And they brought the sacred pillars out of the temple of Baal and burned them.

35So Jehu rested with his fathers, and 7The two contingents of you who go off they buried him in Samaria. Then duty on the Sabbath shall keep the

Jehoahaz his son reigned in his place. watch of the house of the LORD for the

king.

36

And the period that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years. 8But you shall surround the king on all

sides, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whoever comes within

1 1 range, let him be put to death. You are When Athaliah the mother of

to be with the king as he goes out and

Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she as he comes in." arose and destroyed all the royal heirs.

9So the captains of the hundreds did

2But Jehosheba, the daughter of King according to all that Jehoiada the priest

Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the

commanded. Each of them took his men

from among the king's sons who were with those who were going off duty on being murdered; and they hid him and son of Ahaziah, and stole him away who were to be on duty on the Sabbath,

the Sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the

his nurse in the bedroom, from Athaliah, priest. so that he was not killed.

1 0 And the priest gave the captains of

3 So he was hidden with her in the house hundreds the spears and shields which

of the LORD for six years, while Athaliah had belonged to King David, that were

reigned over the land. in the temple of the LORD.

4 In the seventh year Jehoiada sent and 1

1 Then the escorts stood, every man

brought the captains of hundreds--of the with his weapons in his hand, all around

bodyguards and the escorts--and the king, from the right side of the brought them into the house of the temple to the left side of the temple, by

LORD to him. And he made a covenant the altar and the house. with them and took an oath from them in

the house of the LORD, and showed 12 And he brought out the king's son, put them the king's son. the crown on him, and gave him the 5 Testimony; they made him king and

Then he commanded them, saying, anointed him, and they clapped their

"This is what you shall do: One-third of hands and said, "Long live the king!"

you who come on duty on the Sabbath

shall be keeping watch over the king's 1 3 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of house, the escorts and the people, she came to 6 the people in the temple of the LORD.

one-third shall be at the gate of Sur,

and one-third at the gate behind the 1 4When she looked, there was the king escorts. You shall keep the watch of the standing by a pillar according to custom; house, lest it be broken down.

and the leaders and the trumpeters 2 1Jehoash was seven years old when he were by the king. All the people of the became king. land were rejoicing and blowing trumpets. So Athaliah tore her clothes

and cried out, "Treason! Treason!" 1 2In the seventh year of Jehu,

1 Jehoash became king, and he reigned 5 And Jehoiada the priest commanded forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's the captains of the hundreds, the name was Zibiah of Beersheba. officers of the army, and said to them,

"Take her outside under guard, and slay 2 with the sword whoever follows her." For Jehoash did what was right in the sight

the priest had said, "Do not let her be of the LORD all the days in which

Jehoiada the priest instructed him.

killed in the house of the LORD."

1 3 6 But the high places were not taken So they seized her; and she went by

way of the horses' entrance into the away; the people still sacrificed and

burned incense on the high places.

king's house, and there she was killed.

1 And Jehoash said to the priests, "All



Then Jehoiada made a covenant

the money of the dedicated gifts that are  
between the LORD, the king, and the

brought into the house of the LORD--  
people, that they should be the LORD's

each man's census money, each man's  
people, and also between the king and

assessment money --and all the money  
the people.

that a man purposes in his heart to bring

<sup>1</sup> into the house of the LORD, <sup>8</sup>And all the people of the land went to  
the temple of Baal, and tore it down. <sup>5</sup> They thoroughly broke in  
pieces its let the priests take it themselves, each

from his constituency; and let them  
altars and images, and killed Mattan the  
priest of Baal before the altars. And the repair the damages of the  
temple,

priest appointed officers over the house wherever any dilapidation is  
found."

of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>Now it was so, by the twenty-third year

<sup>1</sup> of King Jehoash, that the priests had not '

Then he took the captains of hundreds,  
the bodyguards, the escorts, and all the repaired the damages of the  
temple.

people of the land; and they brought the 7So King Jehoash called  
Jehoiada the king down from the house of the LORD, and went by  
way of the gate of the priest and the other priests, and said to

escorts to the king's house. Then he sat them, "Why have you not  
repaired the

on the throne of the kings. damages of the temple? Now therefore,

do not take more money from your

20 constituency, but deliver it for repairing

So all the people of the land rejoiced;

and the city was quiet, for they had slain the damages of the temple."  
Athaliah with the sword in the king's

house.

8 1 And the priests agreed that they would 5Moreover they did not  
require an neither receive more money from the account from the men  
into whose hand

people, nor repair the damages of the they delivered the money to be  
paid to

temple. workmen, for they dealt faithfully.

## 1 6

"Then Jehoiada the priest took a chest, The money from the trespass  
offerings

bored a hole in its lid, and set it beside and the money from the sin  
offerings

the altar, on the right side as one comes was not brought into the  
house of the

into the house of the LORD; and the LORD. It belonged to the priests.  
priests who kept the door put there all

the money brought into the house of the 1 7Hazeal king of Syria went  
up and LORD. fought against Gath, and took it; then

Hazael set his face to go up to

10 So it was, whenever they saw that Jerusalem. there was much money in the chest, that

the king's scribe and the high priest <sup>1</sup> ' And Jehoash king of Judah took all the came up and put it in bags, and counted sacred things that his fathers, the money that was found in the house Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah,

of the LORD. kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his

own sacred things, and all the gold

11 Then they gave the money, which had found in the treasuries of the house of

been apportioned, into the hands of the LORD and in the king's house, and

those who did the work, who had the sent them to Hazael king of Syria. Then

oversight of the house of the LORD; and he went away from Jerusalem. they paid it out to the carpenters and

builders who worked on the house of the <sup>1</sup> ' Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and LORD, all that he did, are they not written in the

book of the chronicles of the kings of

12

and to masons and stonecutters, and Judah?

for buying timber and hewn stone, to

repair the damage of the house of the <sup>2</sup> 0 And his servants arose and formed a LORD, and for all that was paid out to conspiracy, and killed Joash in the

repair the temple. house of the Millo, which goes down to

Silla.

13 However there were not made for the house of the LORD basins of silver, <sup>2</sup> 1

For Jozachar the son of Shimeath and

trimmers, sprinkling-bowls, trumpets, Jehozabad the son of Shomer,  
his

any articles of gold or articles of silver, servants, struck him. So he  
died, and

from the money brought into the house they buried him with his  
fathers in the

of the LORD. City of David. Then Amaziah his son

reigned in his place.

14

But they gave that to the workmen,  
and they repaired the house of the  
LORD with it.

not written in the book of the chronicles

1 of the kings of Israel? 3In the twenty-third year of Joash

the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, 9So Jehoahaz rested with his  
fathers, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu became king over Israel in Samaria,  
and reigned and they buried him in Samaria. Then

seventeen years. Joash his son reigned in his place.

21 0 n the thirty-seventh year of Joash king

And he did evil in the sight of the LORD,

and followed the sins of Jeroboam the of Judah, Jehoash the son of  
Jehoahaz

son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. became king over Israel in  
Samaria, and

He did not depart from them. reigned sixteen years.

3Then the anger of the LORD was <sup>1</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the aroused against Israel, and He delivered LORD. He did not depart from all the

them into the hand of Hazael king of sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who

Syria, and into the hand of Ben-Hadad made Israel sin, but walked in them. the son of Hazael, all their days.

<sup>1</sup> 2

Now the rest of the acts of Joash, all

<sup>4</sup> that he did, and his might with which he So Jehoahaz pleaded with the LORD,

and the LORD listened to him; for He fought against Amaziah king of Judah,

saw the oppression of Israel, because are they not written in the book of the

the king of Syria oppressed them. chronicles of the kings of Israel?

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> 3So Joash rested with his fathers. Then Then the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they escaped from under the Jeroboam sat on his throne. And Joash

hand of the Syrians; and the children of was buried in Samaria with the kings of

Israel dwelt in their tents as before. Israel.

<sup>6</sup> <sup>1</sup> 4Elisha had become sick with the

Nevertheless they did not depart from

the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who illness of which he would die. Then

had made Israel sin, but walked in them; Joash the king of Israel came down to

and the wooden image also remained in him, and wept over his face, and said,

Samaria. "O my father, my father, the chariots of

Israel and their horsemen!"

<sup>7</sup>For He left of the army of Jehoahaz <sup>5</sup>And Elisha said to him, "Take a bow

only fifty horsemen, ten chariots, and <sup>1</sup> ten thousand foot soldiers; for the king and some arrows." So he took himself a

of Syria had destroyed them and made bow and some arrows. them like the dust at threshing.

<sup>16</sup>Then he said to the king of Israel, "Put

<sup>8</sup> your hand on the bow." So he put his Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz,

all that he did, and his might, are they hand on it, and Elisha put his hands on

the king's hands.

<sup>1 2</sup> 74

And he said, "Open the east window"; Now Hazael king of Syria died. Then

and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Ben-Hadad his son reigned in his place.

"Shoot"; and he shot. And he said, "The

arrow of the LORD's deliverance and <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz the arrow of deliverance from Syria; for recaptured from the hand of Ben-Hadad,

you must strike the Syrians at Aphek till the son of Hazael, the cities which he

you have destroyed them." had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz

1 defeated him and recaptured the cities

8Then he said, "Take the arrows"; so he his father by war. Three times Joash

took them. And he said to the king of of Israel. Israel, "Strike the ground"; so he struck

three times, and stopped.

1 1 4In the second year of Joash the 9And the man of God was angry with

son of Jehoahaz, king of Israel,

him, and said, "You should have struck

Amaziah the son of Joash, king of

five or six times; then you would have

Judah, became king.

struck Syria till you had destroyed it! But

now you will strike Syria only three 2He was twenty-five years old when he times." became king, and he reigned twenty-

2 nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's 0Then Elisha died, and they buried him.

name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem.

And the raiding bands from Moab

invaded the land in the spring of the 3And he did what was right in

the sight year. of the LORD, yet not like his father

<sup>2</sup> David; he did everything as his father <sup>1</sup> So it was, as they were burying a man, Joash had done. that suddenly they spied a band of

raiders; and they put the man in the <sup>4</sup> tomb of Elisha; and when the man was However the high places were not

let down and touched the bones of taken away, and the people still

Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet. sacrificed and burned incense on the

high places.

<sup>22</sup>

And Hazael king of Syria oppressed <sup>5</sup>

Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. Now it happened, as soon as the

kingdom was established in his hand,

<sup>2</sup> that he executed his servants who had <sup>3</sup> But the LORD was gracious to them, murdered his father the king. had compassion on them, and regarded

them, because of His covenant with <sup>6</sup>But the children of the murderers he did Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not execute, according to what is written not yet destroy them or cast them from in the Book of the Law of Moses, in His presence. which the LORD commanded, saying,

"Fathers shall not be put to death for  
their children, nor shall children be put



to death for their fathers; but a person And he took all the gold and silver, all

shall be put to death for his own sin." the articles that were found in the house

of the LORD and in the treasuries of the

7 king's house, and hostages, and

He killed ten thousand Edomites in the

Valley of Salt, and took Sela by war, and returned to Samaria. called its name Joktheel to this day.

Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash

8 which he did--his might, and how he Then Amaziah sent messengers to

Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, the son fought with Amaziah king of Judah--are

of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, "Come, they not written in the book of the

let us face one another in battle." chronicles of the kings of Israel?

'And Jehoash king of Israel sent to So Jehoash rested with his fathers, 16

Amaziah king of Judah, saying, "The and was buried in Samaria with the

thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the kings of Israel. Then Jeroboam his son

cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, reigned in his place. "Give your daughter to my son as wife';

and a wild beast that was in Lebanon 17Amaziah the son of Joash,  
king of passed by and trampled the thistle. Judah, lived fifteen years  
after the death

of Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz, king of

10You have indeed defeated Edom, and Israel.

your heart has lifted you up. Glory in 8Now the rest of the acts of  
Amaziah,

that, and stay at home; for why should 1 you meddle with trouble so  
that you fall-- are they not written in the book of the

you and Judah with you?" chronicles of the kings of Judah?

11 1But Amaziah would not heed. ' And they formed a conspiracy  
against

Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went him in Jerusalem, and he fled to  
out; so he and Amaziah king of Judah Lachish; but they sent after him  
to

faced one another at Beth Shemesh, Lachish and killed him there.  
which belongs to Judah.

2 0Then they brought him on horses, and

12

And Judah was defeated by Israel, he was buried at Jerusalem with  
his

and every man fled to his tent. fathers in the City of David.

12 3Then Jehoash king of Israel captured 1

And all the people of Judah took

Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Azariah, who was sixteen years old,

and

Jehoash, the son of Ahaziah, at Beth made him king instead of his father

Shemesh; and he went to Jerusalem, Amaziah. and broke down the wall of Jerusalem

from the Gate of Ephraim to the Corner 2 2He built Elath and restored it to Judah, Gate--four hundred cubits. after the king rested with his fathers. 2 3 n the fifteenth year of Amaziah the

son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam 1 Sln the twenty-seventh year of the son of Joash, king of Israel, became

Jeroboam king of Israel, Azariah the son

king in Samaria, and reigned forty-one

of Amaziah, king of Judah, became king.

years.

2 And he did evil in the sight of the became king, and he reigned fifty-two

4 2He was sixteen years old when he

LORD; he did not depart from all the years in Jerusalem. His mother's name

sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who was Jecholiah of Jerusalem. had made Israel sin.

2 3And he did what was right in the sight 5He restored the territory of Israel from

of the LORD, according to all that his

the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of

father Amaziah had done,

the Arabah, according to the word of the

LORD God of Israel, which He had <sup>4</sup> spoken through His servant Jonah  
the except that the high places were not

son of Amittai, the prophet who was removed; the people still  
sacrificed and

from Gath Hepher. burned incense on the high places.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD struck the king, so that

<sup>6</sup>For the LORD saw that the affliction of <sup>5</sup>

Israel was very bitter; and whether bond he was a leper until the day  
of his death;

so he dwelt in an isolated house. And

or free, there was no helper for Israel.

Jotham the king's son was over the

<sup>2</sup> royal house, judging the people of the <sup>7</sup>And the LORD did not say  
that He

land.

would blot out the name of Israel from

under heaven; but He saved them by <sup>6</sup>

Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and

the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

all that he did, are they not written in the

<sup>2</sup> book of the chronicles of the kings of <sup>8</sup>Now the rest of the acts of  
Jeroboam,

Judah?

and all that he did--his might, how he

made war, and how he recaptured for <sup>7</sup> Israel, from Damascus and Hamath, So Azariah rested with his fathers, and

what had belonged to Judah--are they they buried him with his fathers in the

City of David. Then Jotham his son

not written in the book of the chronicles

of the kings of Israel? reigned in his place.

2

' So Jeroboam rested with his fathers, <sup>8</sup> In the thirty-eighth year of Azariah king

of Judah, Zechariah the son of

the kings of Israel. Then Zechariah his

Jeroboam reigned over Israel in

son reigned in his place.

Samaria six months.

<sup>9</sup> And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done; he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the became king over Israel, and reigned

son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. ten years in Samaria.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>0</sup>Then Shallum the son of Jabesh <sup>8</sup>And he did evil in the sight of the conspired against him, and struck and LORD; he did not depart all his days

killed him in front of the people; and he from the sins of Jeroboam the

son of

reigned in his place. Nebat, who had made Israel sin.

11 1

Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, ' PuI king of Assyria came  
against the

indeed they are written in the book of land; and Menahem gave Put a  
the chronicles of the kings of Israel. thousand talents of silver, that his  
hand

might be with him to strengthen the

12 kingdom under his control.

This was the word of the LORD which

He spoke to Jehu, saying, "Your sons 0And Menahem exacted the  
money

shall sit on the throne of Israel to the 2 fourth generation." And so it  
was. from Israel, from all the very wealthy,

from each man fifty shekels of silver, to

13 give to the king of Assyria. So the king

ShallIum the son of Jabesh became

king in the thirty-ninth year of Uzziah of Assyria turned back, and did  
not stay

king of Judah; and he reigned a full there in the land.

month in Samaria. 1Now the rest of the acts of Menahem,

14 and all that he did, are they not written

For Menahem the son of Gadi went up  
from Tirzah, came to Samaria, and in the book of the chronicles of the  
kings  
struck Shallum the son of Jabesh in of Israel? Samaria and killed him;  
and he reigned  
in his place. <sup>2</sup> So Menahem rested with his fathers.

Then Pekahiah his son reigned in his  
<sup>15</sup>Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, place.

and the conspiracy which he led, indeed <sup>3</sup> n the fiftieth year of  
Azariah king of  
they are written in the book of the <sup>2</sup> chronicles of the kings of Israel.  
Judah, Pekahiah the son of Menahem

became king over Israel in Samaria, and  
<sup>16</sup>Then from Tirzah, Menahem attacked reigned two years.  
Tiphseh, all who were there, and its

<sup>24</sup>

territory. Because they did not surrender, And he did evil in the sight  
of the

therefore he attacked it. All the women LORD; he did not depart from  
the sins of

there who were with child he ripped Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who  
had

open. made Israel sin.

<sup>1 2 7</sup> n the thirty-ninth year of Azariah king <sup>5</sup>Then Pekah the son of  
Remaliah, an of Judah, Menahem the son of Gadi officer of his,  
conspired against him and

killed him in Samaria, in the citadel of the king's house, along with  
Argob and 33He was twenty-five years old when he

Arieh; and with him were fifty men of became king, and he reigned  
sixteen

Gilead. He killed him and reigned in his years in Jerusalem. His  
mother's name

place. was Jerusha the daughter of Zadok.

26 34

Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, And he did what was right in  
the sight

and all that he did, indeed they are of the LORD; he did according to  
all that

written in the book of the chronicles of his father Uzziah had done.  
the kings of Israel.

35However the high places were not

2 7 n the fifty-second year of Azariah king

removed; the people still sacrificed and

of Judah, Pekah the son of Remaliah burned incense on the high  
places. He

became king over Israel in Samaria, and built the Upper Gate of the  
house of the

reigned twenty years. LORD.

28And he did evil in the sight of the 36Now the rest of the acts of  
Jotham,

LORD; he did not depart from the sins of and all that he did, are they  
not written

Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had in the book of the chronicles of



the kings

made Israel sin. of Judah?

29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel, 37 In those days the LORD began to

Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria came and send Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the

took Ijon, Abel Beth Maachah, Janoah, son of Remaliah against Judah. Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, and Galilee, all

the land of Naphtali; and he carried 38 So Jotham rested with his fathers, and them captive to Assyria. was buried with his fathers in the City of

David his father. Then Ahaz his son

30 Then Hoshea the son of Elah led a reign in his place.

conspiracy against Pekah the son of

Remaliah, and struck and killed him; so

he reigned in his place in the twentieth 16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah year of Jotham the son of Uzziah.

the son of Remaliah, Ahaz the son of

31 Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and Jotham, king of Judah, began to reign.

all that he did, indeed they are written in 2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he the book of the chronicles of the kings of became king, and he reigned sixteen Israel. years in Jerusalem; and he did not do

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of what was right in the sight of the LORD

his God, as his father David had done.

Remaliah, king of Israel, Jotham the son

of Uzziah, king of Judah, began to reign. 3But he walked in the way of the kings of

Israel; indeed he made his son pass

through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom the design of the altar and its pattern,

LORD had cast out from before the according to all its workmanship. children of Israel.

11

Then Urijah the priest built an altar

4And he sacrificed and burned incense according to all that King Ahaz had sent

on the high places, on the hills, and from Damascus. So Urijah the priest

under every green tree. made it before King Ahaz came back

from Damascus.

5Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah the 2And when the king came back from

son of Remaliah, king of Israel, came up 1 to Jerusalem to make war; and they Damascus, the king saw the altar; and

besieged Ahaz but could not overcome the king approached the altar and made

him. offerings on it.

6 1 3 At that time Rezin king of Syria So he burned his burnt offering

and his captured Elath for Syria, and drove the grain offering; and he poured his drink

men of Judah from Elath. Then the offering and sprinkled the blood of his

Edomites went to Elath, and dwell there peace offerings on the altar. to this day.

14

He also brought the bronze altar which

7So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath- was before the LORD, from the front of

Pileser king of Assyria, saying, "I am the temple--from between the new altar

your servant and your son. Come up and the house of the LORD--and put it

and save me from the hand of the king on the north side of the new altar. of Syria and from the hand of the king of

Israel, who rise up against me." 1 5Then King Ahaz commanded Urijah

the priest, saying, "On the great new

8And Ahaz took the silver and gold that altar burn the morning burnt offering, the

was found in the house of the LORD, evening grain offering, the king's burnt

and in the treasuries of the king's house, sacrifice, and his grain offering, with the

and sent it as a present to the king of burnt offering of all the people of the

Assyria. land, their grain offering, and their drink

offerings; and sprinkle on it all the blood

'So the king of Assyria heeded him; for of the burnt offering and all the blood of

the king of Assyria went up against the sacrifice. And the bronze altar shall

Damascus and took it, carried its people be for me to inquire by."

captive to Kir, and killed Rezin. 6Thus did Urijah the priest, according to

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10Now King Ahaz went to Damascus to all that King Ahaz commanded.

meet Tiglath-Pileser king of Assyria, and

saw an altar that was at Damascus; and 1 7And King Ahaz cut off the panels of King Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the the carts, and removed the lavers from

them; and he took down the Sea from the bronze oxen that were under it, and 6In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of put it on a pavement of stones. Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in

1 Halah and by the Habor, the River of ' Also he removed the Sabbath pavilion

which they had built in the temple, and Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

he removed the king's outer entrance

from the house of the LORD, on account 7 For so it was that the children of Israel of the king of Assyria. had sinned against the LORD their God,

who had brought them up out of the land

1 of Egypt, from under the hand of ' Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which

he did, are they not written in the book Pharaoh king of Egypt; and

they had

of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? feared other gods,

28 And had walked in the statutes of the So Ahaz rested with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the City of nations whom the LORD had cast out

David. Then Hezekiah his son reigned in from before the children of Israel, and of

his place. the kings of Israel, which they had made.

'Also the children of Israel secretly did

1 against the LORD their God things that 7In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of

were not right, and they built for

Judah, Hoshea the son of Elah became

themselves high places in all their cities,

king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned

from watchtower to fortified city.

nine years.

10 They set up for themselves sacred

2 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD,

pillars and wooden images on every

but not as the kings of Israel who were

high hill and under every green tree.

before him.

3Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up high places, like the nations  
whom the <sup>1</sup> LORD there they burned incense on all the

against him; and Hoshea became his

LORD had carried away before them;  
vassal, and paid him tribute money.

and they did wicked things to provoke  
<sup>4</sup> the LORD to anger,

And the king of Assyria uncovered a

conspiracy by Hoshea; for he had sent <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> or they served idols, of  
which the messengers to So, king of Egypt, and

LORD had said to them, "You shall not  
brought no tribute to the king of Assyria,  
do this thing."

as he had done year by year. Therefore

the king of Assyria shut him up, and <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> et the LORD testified against  
Israel bound him in prison. and against Judah, by all of His <sup>5</sup> prophets,  
every seer, saying, "Turn from

Now the king of Assyria went

your evil ways, and keep My  
throughout all the land, and went up to

commandments and My statutes,  
Samaria and besieged it for three years.

according to all the law which I <sup>2</sup> <sup>0</sup>And the LORD rejected all the  
commanded your fathers, and which I descendants of Israel, afflicted  
them,

sent to you by My servants the and delivered them into the hand of prophets." plunderers, until He had cast them from

His sight.

14

Nevertheless they would not hear, but

2 1

stiffened their necks, like the necks of For He tore Israel from the house of

their fathers, who did not believe in the David, and they made Jeroboam the

LORD their God. son of Nebat king. Then Jeroboam

drove Israel from following the LORD,

15And they rejected His statutes and His and made them commit a great sin.

covenant that He had made with their

fathers, and His testimonies which He 2 For the children of Israel walked in all had testified against them; they followed the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they

idols, became idolaters, and went after did not depart from them, the nations who were all around them,

concerning whom the LORD had 2 3until the LORD removed Israel out of charged them that they should not do His sight, as He had said by all His

like them. servants the prophets. So Israel was

carried away from their own land to

16

So they left all the commandments of Assyria, as it is to this day.  
the LORD their God, made for

themselves a molded image and two <sup>2</sup> 4Then the king of Assyria brought calves, made a wooden image and people from Babylon, Cuthah, Ava,

worshiped all the host of heaven, and Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and

served Baal. placed them in the cities of Samaria

instead of the children of Israel; and

17

And they caused their sons and they took possession of Samaria and daughters to pass through the fire, dwelt in its cities. practiced witchcraft and soothsaying,

and sold themselves to do evil in the <sup>2</sup> 5And it was so, at the beginning of their sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to dwelling there, that they did not fear the

anger. LORD; therefore the LORD sent lions

among them, which killed some of them.

<sup>1</sup> ' Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them from His <sup>2</sup> 6So they spoke to the king of Assyria, sight; there was none left but the tribe of saying, "The nations whom you have

Judah alone. removed and placed in the cities of

Samaria do not know the rituals of the

1 9

Also Judah did not keep the God of the land; therefore He has sent commandments of the LORD their God, lions among them, and indeed, they are

but walked in the statutes of Israel which killing them because they do not know

they made. the rituals of the God of the land." <sup>2</sup>7

Then the king of Assyria commanded, commanded the children of



Jacob,

saying, "Send there one of the priests whom He named Israel, whom you brought from there; let him go

and dwell there, and let him teach them 35with whom the LORD had made a

the rituals of the God of the land." covenant and charged them, saying:

"You shall not fear other gods, nor bow

2' Then one of the priests whom they down to them nor serve them nor

had carried away from Samaria came sacrifice to them; and dwelt in Bethel, and taught them

how they should fear the LORD. 36 but the LORD, who brought you up

from the land of Egypt with great power

2' However every nation continued to and an outstretched arm, Him you shall

make gods of its own, and put them in fear, Him you shall worship, and to Him

the shrines on the high places which the you shall offer sacrifice. Samaritans had made, every nation in

the cities where they dwelt. 37And the statutes, the ordinances, the

law, and the commandment which He

30

The men of Babylon made Succoth wrote for you, you shall be careful to

Benoth, the men of Cuth made Nergal, observe forever; you shall not fear other

the men of Hamath made Ashima, gods.

31 38And the covenant that I have made

and the Avites made Nibhaz and

Tartak; and the Sepharvites burned their with you, you shall not forget, nor shall

children in fire to Adrammelech and you fear other gods.  
Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim.

32 3' But the LORD your God you shall fear;

So they feared the LORD, and from and He will deliver you from the hand of

every class they appointed for all your enemies." themselves priests of the high places,

who sacrificed for them in the shrines of 4 0However they did not obey, but they the high places. followed their former rituals.

33They feared the LORD, yet served 41So these nations feared the LORD, yet their own gods--according to the rituals served their carved images; also their

of the nations from among whom they children and their children's children

were carried away. have continued doing as their fathers

did, even to this day.

34

To this day they continue practicing

the former rituals; they do not fear the

LORD, nor do they follow their statutes 1 8Now it came to pass in the third or their ordinances, or the law and

commandment which the LORD had year of Hoshea the son of Elah, king of

Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz,

king of Judah, began to reign.

21 He was twenty-five years old when he 0And at the end of three years they took became king, and he reigned twenty- it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, that is,

nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel,

name was Abi the daughter of Samaria was taken. Zechariah.

1 Then the king of Assyria carried Israel

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And he did what was right in the sight away captive to Assyria, and put them in

of the LORD, according to all that his Halah and by the Habor, the River of

father David had done. Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,

41 He removed the high places and broke 2because they did not obey the voice of the sacred pillars, cut down the wooden the LORD their God, but transgressed

image and broke in pieces the bronze His covenant and all that Moses the

serpent that Moses had made; for until servant of the LORD had commanded;

those days the children of Israel burned and they would neither hear nor do them.

incense to it, and called it Nehushtan.

13

And in the fourteenth year of King

5He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria

so that after him was none like him came up against all the fortified cities of

among all the kings of Judah, nor who Judah and took them. were before him.

1 4Then Hezekiah king of Judah sent to

6For he held fast to the LORD; he did the king of Assyria at Lachish, saying, "I

not depart from following Him, but kept have done wrong; turn away from me;

His commandments, which the LORD whatever you impose on me I will pay."

had commanded Moses. And the king of Assyria assessed

Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred

7 talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. The LORD was with him; he prospered

wherever he went. And he rebelled

15

against the king of Assyria and did not So Hezekiah gave him all the silver

serve him. that was found in the house of the

LORD and in the treasuries of the king's

8 house. He subdued the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower

1 6

to fortified city. At that time Hezekiah stripped the gold

from the doors of the temple of the

'Now it came to pass in the fourth year LORD, and from the pillars which

of King Hezekiah, which was the Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid,

seventh year of Hoshea the son of Elah, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of 7Then the king of Assyria sent the

Assyria came up against Samaria and <sup>1</sup> besieged it. Tartan, the Rabsaris, and the

Rabshakeh from Lachish, with a great

<sup>2</sup> 4

army against Jerusalem, to King How then will you repel one captain of

Hezekiah. And they went up and came the least of my master's servants, and

to Jerusalem. When they had come up, put your trust in Egypt for chariots and

they went and stood by the aqueduct horsemen? from the upper pool, which was on the

highway to the Fuller's Field. <sup>2</sup> 5Have I now come up without the

<sup>1</sup> The LORD said to me, "Go up against

8And when they had called to the king, LORD against this place to destroy it?

Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over this land, and destroy it." the household, Shebna the scribe, and

Joah the son of Asaph, the recorder, <sup>2</sup> 6Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, came out to them. Shebna, and Joah said to the

1 servants in Aramaic, for we understand

9 Then the Rabshakeh said to them, Rabshakeh, "Please speak to your

"Say now to Hezekiah, "Thus says the Lord; and do not speak to us in Hebrew in

great king, the king of Assyria: "What the hearing of the people who are on the

confidence is this in which you trust? wall."

22 07

You speak of having plans and power But the Rabshakeh said to them, "Has

for war; but they are mere words. And in my master sent me to your master and

whom do you trust, that you rebel to you to speak these words, and not to

against me? the men who sit on the wall, who will eat

and drink their own waste with you?"

21 Now look! You are trusting in the staff of this broken reed, Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and out with a loud voice in Hebrew, and

pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to speak, saying, "Hear the word of the

all who trust in him. great king, the king of Assyria!

22 2

But if you say to me, "We trust in the Lord" Thus says the king: "Do not let

LORD our God, is it not He whose high Hezekiah deceive you, for he shall not

places and whose altars Hezekiah has been able to deliver you from his hand;

taken away, and said to Judah and

Jerusalem, "You shall worship before me nor let Hezekiah make you trust in the

this altar in Jerusalem?" LORD, saying, "The LORD will surely

deliver us; this city shall not be given

23 Now therefore, I urge you, give it into the hand of the king of Assyria."

pledge to my master the king of Assyria,

and I will give you two thousand horses- 31 Do not listen to Hezekiah; for thus

-if you are able on your part to put riders says the king of Assyria:  
"Make peace

on them! with me by a present and come out to

me; and every one of you eat from his

own vine and every one from his own fig tree, and every one of you  
drink the water, covered himself with sackcloth,

waters of his own cistern; and went into the house of the LORD.

32 2

until I come and take you away to a Then he sent Eliakim, who was  
over

land like your own land, a land of grain the household, Shebna the  
scribe, and

and new wine, a land of bread and the elders of the priests, covered  
with

vineyards, a land of olive groves and sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet,  
the son

honey, that you may live and not die. of Amoz. But do not listen to Hezekiah, lest he

persuade you, saying, "The LORD will 3And they said to him, "Thus says

deliver us." Hezekiah: "This day is a day of trouble,

and rebuke, and blasphemy; for the

33 children have come to birth, but there is Has any of the gods of the nations at

all delivered its land from the hand of no strength to bring them forth. the king of Assyria?

4 It may be that the LORD your God will

34 Where are the gods of Hamath and hear all the words of the Rabshakeh,

Arpad? Where are the gods of whom his master the king of Assyria has

Sepharvaim and Hena and Ivah? Indeed, sent to reproach the living God, and will

have they delivered Samaria from my rebuke the words which the LORD your

hand? God has heard. Therefore lift up your

prayer for the remnant that is left."

35Who among all the gods of the lands have delivered their countries from my 5So the servants of King Hezekiah came hand, that the LORD should deliver to Isaiah. Jerusalem from my hand?"

6And Isaiah said to them, "Thus you

36But the people held their peace and shall say to your master, "Thus says the

answered him not a word; for the king's LORD: "Do not be afraid of the words

commandment was, "Do not answer which you have heard, with



which the

him." servants of the king of Assyria have

blasphemed Me.

37

Then Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who

was over the household, Shebna the 7 Surely I will send a spirit upon him, and scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph, the he shall hear a rumor and return to his

recorder, came to Hezekiah with their own land; and I will cause him to fall by

clothes torn, and told him the words of the sword in his own land. ' the Rabshakeh.

8 Then the Rabshakeh returned and found the king of Assyria warring

1 against Libnah, for he heard that he had 9 And so it was, when King

departed from Lachish.

Hezekiah heard it, that he tore his

'And the king heard concerning TruIy, LORD, the kings of Assyria have Tirkakah king of Ethiopia, "Look, he has laid waste the nations and their lands,

come out to make war with you." So he

again sent messengers to Hezekiah, <sup>18</sup>

and have cast their gods into the fire;

saying, for they were not gods, but the work of

men's hands--wood and stone.

<sup>10</sup>§'Thus you shall speak to Hezekiah Therefore they destroyed them. king of Judah, saying: "Do not let your

God in whom you trust deceive you, <sup>1</sup> ' Now therefore, O LORD our God, I saying, "Jerusalem shall not be given pray, save us from his hand, that all the

into the hand of the king of Assyria." kingdoms of the earth may know that

You are the LORD God, You alone."

<sup>11</sup>

Look! You have heard what the kings

of Assyria have done to all lands by <sup>2</sup> 0Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to utterly destroying them; and shall you be Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD

delivered? God of Israel: "Because you have

prayed to Me against Sennacherib king

<sup>12</sup>

Have the gods of the nations delivered of Assyria, I have heard.' those whom my fathers have destroyed,

Gozan and Haran and Rezeph, and the 2 1

This is the word which the LORD has

people of Eden who were in Telassar? spoken concerning him: "The virgin, the

daughter of Zion, Has despised you,

13Where is the king of Hamath, the king laughed you to scorn; The daughter of

of Arpad, and the king of the city of Jerusalem Has shaken her head behind

Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?" your back!

1 2 4And Hezekiah received the letter from 24Whom have you reproached and the hand of the messengers, and read it; blasphemed? Against whom have you

and Hezekiah went up to the house of raised your voice, And lifted up your

the LORD, and spread it before the eyes on high? Against the Holy One of

LORD. Israel.

1 2 5Then Hezekiah prayed before the 3By your messengers you have LORD, and said: "O LORD God of Israel, reproached the Lord, And said: "By the

the One who dwells between the multitude of my chariots I have come up

cherubim, You are God, You alone, of to the height of the mountains, To the

all the kingdoms of the earth. You have limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall

made heaven and earth. cedars And its choice cypress trees; I

will enter the extremity of its borders, To

16 incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; its fruitful forest. open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and

hear the words of Sennacherib, which

he has sent to reproach the living God.

23 24 4 have dug and drunk strange water, 'Therefore thus says the LORD And with the soles of my feet I have concerning the king of Assyria: "He shall

dried up All the brooks of defense." not come into this city, Nor shoot an

arrow there, Nor come before it with

25 84 shield, Nor build a siege mound against

Did you not hear long ago How I

made it, From ancient times that I it.

formed it? Now I have brought it to pass, 33 By the way that he came, By the same

That you should be For crushing fortified

cities into heaps of ruins. shall he return; And he shall not come

into this city,' Says the LORD.

26 Therefore their inhabitants had little power; They were dismayed and 'For I will defend this city, to save it 3 4

confounded; They were as the grass of For My own sake and for My servant

the field And the green herb, As the David's sake.'" grass on the housetops And grain

blighted before it is grown. 35 And it came to pass on a certain night

2 and killed in the camp of the Assyrians

7 But I know your dwelling place, Your that the angel of the LORD  
went out,

going out and your coming in, And your one hundred and eighty-five  
thousand;

rage against Me. and when people arose early in the

morning, there were the corpses--all

28 dead.

Because your rage against Me and

Therefore I will put My hook in your Sennacherib king of Assyria 36So  
your tumult Have come up to My ears,

nose And My bridle in your lips, And I departed and went away,  
returned home,

will turn you back By the way which you and remained at Nineveh.  
came.

37Now it came to pass, as he was

2 "' This shall be a sign to you: You shall worshiping in the temple of  
Nisroch his

eat this year such as grows of itself, And god, that his sons  
Adrammelech and

in the second year what springs from Sharezer struck him down with  
the

the same; Also in the third year sow and sword; and they escaped into  
the land of

reap, Plant vineyards and eat the fruit of Ararat. Then Esarhaddon his  
son

them. reigned in his place.

And the remnant who have escaped of

the house of Judah Shall again take root 2 Oln those days  
Hezekiah was sick downward, And bear fruit upward. and near  
death. And Isaiah the prophet,

31For out of Jerusalem shall go a the son of Amoz, went to him and  
said

to him, "Thus says the LORD: "Set your

remnant, And those who escape from house in order, for you shall die,  
and not

Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD of live.'" hosts will do this.'

21 Then he turned his face toward the wall, 0And Hezekiah answered,  
"It is an easy and prayed to the LORD, saying, thing for the shadow to  
go down ten

degrees; no, but let the shadow go

3"Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how backward ten degrees." I have  
walked before You in truth and

with a loyal heart, and have done what 1 So Isaiah the prophet cried  
out to the was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah LORD, and He  
brought the shadow ten

wept bitterly. degrees backward, by which it had gone

down on the sundial of Ahaz.

4And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court,  
that the 1 2At that time Berodach-Baladan the son word of the LORD  
came to him, saying, of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters

and a present to Hezekiah, for he heard

5 that Hezekiah had been sick. Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of  
My people, "Thus says the LORD, the

God of David your father: "I have heard <sup>1</sup> 3And Hezekiah was attentive to them, your prayer, I have seen your tears; and showed them all the house of his

surely I will heal you. On the third day treasures--the silver and gold, the

you shall go up to the house of the spices and precious ointment, and all

LORD. his armory--all that was found among

his treasures. There was nothing in his

<sup>6</sup> house or in all his dominion that And I will add to your days fifteen years.

I will deliver you and this city from the Hezekiah did not show them. hand of the king of Assyria; and I will

<sup>1</sup> 4

defend this city for My own sake, and for Then Isaiah the prophet went to King

the sake of My servant David.'" Hezekiah, and said to him, "What did

these men say, and from where did they

<sup>7</sup> come to you?" So Hezekiah said, "They Then Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs."

So they took and laid it on the boil, and came from a far country, from Babylon."

he recovered.

<sup>15</sup>And he said, "What have they seen in

<sup>8</sup> your house?" So Hezekiah answered, And Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "What is

the sign that the LORD will heal me, and "They have seen all that is in my house;

that I shall go up to the house of the there is nothing among my treasures

LORD the third day?" that I have not shown them."

1 6

"Then Isaiah said, "This is the sign to Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah,  
"Hear

you from the LORD, that the LORD will the word of the LORD: do the  
thing which He has spoken: shall

the shadow go forward ten degrees or 1 7 Behold, the days are coming  
when all go backward ten degrees?" that is in your house, and what  
your

fathers have accumulated until this day, shall be carried to Babylon;  
nothing shall 4He also built altars in the house of the be left,' says the  
LORD. LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In

Jerusalem I will put My name."

1 "" And they shall take away some of your sons who will descend from  
you, 5And he built altars for all the host of whom you will beget; and  
they shall be heaven in the two courts of the house of

eunuchs in the palace of the king of the LORD. Babylon."

6 Also he made his son pass through the

1 ' So Hezekiah said to Isaiah, "The word fire, practiced soothsaying,  
used of the LORD which you have spoken is witchcraft, and consulted  
spiritists and

good!" For he said, "Will there not be mediums. He did much evil in  
the sight

peace and truth at least in my days?" of the LORD, to provoke Him to  
anger.

2 7 ONow the rest of the acts of Hezekiah-- He even set a carved image  
of Asherah

all his might, and how he made a pool that he had made, in the house  
of which



and a tunnel and brought water into the the LORD had said to David and to

city--are they not written in the book of Solomon his son, "In this house and in

the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of

all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name

21 forever; So Hezekiah rested with his fathers. Then Manasseh his son reigned in his

place. 8 and I will not make the feet of Israel

wander anymore from the land which I

gave their fathers--only if they are

2 1 careful to do according to all that I have Manasseh was twelve years old

commanded them, and according to all

when he became king, and he reigned the law that My servant Moses

fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His commanded them." mother's name was Hephzibah.

9But they paid no attention, and

2And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, Manasseh seduced them to do more

according to the abominations of the evil than the nations whom the LORD

nations whom the LORD had cast out had destroyed before the children of

before the children of Israel. Israel.

3For he rebuilt the high places which 10And the LORD spoke by His servants Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he the prophets, saying, raised up altars for Baal, and made a

wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel 1 1 'Because Manasseh king of Judah has had done; and he worshiped all the host done these abominations (he has acted of heaven and served them. more wickedly than all the Amorites who were before him, and has also made 1' Amon was twenty-two years old when Judah sin with his idols), he became king, and he reigned two

years in Jerusalem. His mother's name

12 herefore thus says the LORD God of was Meshullemeth the daughter of

Israel: "Behold, I am bringing such Haruz of Jotbah. calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah,

2 0

that whoever hears of it, both his ears And he did evil in the sight of the

will tingle. LORD, as his father Manasseh had

done.

13And I will stretch over Jerusalem the

2 1

measuring line of Samaria and the So he walked in all the ways that his

plummet of the house of Ahab; I will father had walked; and he served the

wipe Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, idols that his father had served, and

wiping it and turning it upside down. worshiped them.

1 2 42 so I will forsake the remnant of My He forsook the LORD God of his

inheritance and deliver them into the fathers, and did not walk in the way of

hand of their enemies; and they shall the LORD. become victims of plunder to all their

enemies, 2 3Then the servants of Arnon conspired

against him, and killed the king in his

15because they have done evil in My own house.

sight, and have provoked Me to anger

since the day their fathers came out of 2 4But the people of the land executed all Egypt, even to this day." those who had conspired against King

Arnon. Then the people of the land

16Moreover Manasseh shed very much made his son Josiah king in his place.

innocent blood, till he had filled

Jerusalem from one end to another, 2 5Now the rest of the acts of Arnon besides his sin by which he made Judah which he did, are they not written in the

sin, in doing evil in the sight of the book of the chronicles of the kings of

LORD. Judah?

17 6And he was buried in his tomb in the

Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh-- 2

all that he did, and the sin that he garden of Uzza. Then Josiah his son committed--are they not written in the reigned in his place. book of the chronicles of the kings of

Judah?

1 22 Josiah was eight years old when 8

So Manasseh rested with his fathers,  
he became king, and he reigned thirty-  
and was buried in the garden of his own

house, in the garden of Uzza. Then his one years in Jerusalem. His  
mother's

son Arnon reigned in his place. name was Jedidah the daughter of

Adaiah of Bozkath.

2And he did what was right in the sight delivered it into the hand of  
those who

of the LORD, and walked in all the ways do the work, who oversee the  
house of

of his father David; he did not turn aside the LORD." to the right hand  
or to the left.

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Then Shaphan the scribe showed the

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Now it came to pass, in the eighteenth king, saying, "Hilkiah the  
priest has

year of King Josiah, that the king sent given me a book." And Shaphan  
read it

Shaphan the scribe, the son of Azaliah, before the king. the son of  
Meshullam, to the house of

the LORD, saying: 1 1Now it happened, when the king heard

the words of the Book of the Law, that

4 Go up to Hilkiyah the high priest, that he tore his clothes. he may count the money which has

been brought into the house of the LORD. 2 Then the king commanded Hilkiyah the LORD, which the doorkeepers have priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan,

gathered from the people. Achbor the son of Michaiah, Shaphan

the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the

5 And let them deliver it into the hand of king, saying, those doing the work, who are the

overseers in the house of the LORD; let 13 Go, inquire of the LORD for me, for them give it to those who are in the the people and for all Judah, concerning

house of the LORD doing the work, to the words of this book that has been

repair the damages of the house-- found; for great is the wrath of the

LORD that is aroused against us,

6 to carpenters and builders and masons- because our fathers have not obeyed

-and to buy timber and hewn stone to the words of this book, to do according

repair the house. to all that is written concerning us."

7 1 4

However there need be no accounting So Hilkiyah the priest, Ahikam, Achbor,

made with them of the money delivered Shaphan, and Asaiah went to Huldah

into their hand, because they deal the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the

faithfully." son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas,

keeper of the wardrobe. (She dwelt in

8 Jerusalem in the Second Quarter.) And Then Hilkiah the high priest said to

Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the they spoke with her. Book of the Law in the house of the

1 5

LORD." And Hilkiah gave the book to Then she said to them, "Thus says the

Shaphan, and he read it. LORD God of Israel, "Tell the man who

sent you to Me,

'So Shaphan the scribe went to the king,

bringing the king word, saying, "Your 'Thu 1 64s says the LORD:  
"Behold, I will

servants have gathered the money that bring calamity on this place and on its

was found in the house, and have inhabitants--all the words of the book And he read in their hearing all the

which the king of Judah has read-- words of the Book of the Covenant

which had been found in the house of

17because they have forsaken Me and the LORD.

burned incense to other gods, that they 3Then the king stood by a pillar and

might provoke Me to anger with all the

works of their hands. Therefore My made a covenant before the LORD, to

wrath shall be aroused against this follow the LORD and to keep His place and shall not be quenched. commandments and His testimonies

and His statutes, with all his heart and

18But as for the king of Judah, who sent all his soul, to perform the words of this

you to inquire of the LORD, in this covenant that were written in this book.

manner you shall speak to him, "Thus And all the people took a stand for the

says the LORD God of Israel: covenant. "Concerning the words which you have

heard-- 4And the king commanded Hilkiah the

high priest, the priests of the second

1 order, and the doorkeepers, to bring out ' because your heart was tender, and

you humbled yourself before the LORD of the temple of the LORD all the

when you heard what I spoke against articles that were made for Baal, for

this place and against its inhabitants, Asherah, and for all the host of heaven;

that they would become a desolation and he burned them outside Jerusalem

and a curse, and you tore your clothes in the fields of Kidron, and carried their

and wept before Me, I also have heard ashes to Bethel. you," says the LORD.

5 Then he removed the idolatrous priests

20 whom the kings of Judah had ordained

Surely, therefore, I will gather you to

your fathers, and you shall be gathered to burn incense on the high places in the

to your grave in peace; and your eyes cities of Judah and in the places  
all

shall not see all the calamity which I will around Jerusalem, and those  
who

bring on this place. ' So they brought burned incense to Baal, to the  
sun, to

back word to the king. the moon, to the constellations, and to

all the host of heaven.

6 And he brought out the wooden image

2 3Now the king sent them to gather

from the house of the LORD, to the

all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to Brook Kidron outside  
Jerusalem, burned

him. it at the Brook Kidron and ground it to

ashes, and threw its ashes on the

2The king went up to the house of the graves of the common people.  
LORD with all the men of Judah, and

with him all the inhabitants of 7Then he tore down the ritual booths of  
Jerusalem--the priests and the prophets the perverted persons that  
were in the

and all the people, both small and great.

house of the LORD, where the women Sidonians, for Chemosh the  
wove hangings for the wooden image. abomination of the Moabites,  
and for

Milcom the abomination of the people of

8 Ammon. And he brought all the priests from the cities of Judah, and  
defiled the high



places where the priests had burned And he broke in pieces the sacred  
incense, from Geba to Beersheba; also pillars and cut down the  
wooden images,  
he broke down the high places at the and filled their places with the  
bones of  
gates which were at the entrance of the men. Gate of Joshua the  
governor of the city,  
which were to the left of the city gate. 1 Moreover the altar that was  
at Bethel,

and the high place which Jeroboam the  
'Nevertheless the priests of the high son of Nebat, who made Israel sin,  
had  
places did not come up to the altar of made, both that altar and the  
high place  
the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate he broke down; and he burned  
the high  
unleavened bread among their brethren. place and crushed it to  
powder, and

burned the wooden image.

10

And he defiled Topheth, which is in the

16

Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no As Josiah turned, he saw the  
tombs

man might make his son or his daughter that were there on the  
mountain. And he

pass through the fire to Molech. sent and took the bones out of the

tombs and burned them on the altar,

11Then he removed the horses that the and defiled it according to the

kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, the LORD which the man of God

at the entrance to the house of the proclaimed, who proclaimed these

LORD, by the chamber of Nathan- words. Melech, the officer who was in the court;

17

and he burned the chariots of the sun Then he said, "What gravestone is this

with fire. that I see?" So the men of the city told

him, "It is the tomb of the man of God

12 who came from Judah and proclaimed

The altars that were on the roof, the

upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings these things which you have done

of Judah had made, and the altars against the altar of Bethel." which Manasseh had made in the two

1 8

courts of the house of the LORD, the And he said, "Let him alone; let no one

king broke down and pulverized there, move his bones." So they let his bones

and threw their dust into the Brook alone, with the bones of the prophet

Kidron. who came from Samaria.

11 3Then the king defiled the high places ' Now Josiah also took away all the

that were east of Jerusalem, which were shrines of the high places  
that were in

on the south of the Mount of Corruption, the cities of Samaria, which  
the kings of

which Solomon king of Israel had built Israel had made to provoke the  
LORD to

for Ashtoreth the abomination of the anger; and he did to them  
according to against Judah, because of all the

all the deeds he had done in Bethel. provocations with which  
Manasseh had

provoked Him.

20He executed all the priests of the high

2 7

places who were there, on the altars, And the LORD said, "I will also  
remove

and burned men's bones on them; and Judah from My sight, as I have  
removed

he returned to Jerusalem. Israel, and will cast off this city

Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the

21 house of which I said, "My name shall

Then the king commanded all the  
people, saying, "Keep the Passover to be there."

the LORD your God, as it is written in

this Book of the Covenant." 2 ' Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and

all that he did, are they not written in the

22 book of the chronicles of the kings of

Such a Passover surely had never  
been held since the days of the judges Judah? who judged Israel, nor

in all the days of

the kings of Israel and the kings of 2' In his days Pharaoh Necho king of Judah. Egypt went to the aid of the king of

Assyria, to the River Euphrates; and

23But in the eighteenth year of King King Josiah went against him.  
And

Josiah this Passover was held before Pharaoh Necho killed him at Megiddo

the LORD in Jerusalem. when he confronted him.

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4Moreover Josiah put away those who 30Then his servants moved his body in a

consulted mediums and spiritists, the chariot from Megiddo, brought him to

household gods and idols, all the Jerusalem, and buried him in his own

abominations that were seen in the land tomb. And the people of the land took

of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, anointed

might perform the words of the law him, and made him king in his father's

which were written in the book that place. Hilkiah the priest found in the house of

the LORD. 31Jehoahaz was twenty-three years old

when he became king, and he reigned

25Now before him there was no king like three months in Jerusalem. His mother's

him, who turned to the LORD with all his name was Hamutal the

daughter of

heart, with all his soul, and with all his Jeremiah of Libnah.

might, according to all the Law of 32And he did evil in the sight of the

Moses; nor after him did any arise like

him. LORD, according to all that his fathers

had done.

26Nevertheless the LORD did not turn from the fierceness of His great  
wrath, 33Now Pharaoh Necho put him in prison

with which His anger was aroused at Riblah in the land of Hamath,  
that he

might not reign in Jerusalem; and he 3Surely at the commandment of  
the

imposed on the land a tribute of one LORD this came upon Judah, to  
remove

hundred talents of silver and a talent of them from His sight because  
of the sins

gold. of Manasseh, according to all that he

had done,

34

Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim

the son of Josiah king in place of his 4and also because of the innocent  
blood father Josiah, and changed his name to that he had shed; for he  
had filled

Jehoiakim. And Pharaoh took Jehoahaz Jerusalem with innocent  
blood, which

and went to Egypt, and he died there. the LORD would not pardon.

So Jehoiakim gave the silver and gold Now the rest of the acts of  
Jehoiakim,

to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to and all that he did, are they not  
written

give money according to the command in the book of the chronicles of  
the kings

of Pharaoh; he exacted the silver and of Judah? gold from the people  
of the land, from

every one according to his assessment, 6So Jehoiakim rested with his  
fathers. to give it to Pharaoh Necho. Then Jehoiachin his son reigned  
in his

place.

36Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old

when he became king, and he reigned 7And the king of Egypt did not  
come out eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's of his land anymore,  
for the king of

name was Zebudah the daughter of Babylon had taken all that  
belonged to

Pedaiah of Rumah. the king of Egypt from the Brook of

Egypt to the River Euphrates.

37And he did evil in the sight of the

LORD, according to all that his fathers 8Jehoiachin was eighteen years  
old had done. when he became king, and he reigned

in Jerusalem three months. His mother's name was Nehushta the  
daughter of

24In his days Nebuchadnezzar king Elnathan of Jerusalem.

of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim 9And he did evil in the sight of the  
LORD, became his vassal for three years. Then he turned and rebelled

against him. according to all that his father had done.

1 0At that time the servants of

2And the LORD sent against him raiding bands of Chaldeans, bands of Syrians, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came

bands of Moabites, and bands of the up against Jerusalem, and the city was

people of Ammon; He sent them against besieged.

Judah to destroy it, according to the 1And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon

word of the LORD which He had spoken 1 by His servants the prophets. came against the city, as his servants

were besieging it.

1 1 2

Then Jehoiachin king of Judah, his ' He also did evil in the sight of the

mother, his servants, his princes, and LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim

his officers went out to the king of had done. Babylon; and the king of Babylon, in the

eighth year of his reign, took him 2 0

For because of the anger of the LORD

prisoner. this happened in Jerusalem and Judah,

1 presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled

3And he carried out from there all the that He finally cast them out from His

treasures of the house of the LORD and against the king of Babylon.  
the treasures of the king's house, and

he cut in pieces all the articles of gold

which Solomon king of Israel had made 25Now it came to pass in  
the ninth

in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD

had said. year of his reign, in the tenth month, on

the tenth day of the month, that

1 Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all 4

Also he carried into captivity all

his army came against Jerusalem and

Jerusalem: all the captains and all the encamped against it; and they  
built a

mighty men of valor, ten thousand siege wall against it all around.  
captives, and all the craftsmen and

smiths. None remained except the 2 poorest people of the land. So the  
city was besieged until the

eleventh year of King Zedekiah.

15And he carried Jehoiachin captive to Babylon. The king's mother,  
the king's By the ninth day of the fourth month the 3

wives, his officers, and the mighty of the famine had become so severe  
in the city

land he carried into captivity from that there was no food for the  
people of

Jerusalem to Babylon. the land.

1 Then the city wall was broken through,



6 All the valiant men, seven thousand, <sup>4</sup>

and all the men of war fled at night by craftsmen and smiths, one thousand, all who were strong and fit for way of the gate between two walls,

war, these the king of Babylon brought which was by the king's garden, even

captive to Babylon. though the Chaldeans were still

encamped all around against the city.

<sup>1</sup> And the king went by way of the plain. <sup>7</sup> Then the king of Babylon made

Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in <sup>5</sup> But the army of the Chaldeans pursued his place, and changed his name to the king, and they overtook him in the Zedekiah. plains of Jericho. All his army was <sup>1</sup> scattered from him.

' Zedekiah was twenty-one years old

when he became king, and he reigned <sup>6</sup>

So they took the king and brought him

eleven years in Jerusalem. His mother's

up to the king of Babylon at Riblah, and

name was Hamutal the daughter of

they pronounced judgment on him.

Jeremiah of Libnah.

<sup>7</sup> Then they killed the sons of Zedekiah all the bronze utensils with which the

before his eyes, put out the eyes of priests ministered. Zedekiah, bound him with bronze fetters,

and took him to Babylon. 15The firepans and the basins, the things

of solid gold and solid silver, the captain

8And in the fifth month, on the seventh of the guard took away. day of the month (which was the

nineteenth year of King 1 6The two pillars, one Sea, and the carts, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon), which Solomon had made for the house

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a of the LORD, the bronze of all these

servant of the king of Babylon, came to articles was beyond measure. Jerusalem.

1 7

The height of one pillar was eighteen

'He burned the house of the LORD and cubits, and the capital on it was of

the king's house; all the houses of bronze. The height of the capital was

Jerusalem, that is, all the houses of the three cubits, and the network and

great, he burned with fire. pomegranates all around the capital

were all of bronze. The second pillar

10

And all the army of the Chaldeans who was the same, with a network.

were with the captain of the guard broke

down the walls of Jerusalem all around. 18And the captain of the guard took

1 second priest, and the three 1Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the

Seraiah the chief priest, Zephaniah the

guard carried away captive the rest of doorkeepers. the people who remained in the city and

the defectors who had deserted to the <sup>1</sup> ' He also took out of the city an officer king of Babylon, with the rest of the who had charge of the men of war, five

multitude. men of the king's close associates who

were found in the city, the chief

<sup>12</sup>

But the captain of the guard left some recruiting officer of the army, who

of the poor of the land as vinedressers mustered the people of the land, and

and farmers. sixty men of the people of the land who

were found in the city.

<sup>13</sup>The bronze pillars that were in the house of the LORD, and the carts and <sup>2</sup> 0

So Nebuzaradan, captain of the guard,

the bronze Sea that were in the house took these and brought them to the king

of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in of Babylon at Riblah. pieces, and carried their bronze to

Babylon. <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Then the king of Babylon struck them

<sup>1</sup> land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried

<sup>4</sup>They also took away the pots, the and put them to death at Riblah in the

shovels, the trimmers, the spoons, and away captive from its own land.

2 2 2 6 And all the people, small and great, Then he made Gedaliah the son of

Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor and the captains of the armies, arose

over the people who remained in the and went to Egypt; for they were afraid

land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar of the Chaldeans. king of Babylon had left.

2 7

Now it came to pass in the thirty-

23

Now when all the captains of the seventh year of the captivity of armies, they and their men, heard that Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth

the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah month, on the twenty-seventh day of the

governor, they came to Gedaliah at month, that Evil-Merodach king of Mizpah--Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Babylon, in the year that he began to

Johanan the son of Careah, Seraiah the reign, released Jehoiachin king of Judah

son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and from prison. Jaazaniah the son of a Maachathite,

they and their men. 2 8 He spoke kindly to him, and gave him

a more prominent seat than those of the

24

And Gedaliah took an oath before kings who were with him in Babylon.

them and their men, and said to them,

"Do not be afraid of the servants of the 2 ' So Jehoiachin changed from his prison Chaldeans. Dwell in the land and serve garments, and he ate bread regularly

the king of Babylon, and it shall be well before the king all the days of his life.

with you."

2 30And as for his provisions, there was a

5But it happened in the seventh month regular ration given him by the king, a

that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the portion for each day, all the days of his

son of Elishama, of the royal family, life. came with ten men and struck and killed

Gedaliah, the Jews, as well as the

Chaldeans who were with him at Mizpah.

# Prophet Micah

from the pay of a harlot, And they shall  
return to the pay of a harlot."

1 The word of the LORD that came to

Micah of Moresheth in the days of 8Therefore I will wail and howl, I  
will go

Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of stripped and naked; I will make  
a wailing

Judah, which he saw concerning like the jackals And a mourning like  
the

ostriches,

Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 For her wounds are incurable. For it

Hear, all you peoples! Listen, O earth,

has come to Judah; It has come to the

and all that is in it! Let the Lord GOD be

gate of My people-- To Jerusalem.

a witness against you, The Lord from

His holy temple. 1 0Tell it not in Gath, Weep not at all; In

3For behold, the LORD is coming out of Beth Aphrah Roll yourself in  
the dust.

His place; He will come down And tread 1 Pass by in naked shame,

you on the high places of the earth.

inhabitant of Shaphir; The inhabitant of

<sup>4</sup> Zaanan does not go out. Beth Ezel The mountains will melt under Him,

And the valleys will split Like wax before mourns; Its place to stand is taken away

the fire, Like waters poured down a from you.

steep place. <sup>12</sup>For the inhabitant of Maroth pined for

s good, But disaster came down from the All this is for the transgression of Jacob

And for the sins of the house of Israel. LORD To the gate of Jerusalem.

What is the transgression of Jacob? Is it <sup>1</sup> <sup>30</sup> inhabitant of Lachish, Harness the not Samaria? And what are the high places of Judah? Are they not chariot to the swift steeds (She was the

Jerusalem? beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion),

For the transgressions of Israel were

<sup>6</sup> found in you. Therefore I will make Samaria a heap

of ruins in the field, Places for planting a <sup>4</sup>Therefore you shall give presents to

vineyard; I will pour down her stones <sup>1</sup> into the valley, And I will uncover her Moresbeth Gath; The houses of Achzib

foundations. shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>5a</sup> will yet bring an heir to you, O

All her carved images shall be beaten

to pieces, And all her pay as a harlot inhabitant of Mareshah; The glory of

shall be burned with the fire; All her idols Israel shall come to Adullam. I will lay desolate, For she gathered it <sup>18</sup>6 Make yourself bald and cut off your Lately My people have risen up as an

hair, Because of your precious children; enemy-- You pull off the robe with the

Enlarge your baldness like an eagle, For garment From those who trust you, as

they shall go from you into captivity. they pass by, Like men returned from

war.

2 Woe to those who devise iniquity, The women of My people you cast out

From their pleasant houses; From their

And work out evil on their beds! At

children You have taken away My glory

morning light they practice it, Because it

is in the power of their hand. forever.

<sup>10</sup> Arise and depart, For this is not your

<sup>2</sup> They covet fields and take them by violence, Also houses, and seize them. rest; Because it is defiled, it shall

So they oppress a man and his house, destroy, Yes, with utter destruction.

A man and his inheritance. <sup>11</sup> a man should walk in a false spirit



3Therefore thus says the LORD: "Behold, And speak a lie, saying, "I will prophesy

to you of wine and drink,' Even he would  
against this family I am devising disaster,  
From which you cannot remove your be the prattler of this people.

necks; Nor shall you walk haughtily, For 12 will surely assemble all of  
you, O this is an evil time.

Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of  
4 Israel; I will put them together like sheep In that day one shall take  
up a proverb

against you, And lament with a bitter of the fold, Like a flock in the  
midst of

lamentation, saying: "We are utterly their pasture; They shall make a  
loud

destroyed! He has changed the heritage noise because of so many  
people.

of my people; How He has removed it 1 3The one who breaks open  
will come from me! To a turncoat He has divided our fields." up  
before them; They will break out,

Pass through the gate, And go out by it;  
5 Their king will pass before them, With Therefore you will have no  
one to

the LORD at their head."  
determine boundaries by lot In the  
assembly of the LORD.

6 3And I said: "Hear now, O heads of Do not prattle," you say to those who

prophecy. So they shall not prophecy to Jacob, And you rulers of the house of

you; They shall not return insult for insult. Israel: Is it not for you to know justice?

7 2 You who are named the house of You who hate good and love evil; Who Jacob: "Is the Spirit of the LORD strip the skin from My people, And the

restricted? Are these His doings? Do not flesh from their bones; My words do good To him who walks

uprightly?

3Who also eat the flesh of My people, 11Her heads judge for a bribe, Her Flay their skin from them, Break their priests teach for pay, And her prophets

bones, And chop them in pieces Like divine for money. Yet they lean on the

meat for the pot, Like flesh in the LORD, and say, "Is not the LORD caldron." among us? No harm can come upon

us."

4Then they will cry to the LORD, But He will not hear them; He will even hide His 1 2Therefore because of you Zion shall face from them at that time, Because be plowed like a field, Jerusalem shall

they have been evil in their deeds. become heaps of ruins, And the

mountain of the temple Like the bare

5 hills of the forest. Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets Who make my people stray;

Who chant "Peace" While they chew

with their teeth, But who prepare war 4Now it shall come to pass in

the latter

against him Who puts nothing into their days That the mountain of  
the LORD's

mouths:

house Shall be established on the top of

6 the mountains, And shall be exalted

Therefore you shall have night without above the hills; And peoples  
shall flow

vision, And you shall have darkness to it. without divination; The sun  
shall go

down on the prophets, And the day shall 2

Many nations shall come and say,

be dark for them.

"Come, and let us go up to the mountain

7 of the LORD, To the house of the God

So the seers shall be ashamed, And of Jacob; He will teach us His  
ways, And

the diviners abashed; Indeed they shall we shall walk in His paths."  
For out of

all cover their lips; For there is no Zion the law shall go forth, And  
the word

answer from God." of the LORD from Jerusalem.

8But truly I am full of power by the Spirit 3He shall judge between  
many peoples,

of the LORD, And of justice and might, And rebuke strong nations afar  
off; They

To declare to Jacob his transgression shall beat their swords into

plowshares,

And to Israel his sin. And their spears into pruning hooks;

Nation shall not lift up sword against

'Now hear this, You heads of the house nation, Neither shall they learn war

of Jacob And rulers of the house of anymore. Israel, Who abhor justice And pervert all

equity, 4 But everyone shall sit under his vine

1 make them afraid; For the mouth of the

O Who build up Zion with bloodshed And and under his fig tree, And no one shall

Jerusalem with iniquity: LORD of hosts has spoken.

5 13 For all people walk each in the name of 'Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion;

his god, But we will walk in the name of For I will make your horn iron, And I will

the LORD our God Forever and ever. make your hooves bronze; You shall

beat in pieces many peoples; I will

6 consecrate their gain to the LORD, And In that day," says the LORD, "I will

assemble the lame, I will gather the their substance to the Lord of the whole

outcast And those whom I have afflicted; earth."

7 1 will make the lame a remnant, And the outcast a strong nation; So the LORD 5 Now gather yourself in troops, O will reign over them in Mount Zion From daughter of troops; He has laid siege

now on, even forever. against us; They will strike the judge of

Israel with a rod on the cheek.

'And you, O tower of the flock, The

stronghold of the daughter of Zion, To <sup>2</sup> But you, Bethlehem  
Ephrathah, you shall it come, Even the former Though you are little  
among the

dominion shall come, The kingdom of thousands of Judah, Yet out of  
you shall

the daughter of Jerusalem." come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in

Israel, Whose goings forth are from of

'Now why do you cry aloud? Is there no old, From everlasting." king in  
your midst? Has your counselor

perished? For pangs have seized you <sup>3</sup>Therefore He shall give them  
up, Until

like a woman in labor. the time that she who is in labor has

given birth; Then the remnant of His

<sup>10</sup> Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O brethren Shall return to the  
children of

daughter of Zion, Like a woman in birth Israel. pangs. For now you  
shall go forth from

the city, You shall dwell in the field, And <sup>4</sup> And He shall stand and  
feed His flock to Babylon you shall go. There you shall In the strength  
of the LORD, In the

be delivered; There the LORD will majesty of the name of the LORD  
His

redeem you From the hand of your God; And they shall abide, For  
now He

enemies. shall be great To the ends of the earth;

15 1 Now also many nations have gathered And this One shall be  
peace. When the

against you, Who say, "Let her be Assyrian comes into our land, And  
when

defiled, And let our eye look upon Zion." he treads in our palaces,  
Then we will

raise against him Seven shepherds and

12 eight princely men.

But they do not know the thoughts of  
the LORD, Nor do they understand His

counsel; For He will gather them like 6 They shall waste with the  
sword the sheaves to the threshing floor. land of Assyria, And the land  
of Nimrod

at its entrances; Thus He shall deliver

us from the Assyrian, When he comes into our land And when he  
treads within

our borders. 6Hear now what the LORD says:

7 "Arise, plead your case before the

Then the remnant of Jacob Shall be in mountains, And let the hills  
hear your

the midst of many peoples, Like dew voice. from the LORD, Like  
showers on the

grass, That tarry for no man Nor wait for 2

Hear, O you mountains, the LORD's  
the sons of men.

complaint, And you strong foundations

of the earth; For the LORD has a

'And the remnant of Jacob Shall be complaint against His people, And

He

among the Gentiles, In the midst of will contend with Israel. many peoples, Like a lion among the

beasts of the forest, Like a young lion 3"O My people, what have I done to among flocks of sheep, Who, if he you? And how have I wearied you?

passes through, Both treads down and Testify against Me. tears in pieces, And none can deliver.

4 For I brought you up from the land of

'Your hand shall be lifted against your Egypt, I redeemed you from the house

adversaries, And all your enemies shall of bondage; And I sent before you

be cut off. Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

10 And it shall be in that day," says the

5O My people, remember now What

LORD, "That I will cut off your horses Balak king of Moab counseled, And

from your midst And destroy your what Balaam the son of Beor answered

chariots. him, From Acacia Grove to Gilgal, That

1 you may know the righteousness of the 1a will cut off the cities of your land And

LORD."

throw down all your strongholds.

6 With what shall I come before the

1 2a will cut off sorceries from your hand,

LORD, And bow myself before the High

And you shall have no soothsayers. God? Shall I come before Him  
with

burnt offerings, With calves a year old?

13 our carved images I will also cut off,

And your sacred pillars from your midst; 7Will the LORD be pleased  
with You shall no more worship the work of thousands of rams, Ten  
thousand rivers

your hands; of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my

transgression, The fruit of my body for

14a will pluck your wooden images from the sin of my soul? your  
midst; Thus I will destroy your cities.

8He has shown you, O man, what is

15And I will execute vengeance in anger good; And what does the  
LORD require

and fury On the nations that have not of you But to do justly, To love  
mercy,

heard." And to walk humbly with your God? "The LORD's voice cries to  
the city-- cluster to eat Of the first-ripe fruit which

Wisdom shall see Your name: "Hear the my soul desires. rod! Who has  
appointed it?

2 The faithful man has perished from the

10

Are there yet the treasures of earth, And there is no one upright  
wickedness In the house of the wicked, among men. They all lie in  
wait for



And the short measure that is an blood; Every man hunts his brother  
with

abomination? a net.

11 Shall I count pure those with the 3That they may successfully do  
evil with

wicked scales, And with the bag of both hands-- The prince asks for  
gifts,

deceitful weights? The judge seeks a bribe, And the great

man utters his evil desire; So they

12For her rich men are full of violence, scheme together.

Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And

their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. 4The best of them is like a  
brier; The

most upright is sharper than a thorn

13§ hedge; The day of your watchman and 'Therefore

I will also make you sick by

striking you, By making you desolate your punishment comes; Now  
shall be

because of your sins. their perplexity.

1 5 4Do not trust in a friend; Do not put your

You shall eat, but not be satisfied;

Hunger shall be in your midst. You may confidence in a companion;  
Guard the

carry some away, but shall not save doors of your mouth From her  
who lies

them; And what you do rescue I will give in your bosom. over to the

sword.

6 For son dishonors father, Daughter

1 5 You shall sow, but not reap; You shall rises against her mother,  
Daughter-in-

tread the olives, but not anoint law against her mother-in-law; A  
man's

yourselves with oil; And make sweet enemies are the men of his own  
wine, but not drink wine. household.

1 Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will

6For the statutes of Omri are kept; All 7

the works of Ahab's house are done; wait for the God of my salvation;  
My

And you walk in their counsels, That I God will hear me. may make  
you a desolation, And your

inhabitants a hissing. Therefore you 8Do not rejoice over me, my  
enemy; shall bear the reproach of My people." When I fall, I will arise;  
When I sit in

darkness, The LORD will be a light to  
me.

7Woe is me! For I am like those who

I will bear the indignation of the LORD,  
gather summer fruits, Like those who

Because I have sinned against Him,

glean vintage grapes; There is no Until He pleads my case And  
executes 'As in the days when you came out 15 of

justice for me. He will bring me forth to the land of Egypt, I will show  
them

the light; I will see His righteousness. wonders."

11 06

Then she who is my enemy will see, The nations shall see and be  
ashamed

And shame will cover her who said to of all their might; They shall  
put their

me, "Where is the LORD your God?" My hand over their mouth; Their  
ears shall

eyes will see her; Now she will be be deaf. trampled down Like mud in  
the streets.

17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent;

11 n the day when your walls are to be They shall crawl from their  
holes like

built, In that day the decree shall go far snakes of the earth. They shall  
be afraid

and wide. of the LORD our God, And shall fear

because of You.

12 n that day they shall come to you From Assyria and the fortified  
cities, 1' Who is a God like You, Pardoning From the fortress to the  
River, From sea iniquity And passing over the to sea, And mountain to  
mountain. transgression of the remnant of His

heritage? He does not retain His anger

13 Yet the land shall be desolate forever, Because He delights in mercy.

Because of those who dwell in it, And

for the fruit of their deeds. 1' He will again have compassion on us,

And will subdue our iniquities. You will

14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff, cast all our sins Into the  
depths of the

The flock of Your heritage, Who dwell sea.

solitarily in a woodland, In the midst of 0 ou will give truth to Jacob  
And mercy

Carmel; Let them feed in Bashan and 2 Gilead, As in days of old. to  
Abraham, Which You have sworn to

our fathers From days of old.

# Prophet Nahum

8 But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place,  
And

1 darkness will pursue His enemies. The burden against Nineveh. The

book of the vision of Nahum the 'What do you conspire against the  
Elkoshite.

LORD? He will make an utter end of it.

2 Affliction will not rise up a second time.

God is jealous, and the LORD avenges;

The LORD avenges and is furious. The 1 0For while tangled like  
thorns, And LORD will take vengeance on His while drunken like  
drunkards, They shall adversaries, And He reserves wrath for be  
devoured like stubble fully dried. His enemies;

3The LORD is slow to anger and great in 1 1From you comes forth one  
Who plots

power, And will not at all acquit the evil against the LORD, A wicked  
counselor.

wicked. The LORD has His way In the

whirlwind and in the storm, And the 1 2Thus says the LORD: "Though  
they clouds are the dust of His feet.

are safe, and likewise many, Yet in this

4 manner they will be cut down When he rebukes the sea and  
makes it dry,

And dries up all the rivers. Bashan and passes through. Though I have  
afflicted

you, I will afflict you no more;

Carmel wither, And the flower of

Lebanon wilts. 13For now I will break off his yoke from

5 you, And burst your bonds apart." The mountains quake before Him,  
The

hills melt, And the earth heaves at His 1 4The LORD has given a  
command presence, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. concerning  
you: "Your name shall be

perpetuated no longer. Out of the house

6 of your gods I will cut off the carved

Who can stand before His indignation?

image and the molded image. I will dig

And who can endure the fierceness of

His anger? His fury is poured out like your grave, For you are vile."

fire, And the rocks are thrown down by 1 5Behold, on the mountains  
The feet of Him.

him who brings good tidings, Who

7 proclaims peace! O Judah, keep your The LORD is good, A  
stronghold in the

appointed feasts, Perform your vows.

day of trouble; And He knows those who

trust in Him. For the wicked one shall no more pass

through you; He is utterly cut off.

<sup>10</sup>She is empty, desolate, and waste!

<sup>2</sup>He who scatters has come up before The heart melts, and the knees shake;

Much pain is in every side, And all their  
your face. Man the fort! Watch the road!

faces are drained of color. <sup>1</sup>

Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your

power mightily. <sup>1</sup> Where is the dwelling of the lions, And

<sup>2</sup> the feeding place of the young lions, For the LORD will restore the

Where the lion walked, the lioness and

excellence of Jacob Like the excellence lion's cub, And no one made  
them

of Israel, For the emptiers have emptied

them out And ruined their vine branches. afraid?

<sup>3</sup>The shields of his mighty men are <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>The lion tore in pieces enough  
for his

made red, The valiant men are in scarlet. cubs, Killed for his lionesses,  
Filled his

The chariots come with flaming torches caves with prey, And his dens  
with flesh.

In the day of his preparation, And the <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> Behold, I am against you,"

says the spears are brandished.

LORD of hosts, "I will burn your chariots

4 in smoke, and the sword shall devour

The chariots rage in the streets, They

jostle one another in the broad roads; your young lions; I will cut off  
your prey

They seem like torches, They run like from the earth, and the voice of  
your

messengers shall be heard no more."

lightning.

5He remembers his nobles; They stumble in their walk; They make  
haste 3Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of

to her walls, And the defense is lies and robbery. Its victim never  
departs.

prepared.

2 The noise of a whip And the noise of

6The gates of the rivers are opened, And rattling wheels, Of galloping  
horses, Of

the palace is dissolved. clattering chariots!

7It is decreed: She shall be led away 3Horsemen charge with bright  
sword

captive, She shall be brought up; And and glittering spear. There is a  
multitude

her maidservants shall lead her as with of slain, A great number of  
bodies,

the voice of doves, Beating their breasts. Countless corpses-- They



stumble over

the corpses--

8 Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, Now they flee away.  
"Halt! 4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of Halt!" they cry; But  
no one turns back. the seductive harlot, The mistress of

sorceries, Who sells nations through her

"Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! harlotries, And families  
through her

There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of sorceries. every desirable  
prize.

5 1 Behold, I am against you," says the 3 Surely, your people in your  
midst are LORD of hosts; "I will lift your skirts over women! The gates  
of your land are wide

your face, I will show the nations your open for your enemies; Fire  
shall devour

nakedness, And the kingdoms your the bars of your gates. shame.

1 4

Draw your water for the siege! Fortify

6 1 will cast abominable filth upon you, your strongholds! Go into the  
clay and

Make you vile, And make you a tread the mortar! Make strong the  
brick

spectacle. kiln!

7 1 It shall come to pass that all who look 5 There the fire will devour  
you, The upon you Will flee from you, and say, sword will cut you off;  
It will eat you up

"Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan like a locust. Make yourself  
many--like

her?' Where shall I seek comforters for the locust! Make yourself

many-- like the

you?" swarming locusts!

8 <sup>1</sup> Are you better than No Amon That was 6 ou have multiplied your  
merchants situated by the River, That had the more than the stars of  
heaven. The

waters around her, Whose rampart was locust plunders and flies away.  
the sea, Whose wall was the sea?

17 our commanders are like swarming

'Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, locusts, And your generals like  
great

And it was boundless; Put and Lubim grasshoppers, Which camp in  
the

were your helpers. hedges on a cold day; When the sun

rises they flee away, And the place

10 where they are is not known.

Yet she was carried away, She went

into captivity; Her young children also 8 our shepherds slumber, O  
king of

were dashed to pieces At the head of <sup>1</sup> every street; They cast lots for  
her Assyria; Your nobles rest in the dust.

honorable men, And all her great men Your people are scattered on  
the

were bound in chains. mountains, And no one gathers them.

1 <sup>1</sup> 1 You also will be drunk; You will be ' Your injury has no healing,  
Your

hidden; You also will seek refuge from wound is severe. All who hear  
news of

the enemy. you Will clap their hands over you, For

upon whom has not your wickedness

12 passed continually?

All your strongholds are fig trees with  
ripened figs: If they are shaken, They  
fall into the mouth of the eater.

# Prophet Zephaniah

8 And it shall be, In the day of the LORD's sacrifice, That I will punish  
the

1 princes and the king's children, And all The word of the LORD  
which came such as are clothed with foreign apparel. to Zephaniah  
the son of Cushi, the son

of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son 'In the same day I will punish  
All those

of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the

who leap over the threshold, Who fill  
son of Amon, king of Judah. their masters' houses with violence and  
2 deceit.

I will utterly consume everything From

the face of the land," Says the LORD; 10 And there shall be on that  
day," says

3 the LORD, "The sound of a mournful cry " I will consume man and  
beast; I will from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the consume the birds  
of the heavens, The Second Quarter, And a loud crashing fish of the  
sea, And the stumbling blocks from the hills. along with the wicked. I

will cut off man

from the face of the land," Says the <sup>1</sup> LORD. Wail, you inhabitants of  
Maktesh! For

all the merchant people are cut down;

<sup>4</sup> All those who handle money are cut off.

I will stretch out My hand against

Judah, And against all the inhabitants of <sup>12</sup> 'And it shall come to pass  
at that time Jerusalem. I will cut off every trace of That I will search  
Jerusalem with lamps, Baal from this place, The names of the And  
punish the men Who are settled in idolatrous priests with the pagan  
priests-complacency, Who say in their heart,

"The LORD will not do good, Nor will He

<sup>5</sup> do evil.'

Those who worship the host of heaven

on the housetops; Those who worship <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Therefore their goods shall  
become and swear oaths by the LORD, But who

also swear by Milcom; booty, And their houses a desolation;

They shall build houses, but not inhabit

<sup>6</sup> them; They shall plant vineyards, but not

Those who have turned back from drink their wine."

following the LORD, And have not

sought the LORD, nor inquired of Him." <sup>14</sup>

The great day of the LORD is near; It

<sup>7</sup> is near and hastens quickly. The noise

Be silent in the presence of the Lord of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
There

GOD; For the day of the LORD is at the mighty men shall cry out.  
hand, For the LORD has prepared a

sacrifice; He has invited His guests. <sup>1</sup> 5That day is a day of wrath, A  
day of

trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of  
<sup>5</sup>Woe to the inhabitants of the seacoast, darkness and gloominess, A  
day of The nation of the Cherethites! The word

clouds and thick darkness, of the LORD is against you, O Canaan,

land of the Philistines: "I will destroy

<sup>16</sup> you; So there shall be no inhabitant."

A day of trumpet and alarm Against  
the fortified cities And against the high  
towers. <sup>6</sup>The seacoast shall be pastures, With

shelters for shepherds and folds for

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> will bring distress upon men, And flocks. they shall walk like blind  
men, Because

they have sinned against the LORD; <sup>7</sup>The coast shall be for the  
remnant of Their blood shall be poured out like dust, the house of  
Judah; They shall feed

And their flesh like refuse." their flocks there; In the houses of

Ashkelon they shall lie down at evening.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold Shall For the LORD their God will  
intervene

be able to deliver them In the day of the for them, And return their  
captives. LORD's wrath; But the whole land shall

be devoured By the fire of His jealousy, <sup>8</sup> I have heard the reproach of  
Moab, For He will make speedy riddance Of all And the insults of the  
people of Ammon,

those who dwell in the land. With which they have reproached My  
people, And made arrogant threats  
against their borders.

2Gather yourselves together, yes,

gather together, O undesirable nation, "Therefore, as I live," Says the  
LORD of

hosts, the God of Israel, "Surely Moab

2 shall be like Sodom, And the people of

Before the decree is issued, Or the day Ammon like Gomorrah--  
Overrun with

passes like chaff, Before the LORD's weeds and saltpits, And a  
perpetual

the day of the LORD's anger comes shall plunder them, And the  
remnant of upon you! fierce anger comes upon you, Before desolation.  
The residue of My people

My people shall possess them."

3Seek the LORD, all you meek of the 10This they shall have for their  
pride, earth, Who have upheld His justice. Because they have  
reproached and Seek righteousness, seek humility. It made arrogant  
threats Against the may be that you will be hidden In the people of  
the LORD of hosts. day of the LORD's anger.

1 1The LORD will be awesome to them,

4For Gaza shall be forsaken, And

For He will reduce to nothing all the

Ashkelon desolate; They shall drive out

gods of the earth; People shall worship

Ashdod at noonday, And Ekron shall be

Him, Each one from his place, Indeed all  
uprooted.

the shores of the nations.

<sup>15</sup> <sup>2</sup> You Ethiopians also, You shall be

The LORD is righteous in her midst, He  
slain by My sword." will do no unrighteousness. Every

morning He brings His justice to light;

<sup>13</sup> And He will stretch out His hand He never fails, But the unjust  
knows no

against the north, Destroy Assyria, And shame. make Nineveh a  
desolation, As dry as

the wilderness. <sup>6</sup> I have cut off nations, Their fortresses

are devastated; I have made their

<sup>14</sup> streets desolate, With none passing by.

The herds shall lie down in her midst,

Every beast of the nation. Both the Their cities are destroyed; There is  
no

pelican and the bittern Shall lodge on one, no inhabitant. the capitals  
of her pillars; Their voice

shall sing in the windows; Desolation <sup>71</sup> said, "Surely you will fear Me,  
You will shall be at the threshold; For He will lay receive instruction"--  
So that her dwelling

bare the cedar work. would not be cut off, Despite everything

for which I punished her. But they rose

<sup>15</sup> early and corrupted all their deeds.



This is the rejoicing city That dwelt  
securely, That said in her heart, "I am it,  
and there is none besides me." How has 8 Therefore wait for Me," says  
the LORD, she become a desolation, A place for "Until the day I rise up  
for plunder; My

beasts to lie down! Everyone who determination is to gather the  
nations To

passes by her Shall hiss and shake his My assembly of kingdoms, To  
pour on

fist. them My indignation, All My fierce

anger; All the earth shall be devoured

With the fire of My jealousy.

3Woe to her who is rebellious and

"For then I will restore to the peoples a

polluted, To the oppressing city!

pure language, That they all may call on

2 the name of the LORD, To serve Him

She has not obeyed His voice, She has with one accord.

not received correction; She has not

trusted in the LORD, She has not drawn 10From beyond the rivers of  
Ethiopia My near to her God.

worshipers, The daughter of My

3Her princes in her midst are roaring dispersed ones, Shall bring My  
offering.

lions; Her judges are evening wolves 1 1 n that day you shall not be  
shamed for That leave not a bone till morning.

any of your deeds In which you

4 transgress against Me; For then I will

Her prophets are insolent, treacherous take away from your midst  
Those who

people; Her priests have polluted the rejoice in your pride, And you  
shall no

sanctuary, They have done violence to longer be haughty In My holy  
mountain.

the law.

1 1 2 will leave in your midst A meek and 7

The LORD your God in your midst,

humble people, And they shall trust in The Mighty One, will save; He  
will

the name of the LORD. rejoice over you with gladness, He will

quiet you with His love, He will rejoice

13 over you with singing."

The remnant of Israel shall do no

unrighteousness And speak no lies, Nor 8 will gather those who  
sorrow over

shall a deceitful tongue be found in their 1 mouth; For they shall feed  
their flocks the appointed assembly, Who are

and lie down, And no one shall make among you, To whom its  
reproach is a

them afraid." burden.

Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O ' Behold, at that time I will deal  
with all

Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your who afflict you; I will save the  
lame, And

heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! gather those who were driven out; I  
will

appoint them for praise and fame In

15The LORD has taken away your every land where they were put to  
judgments, He has cast out your enemy. shame. The King of Israel, the  
LORD, is in your

20

midst; You shall see disaster no more. At that time I will bring you  
back, Even

at the time I gather you; For I will give

16 n that day it shall be said to you fame and praise Among all the  
Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not peoples of the earth, When I  
return your

your hands be weak. captives before your eyes," Says the

LORD.

# Prophet Jeremiah

to me: "Behold, I have put My words in  
your mouth.

1 The words of Jeremiah the son of 10See, I have this day set you over  
the Hilkiah, of the priests who were in nations and over the kingdoms,  
To root Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, out and to pull down, To  
destroy and to

2 throw down, To build and to plant."

to whom the word of the LORD came in

the days of Josiah the son of Amon, 1 1Moreover the word of the  
LORD came king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of

his reign. to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you

see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an

Alt came also in the days of Jehoiakim almond tree."

the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until 12Then the LORD said to me,  
"You have the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah seen well, for I am  
ready to perform My the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until word." the  
carrying away of Jerusalem captive

in the fifth month. 1 3And the word of the LORD came to me 4 the  
second time, saying, "What do you

Then the word of the LORD came to

see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot,

me, saying:

and it is facing away from the north."

5 Before I formed you in the womb I 4 knew you; Before you were born I 1 Then the LORD said to me: "Out of the

north calamity shall break forth On all sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet

the inhabitants of the land.

to the nations."

1 5

6 For behold, I am calling All the families

Then said I: "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I

of the kingdoms of the north," says the cannot speak, for I am a youth."

LORD; "They shall come and each one

7 set his throne At the entrance of the

But the LORD said to me: "Do not say, gates of Jerusalem, Against all its walls

"I am a youth,' For you shall go to all to all around, And against all the cities of

whom I send you, And whatever I Judah. command you, you shall speak.

16a will utter My judgments Against them

8Do not be afraid of their faces, For I am concerning all their wickedness, with you to deliver you," says the LORD. Because they have forsaken Me,

Burned incense to other gods, And

"Then the LORD put forth His hand and worshiped the works of their own hands.

touched my mouth, and the LORD said 17§ 6Neither did they say,  
"Where is the

"Therefore prepare yourself and arise,

And speak to them all that I command LORD, Who brought us up out of the

you. Do not be dismayed before their land of Egypt, Who led us through the

faces, Lest I dismay you before them. wilderness, Through a land of deserts

and pits, Through a land of drought and

1 the shadow of death, Through a land ' For behold, I have made you this day

A fortified city and an iron pillar, And that no one crossed And where no one

bronze walls against the whole land-- dwelt?' Against the kings of Judah, Against its

princes, Against its priests, And against 71 brought you into a bountiful country, the people of the land. To eat its fruit and its goodness. But

when you entered, you defiled My land

1 And made My heritage an abomination. ' They will fight against you, But they

shall not prevail against you. For I am

with you," says the LORD, "to deliver sThe priests did not say, "Where is the you." LORD?' And those who handle the law

did not know Me; The rulers also

transgressed against Me; The prophets

2Moreover the word of the LORD prophesied by Baal, And walked after

things that do not profit.

came to me, saying,

2 "Therefore I will yet bring charges

Go and cry in the hearing of Jerusalem,

against you," says the LORD, "And

saying, "Thus says the LORD: "I against your children's children I will

remember you, The kindness of your

bring charges.

youth, The love of your betrothal, When

you went after Me in the wilderness, In a 1 OFor pass beyond the  
coasts of Cyprus land not sown.

and see, Send to Kedar and consider

3 diligently, And see if there has been IsraelI was holiness to the LORD,  
The such a thing. firstfruits of His increase. All that devour

him will offend; Disaster will come upon 11Has a nation changed its  
gods, Which them," says the LORD."

are not gods? But My people have

4 changed their Glory For what does not

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of

profit.

Jacob and all the families of the house

of Israel. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Be astonished, O heavens, at this, <sup>5</sup> And be horribly afraid;  
Be very

Thus says the LORD: "What injustice

desolate," says the LORD.

have your fathers found in Me, That they

have gone far from Me, Have followed <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> 'For My people have  
committed two idols, And have become idolaters?

evils: They have forsaken Me, the

fountain of living waters, And hewn themselves cisterns--broken  
cisterns <sup>2</sup> For though you wash yourself with lye, that can hold no  
water. and use much soap, Yet your iniquity is

marked before Me," says the Lord GOD.

<sup>14</sup>

'Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn <sup>3</sup> How can you say, "I am not  
polluted, I

slave? Why is he plundered? <sup>2</sup>

have not gone after the Baals'? See

<sup>15</sup> your way in the valley; Know what you

The young lions roared at him, and

growled; They made his land waste; His have done: You are a swift  
dromedary

cities are burned, without inhabitant. breaking loose in her ways,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>A wild donkey used to the wilderness, <sup>6</sup>Also the people of Noph  
and Tahpanhes Have broken the crown of That sniffs at the wind in



her desire; In

your head. her time of mating, who can turn her

away? All those who seek her will not

1 weary themselves; In her month they 7Have you not brought this on  
yourself,

will find her.

In that you have forsaken the LORD

your God When He led you in the way? 2 5withhold your foot from  
being unshod,

18And now why take the road to Egypt, and your throat from thirst.  
But you said,

"There is no hope. No! For I have loved

To drink the waters of Sihor? Or why aliens, and after them I will go.'  
take the road to Assyria, To drink the

waters of the River? 2 6 'As the thief is ashamed when he is

1 found out, So is the house of Israel '

Your own wickedness will correct you,

ashamed; They and their kings and their

And your backslidings will rebuke you.

princes, and their priests and their

Know therefore and see that it is an evil

prophets,

and bitter thing That you have forsaken

the LORD your God, And the fear of Me 2 7Saying to a tree, "You are my father,' is not in you," Says the Lord GOD of hosts. And to a stone, "You gave birth to me.'

For they have turned their back to Me,  
20 and not their face. But in the time of 'For of old I

have broken your yoke  
and burst your bonds; And you said, "I their trouble They will say,  
"Arise and  
will not transgress,' When on every high save us.'

hill and under every green tree You lay 2 8But where are your gods  
that you have down, playing the harlot.

made for yourselves? Let them arise, If  
21 et I had planted you a noble vine, a they can save you in the time  
of your  
trouble; For according to the number of  
seed of highest quality. How then have

you turned before Me Into the your cities Are your gods, O Judah.  
degenerate plant of an alien vine?

29a Why will you plead with Me? You all

have transgressed against Me," says 3"They say, "If a man divorces his  
wife,

the LORD.

And she goes from him And becomes

3 another man's, May he return to her 0 In vain I have chastened your  
again?' Would not that land be greatly  
children; They received no correction. polluted? But you have played

the harlot

Your sword has devoured your prophets with many lovers; Yet return to Me,"

Like a destroying lion. says the LORD.

32 1 O generation, see the word of the

Lift up your eyes to the desolate

LORD! Have I been a wilderness to heights and see: Where have you not

Israel, Or a land of darkness? Why do I lie with men? By the road you have sat

My people say, "We are lords; We will for them Like an Arabian in the come no more to You"? wilderness; And you have polluted the

land With your harlotries and your

32 wickedness. Can a virgin forget her ornaments, Or a bride her attire? Yet My people have

forgotten Me days without number. 3Therefore the showers have been

withheld, And there has been no latter

33a Why do you beautify your way to seek rain. You have had a harlot's forehead;

love? Therefore you have also taught You refuse to be ashamed. The wicked women your ways.

4 Will you not from this time cry to Me,

34 Also on your skirts is found The blood "My Father, You are the guide of my

of the lives of the poor innocents. I have youth? not found it by secret search, But plainly

on all these things. 5Will He remain angry forever? Will He

keep it to the end?' Behold, you have

35 et you say, "Because I am innocent, spoken and done evil things, As you

Surely His anger shall turn from me.' were able." Behold, I will plead My case against you,

Because you say, "I have not sinned.' 6 The LORD said also to me in the days

of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what

36Why do you gad about so much to backsliding Israel has done? She has

change your way? Also you shall be gone up on every high mountain and

ashamed of Egypt as you were under every green tree, and there

ashamed of Assyria. played the harlot.

37 ndeed you will go forth from him With 7And I said, after she had done all these your hands on your head; For the LORD things, "Return to Me.' But she did not

has rejected your trusted allies, And you return. And her treacherous sister Judah

will not prosper by them. saw it.

81 64"The Then I saw that for all the causes for n it shall come to pass, when you which backsliding Israel had committed are multiplied and increased in the land

adultery, I had put her away and given in those days," says the LORD, "that

her a certificate of divorce; yet her they will say no more, "The ark of the

treacherous sister Judah did not fear, covenant of the LORD.' It shall not come

but went and played the harlot also. to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor

shall they visit it, nor shall it be made

'So it came to pass, through her casual anymore. harlotry, that she defiled the land and

committed adultery with stones and <sup>1</sup> 74§At that time Jerusalem shall be called trees. The Throne of the LORD, and all the

nations shall be gathered to it, to the

<sup>10</sup>And yet for all this her treacherous name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. No

sister Judah has not turned to Me with more shall they follow the dictates of

her whole heart, but in pretense," says their evil hearts. the LORD.

<sup>1</sup> 8 In those days the house of Judah

<sup>11</sup> shall walk with the house of Israel, and

Then the LORD said to me,

"Backsliding Israel has shown herself they shall come together out of the land

more righteous than treacherous Judah. of the north to the land that I have given

as an inheritance to your fathers.

<sup>12</sup> Go and proclaim these words toward <sup>1</sup> the north, and say: "Return, backsliding '" But I said: "How can I put you among

Israel,' says the LORD; "I will not cause the children And give you a pleasant

My anger to fall on you. For I am land, A beautiful heritage of the hosts of

merciful,' says the LORD; "I will not nations?" "And I said: "You shall

call Me,

remain angry forever. "My Father," And not turn away from

Me.'

13 Only acknowledge your iniquity, That <sup>2</sup> you have transgressed  
against the O Surely, as a wife treacherously departs

LORD your God, And have scattered from her husband, So have you  
dealt

your charms To alien deities under treacherously with Me, O house of  
every green tree, And you have not Israel," says the LORD. obeyed My  
voice,' says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> 1

A voice was heard on the desolate

14 Return, O backsliding children," says heights, Weeping and  
supplications of

the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will the children of Israel. For  
they have

take you, one from a city and two from a perverted their way; They  
have forgotten

family, and I will bring you to Zion. the LORD their God.

1

5 And I will give you shepherds <sup>2</sup> 2 Return, you backsliding children,  
And

according to My heart, who will feed you I will heal your  
backslidings." "Indeed we

with knowledge and understanding. do come to You, For You are the  
LORD

our God.

25 Truly, in vain is salvation hoped for Declare in Judah and  
proclaim in

from the hills, And from the multitude of Jerusalem, and say: "Blow  
the trumpet

mountains; Truly, in the LORD our God in the land; Cry, "Gather  
together,' And

Is the salvation of Israel. say, "Assemble yourselves, And let us  
go into the fortified cities.'

24

For shame has devoured The labor of

our fathers from our youth-- Their flocks 6 Set up the standard toward  
Zion. Take and their herds, Their sons and their refuge! Do not delay!  
For I will bring

daughters. disaster from the north, And great

destruction."

25 We lie down in our shame, And our reproach covers us. For we have  
sinned 7 The lion has come up from his thicket, against the LORD our  
God, We and our And the destroyer of nations is on his

fathers, From our youth even to this day, way. He has gone forth from  
his place

And have not obeyed the voice of the To make your land desolate.  
Your cities

LORD our God." will be laid waste, Without inhabitant.

8 For this, clothe yourself with sackcloth,

4 If you will return, O Israel," says the Lament and wail. For the fierce  
anger of

LORD, "Return to Me; And if you will put the LORD Has not turned  
back from us.

away your abominations out of My sight,

Then you shall not be moved. "And it shall come to pass in that day,"

says the LORD, "That the heart of the

2 king shall perish, And the heart of the

And you shall swear, "The LORD lives,'

princes; The priests shall be astonished,

In truth, in judgment, and in

And the prophets shall wonder."

righteousness; The nations shall bless

themselves in Him, And in Him they 1 0Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD!  
Surely shall glory."

You have greatly deceived this people

3For thus says the LORD to the men of and Jerusalem, Saying, "You  
shall have peace,' Whereas the sword reaches to Judah and Jerusalem:  
"Break up your the heart." fallow ground, And do not sow among

thorns. 11At that time it will be said To this 4 people and to Jerusalem,  
"A dry wind of

Circumcise yourselves to the LORD,

the desolate heights blows in the

And take away the foreskins of your

wilderness Toward the daughter of My

hearts, You men of Judah and

people-- Not to fan or to cleanse--



inhabitants of Jerusalem, Lest My fury

come forth like fire, And burn so that no <sup>1</sup> <sup>2A</sup> wind too strong for  
these will come one can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings."  
for Me; Now I will also speak judgment

against them."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Behold, he shall come up like clouds, <sup>2</sup> 'For My people are  
foolish, They have And his chariots like a whirlwind. His not known  
Me. They are silly children,

horses are swifter than eagles. Woe to And they have no  
understanding. They

us, for we are plundered!" are wise to do evil, But to do good they

have no knowledge."

<sup>14</sup>

<sup>0</sup> Jerusalem, wash your heart from

wickedness, That you may be saved. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> beheld the earth, and indeed  
it was How long shall your evil thoughts lodge without form, and  
void; And the heavens,

within you? they had no light.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>For a voice declares from Dan And <sup>4a</sup> beheld the mountains, and  
indeed proclaims affliction from Mount Ephraim: they trembled, And  
all the hills moved

back and forth.

<sup>16</sup> Make mention to the nations, Yes, proclaim <sup>2</sup> against Jerusalem,  
That <sup>5a</sup> beheld, and indeed there was no watchers come from a far  
country And man, And all the birds of the heavens

raise their voice against the cities of had fled. Judah.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup> beheld, and indeed the fruitful land

17 Like keepers of a field they are against was a wilderness, And all its cities were

her all around, Because she has been broken down At the presence of the

rebellious against Me," says the LORD. LORD, By His fierce anger.

1 2 7 " Your ways and your doings Have For thus says the LORD: "The whole

procured these things for you. This is land shall be desolate; Yet I will not

your wickedness, Because it is bitter, make a full end. Because it reaches to your heart."

2 8

For this shall the earth mourn, And the

1 ' O my soul, my soul! I am pained in my heavens above be black, Because I

very heart! My heart makes a noise in have spoken. I have purposed and will

me; I cannot hold my peace, Because not relent, Nor will I turn back from it.

you have heard, O my soul, The sound

of the trumpet, The alarm of war. 2 ' The whole city shall flee from the noise

of the horsemen and bowmen. They

20 Destruction upon destruction is cried, shall go into thickets and climb up on

For the whole land is plundered. the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken,

Suddenly my tents are plundered, And And not a man shall dwell in it. my curtains in a moment.

30 'And when you are plundered, What

21 How long will I see the standard, And will you do? Though you  
clothe yourself

hear the sound of the trumpet? with crimson, Though you adorn

yourself with ornaments of gold, Though

you enlarge your eyes with paint, In vain you will make yourself fair;  
Your lovers destroy them; A leopard will watch over

will despise you; They will seek your life. their cities. Everyone who  
goes out from

there shall be torn in pieces, Because

3 1 'For I have heard a voice as of a their transgressions are many;  
Their

woman in labor, The anguish as of her backslidings have increased.  
who brings forth her first child, The voice

of the daughter of Zion bewailing 7 How shall I pardon you for this?  
Your herself; She spreads her hands, saying, children have forsaken  
Me And sworn

"Woe is me now, for my soul is weary by those that are not gods.  
When I had

Because of murderers!' fed them to the full, Then they

committed adultery And assembled

themselves by troops in the harlots'

5 houses. Run to and fro through the streets of

Jerusalem; See now and know; And 8 They were like well-fed lusty  
stallions; seek in her open places If you can find a Every one neighed  
after his neighbor's man, If there is anyone who executes wife.  
judgment, Who seeks the truth, And I will pardon her.

'Shall I not punish them for these

2 things?" says the LORD. "And shall I not

Though they say, "As the LORD lives,"

avenge Myself on such a nation as this?

Surely they swear falsely."

T 1 0 Go up on her walls and destroy, But

O LORD, are not Your eyes on the

do not make a complete end. Take

truth? You have stricken them, But they

away her branches, For they are not the

have not grieved; You have consumed LORD's. them, But they  
have refused to receive

correction. They have made their faces 1 1For the house of Israel and  
the house harder than rock; They have refused to return. of Judah  
Have dealt very treacherously

with Me," says the LORD.

4Therefore I said, "Surely these are poor. 2 They are foolish; For they  
do not know 1 They have lied about the LORD, And

the way of the LORD, The judgment of said, "It is not He. Neither  
will evil come

their God. upon us, Nor shall we see sword or

famine.

51 will go to the great men and speak to 3 them, For they have known  
the way of 1 And the prophets become wind, For

the LORD, The judgment of their God." the word is not in them. Thus shall it be

But these have altogether broken the yoke that was done to them." yoke And burst the bonds.

14Therefore thus says the LORD God of

6 hosts: "Because you speak this word, Therefore a lion from the forest shall

slay them, A wolf of the deserts shall Behold, I will make My words in your

mouth fire, And this people wood, And it Who have placed the sand as the bound

shall devour them. of the sea, By a perpetual decree, that it

cannot pass beyond it? And though its

15Behold, I will bring a nation against waves toss to and fro, Yet they cannot

you from afar, O house of Israel," says prevail; Though they roar, yet they

the LORD. "It is a mighty nation, It is an cannot pass over it.

ancient nation, A nation whose 3But this people has a defiant and language you do not know, Nor can you 2 understand what they say. rebellious heart; They have revolted and

departed.

16Their quiver is like an open tomb; They are all mighty men. 2 4They do not say in their heart, "Let us

now fear the LORD our God, Who gives

17And they shall eat up your harvest and rain, both the former and the latter, in its

your bread, Which your sons and season. He reserves for us the

daughters should eat. They shall eat up appointed weeks of the harvest." your flocks and your herds; They shall

eat up your vines and your fig trees; 2 5 our iniquities have turned these They shall destroy your fortified cities, In things away, And your sins have

which you trust, with the sword. withheld good from you.

1 2 8 Nevertheless in those days," says the 6 'For among My people are found LORD, "I will not make a complete end wicked men; They lie in wait as one who

of you. sets snares; They set a trap; They catch

men.

1 ' And it will be when you say, "Why does the LORD our God do all these 2 7As a cage is full of birds, So their things to us?' then you shall answer houses are full of deceit. Therefore they

them, "Just as you have forsaken Me have become great and grown rich. and served foreign gods in your land, so

you shall serve aliens in a land that is 2 8They have grown fat, they are sleek; not yours.' Yes, they surpass the deeds of the

2 The cause of the fatherless; Yet they

0 Declare this in the house of Jacob wicked; They do not plead the cause,

And proclaim it in Judah, saying, prosper, And the right of the needy they

do not defend.

21 Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes 2 ' Shall I not punish them for these and see not, And who have ears and things?' says the LORD. "Shall I not

hear not: avenge Myself on such a nation as this?'

23 2 0 Do you not fear Me?' says the LORD. 'An astonishing and horrible thing Has "Will you not tremble at My presence, been committed in the land:

3 8 1

The prophets prophesy falsely, And Be instructed, O Jerusalem, Lest My

the priests rule by their own power; And soul depart from you; Lest I make you

My people love to have it so. But what desolate, A land not inhabited." will you do in the end?

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "They

shall thoroughly glean as a vine the

6 remnant of Israel; As a grape-gatherer, O you children of Benjamin, Gather

put your hand back into the branches."

yourselves to flee from the midst of

Jerusalem! Blow the trumpet in Tekoa, <sup>1</sup> 0To whom shall I speak and give And set up a signal-fire in Beth Haccerem; For disaster appears out of warning, That they may hear? Indeed

the north, And great destruction. their ear is uncircumcised, And they

cannot give heed. Behold, the word of

<sup>2</sup> the LORD is a reproach to them; They

1 have likened the daughter of Zion To

have no delight in it.

a lovely and delicate woman.

3The shepherds with their flocks shall 11Therefore I am full of the fury  
of the

come to her. They shall pitch their tents LORD. I am weary of holding  
it in. "I will

against her all around. Each one shall pour it out on the children  
outside, And

pasture in his own place." on the assembly of young men together;

For even the husband shall be taken

4 with the wife, The aged with him who is

Prepare war against her; Arise, and let

full of days.

us go up at noon. Woe to us, for the day

goes away, For the shadows of the 1 2And their houses shall be turned  
over evening are lengthening. to others, Fields and wives together; For  
5 I will stretch out My hand Against the

Arise, and let us go by night, And let us inhabitants of the land," says  
the LORD.

destroy her palaces."

13 Because from the least of them even

6For thus has the LORD of hosts said: to the greatest of them,  
Everyone is

"Cut down trees, And build a mound given to covetousness; And from  
the

against Jerusalem. This is the city to be prophet even to the priest,  
Everyone

punished. She is full of oppression in deals falsely. her midst.



7 They have also healed the hurt of My

As a fountain wells up with water, So people slightly, Saying, "Peace, peace!"

she wells up with her wickedness. When there is no peace. Violence and plundering are heard in

her. Before Me continually are grief and 1 5 Were they ashamed when they had wounds.

committed abomination? No! They were

not at all ashamed; Nor did they know

how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I ride on horses, As men of war set in

punish them, They shall be cast down," array against you, O daughter of Zion."

says the LORD.

2 4

We have heard the report of it; Our

16

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the hands grow feeble. Anguish has taken

ways and see, And ask for the old paths, hold of us, Pain as of a woman in labor.

where the good way is, And walk in it;

Then you will find rest for your souls. 2 5

Do not go out into the field, Nor walk

But they said, "We will not walk in it.' by the way. Because of the sword of the

7Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, enemy, Fear is on every side.

"Listen to the sound of the trumpet!" But 2 6

0 daughter of my people, Dress in  
they said, "We will not listen.' sackcloth And roll about in ashes! Make

mourning as for an only son, most bitter

18Therefore hear, you nations, And know, lamentation; For the  
plunderer will

O congregation, what is among them. suddenly come upon us.

1 2 ' Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly 7a have set you as an  
assayer and a bring calamity on this people-- The fruit fortress among  
My people, That you

of their thoughts, Because they have not may know and test their way.  
heeded My words Nor My law, but

rejected it. 2 8They are all stubborn rebels, walking

as slanderers. They are bronze and iron,

20

For what purpose to Me Comes They are all corrupters;

frankincense from Sheba, And sweet

cane from a far country? Your burnt 2 ' The bellows blow fiercely, The  
lead is offerings are not acceptable, Nor your consumed by the fire;  
The smelter

sacrifices sweet to Me." refines in vain, For the wicked are not

drawn off.

21Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will lay stumbling blocks 30People will call them rejected  
silver,

before this people, And the fathers and Because the LORD has rejected

them."

the sons together shall fall on them. The  
neighbor and his friend shall perish."

2 7 The word that came to Jeremiah from 2

Thus says the LORD: "Behold, a  
people comes from the north country, the LORD, saying,

And a great nation will be raised from 2 Stand in the gate of the  
LORD's house, the farthest parts of the earth.

and proclaim there this word, and say,

23They will lay hold on bow and spear; "Hear the word of the LORD,  
all you of

They are cruel and have no mercy; Judah who enter in at these gates  
to

Their voice roars like the sea; And they worship the LORD!"

3Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God 12 'But go now to My place  
which was in of Israel: "Amend your ways and your Shiloh, where I set  
My name at the first,

doings, and I will cause you to dwell in and see what I did to it  
because of the

this place. wickedness of My people Israel.

4 1 3 Do not trust in these lying words,

And now, because you have done all

saying, "The temple of the LORD, the these works," says the LORD,  
"and I

temple of the LORD, the temple of the spoke to you, rising up early  
and

LORD are these.' speaking, but you did not hear, and I

called you, but you did not answer,

5 For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you  
thoroughly 1 4ther efore I will do to the house which is execute  
judgment between a man and called by My name, in which you trust,

his neighbor, and to this place which I gave to you

and your fathers, as I have done to

6 Shiloh. if you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the  
widow, and do not

15

shed innocent blood in this place, or And I will cast you out of My  
sight, as I

walk after other gods to your hurt, have cast out all your brethren--the

whole posterity of Ephraim.

7then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to  
your 'Therefore 1 64 do not pray for this people,

fathers forever and ever. nor lift up a cry or prayer for them, nor

make intercession to Me; for I will not

8 Behold, you trust in lying words that hear you. cannot profit.

1 7Do you not see what they do in the

'Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, cities of Judah and in the  
streets of

swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and Jerusalem? walk after other  
gods whom you do not

know, 1 8The children gather wood, the fathers

kindle the fire, and the women knead

10 dough, to make cakes for the queen of

and then come and stand before Me in

this house which is called by My name, heaven; and they pour out  
drink

and say, "We are delivered to do all offerings to other gods, that they  
may

these provoke Me to anger. abominations?"

11 1' Do they provoke Me to anger?" says Has this house, which is  
called by My name, become a den of thieves in your the LORD. "Do  
they not provoke

eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it," themselves, to the shame of their  
own

says the LORD. faces?"

22 0Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 8 So you shall say to them,  
"This is a "Behold, My anger and My fury will be nation that does not  
obey the voice of

poured out on this place--on man and the LORD their God nor receive

on beast, on the trees of the field and on correction. Truth has  
perished and has

the fruit of the ground. And it will burn been cut off from their mouth.  
and not be quenched."

2' Cut off your hair and cast it away, and

21Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God

take up a lamentation on the desolate

of Israel: "Add your burnt offerings to heights; for the LORD has  
rejected and

your sacrifices and eat meat. forsaken the generation of His wrath.'

22For I did not speak to your fathers, or 30For the children of Judah have done

command them in the day that I brought evil in My sight," says the LORD. "They

them out of the land of Egypt, have set their abominations in the house

concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. which is called by My name, to pollute it.

23 31

But this is what I commanded them, And they have built the high places of

saying, "Obey My voice, and I will be Tophet, which is in the Valley of the Son

your God, and you shall be My people. of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their

And walk in all the ways that I have daughters in the fire, which I did not

commanded you, that it may be well command, nor did it come into My heart.

with you.'

324Therefore behold, the days are

24Yet they did not obey or incline their

coming," says the LORD, "when it will

ear, but followed the counsels and the no more be called Tophet, or the Valley

dictates of their evil hearts, and went of the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of

backward and not forward. Slaughter; for they will bury in Tophet

25

Since the day that your fathers came 33The corpses of this people  
will be food

out of the land of Egypt until this day, I

have even sent to you all My servants for the birds of the heaven and  
for the

the prophets, daily rising up early and beasts of the earth. And no one  
will

sending them. frighten them away.

23 64

Yet they did not obey Me or incline Then I will cause to cease from  
the

their ear, but stiffened their neck. They cities of Judah and from the  
streets of

did worse than their fathers. Jerusalem the voice of mirth and the

voice of gladness, the voice of the

27§ bridegroom and the voice of the bride. "Therefor

e you shall speak all these

words to them, but they will not obey For the land shall be desolate.  
you. You shall also call to them, but they

will not answer you.

time of their coming. But My people do

8 not know the judgment of the LORD. At that time," says the LORD,  
"they

shall bring out the bones of the kings of 8 How can you say, "We are wise, And Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones the law of the LORD is with us"? Look,

of the prophets, and the bones of the the false pen of the scribe certainly

inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their works falsehood. graves.

"The wise men are ashamed, They are

2 dismayed and taken. Behold, they have They shall spread them before the sun

and the moon and all the host of heaven, rejected the word of the LORD; So what

which they have loved and which they wisdom do they have? have served and after which they have

walked, which they have sought and 1 0Therefore I will give their wives to which they have worshiped. They shall others, And their fields to those who will

not be gathered nor buried; they shall be inherit them; Because from the least

like refuse on the face of the earth. even to the greatest Everyone is given

to covetousness; From the prophet even

3Then death shall be chosen rather than to the priest Everyone deals falsely. life by all the residue of those who

11

remain of this evil family, who remain in For they have healed the hurt of the

all the places where I have driven them," daughter of My people slightly, Saying,

says the LORD of hosts. "Peace, peace!" When there is no peace.



41 2 Moreover you shall say to them, "Thus Were they ashamed when they had says the LORD: "Will they fall and not committed abomination? No! They were

rise? Will one turn away and not return? not at all ashamed, Nor did they know

how to blush. Therefore they shall fall

5 among those who fall; In the time of Why has this people slidden back,

Jerusalem, in a perpetual backsliding? their punishment They shall be cast

They hold fast to deceit, They refuse to down," says the LORD. return.

13 will surely consume them," says the

6 LORD. "No grapes shall be on the vine, 1 listened and heard, But they do not

speak aright. No man repented of his Nor figs on the fig tree, And the leaf

wickedness, Saying, "What have I shall fade; And the things I have given

done?' them shall pass away from them. ' Everyone turned to his own course, As the horse rushes into the

battle. 144Why do we sit still? Assemble

yourselves, And let us enter the fortified

7 Even the stork in the heavens Knows cities, And let us be silent there. For the

her appointed times; And the turtledove, LORD our God has put us to silence

the swift, and the swallow Observe the And given us water of gall to drink, Because we have sinned against the

LORD. 9Oh, that my head were waters, And

1 my eyes a fountain of tears, That I might 5 We looked for peace, but  
no good

weep day and night For the slain of the  
came; And for a time of health, and daughter of my people! there was  
trouble!

2 Oh, that I had in the wilderness A  
16 The snorting of His horses was heard lodging place for travelers;  
That I might

from Dan. The whole land trembled at leave my people, And go from  
them! For

the sound of the neighing of His strong they are all adulterers, An  
assembly of

ones; For they have come and devoured treacherous men. the land  
and all that is in it, The city and

those who dwell in it." 3" And like their bow they have bent their

1 tongues for lies. They are not valiant for 7 'For behold, I will send  
serpents the truth on the earth. For they proceed

among you, Vipers which cannot be from evil to evil, And they do not  
know

charmed, And they shall bite you," says Me," says the LORD. the  
LORD.

4 Everyone take heed to his neighbor,  
1' I would comfort myself in sorrow; My And do not trust any brother;  
For every

heart is faint in me. brother will utterly supplant, And every  
neighbor will walk with slanderers.

19

Listen! The voice, The cry of the

daughter of my people From a far 5Everyone will deceive his neighbor,  
country: "Is not the LORD in Zion? Is not And will not speak the truth;  
They have

her King in her?" "Why have they taught their tongue to speak lies;  
They

provoked Me to anger With their carved weary themselves to commit  
iniquity.

images-- With foreign idols?"

6 Your dwelling place is in the midst of

20§The harvest is past, The summer is deceit; Through deceit they  
refuse to

ended, And we are not saved!" know Me," says the LORD.

27 1For the hurt of the daughter of my

Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:

people I am hurt. I am mourning; "Behold, I will refine them and try  
them;

Astonishment has taken hold of me. For how shall I deal with the  
daughter of

2

2 s there no balm in Gilead, 1s there no My people?

physician there? Why then is there no 8Their tongue is an arrow shot  
out; It recovery For the health of the daughter speaks deceit; One  
speaks peaceably to

of my people? his neighbor with his mouth, But in his

heart he lies in wait.

'Shall I not punish them for these sword after them until I have  
consumed

things?" says the LORD. "Shall I not them." avenge Myself on such a nation as

this?" <sup>17</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Consider and call for the mourning

<sup>1</sup> 0 will take up a weeping and wailing for

women, That they may come; And send

the mountains, And for the dwelling for skillful wailing women, That they may

places of the wilderness a lamentation, come. Because they are burned up, So that no

one can pass through; Nor can men <sup>1</sup> 8Let them make haste And take up a hear the voice of the cattle. Both the wailing for us, That our eyes may run

birds of the heavens and the beasts with tears, And our eyelids gush with

have fled; They are gone. water.

<sup>1</sup> 1 will make Jerusalem a heap of ruins,

<sup>1</sup> ' For a voice of wailing is heard from

a den of jackals. I will make the cities of Zion: "How we are plundered! We are

Judah desolate, without an inhabitant." greatly ashamed, Because we have

forsaken the land, Because we have

<sup>12</sup>

Who is the wise man who may been cast out of our dwellings." understand this? And who is he to

whom the mouth of the LORD has <sup>2</sup> 0 et hear the word of the LORD, O

spoken, that he may declare it? Why women, And let your ear receive the

does the land perish and burn up like a word of His mouth; Teach your

wilderness, so that no one can pass daughters wailing, And everyone her

through? neighbor a lamentation.

<sup>13</sup>And the LORD said, "Because they <sup>1</sup>For death has come through our

2

have forsaken My law which I set before windows, Has entered our palaces, To

them, and have not obeyed My voice, kill off the children--no longer to be

nor walked according to it, outside! And the young men--no longer

on the streets!

<sup>14</sup>

but they have walked according to the

dictates of their own hearts and after the <sup>2</sup> Speak, "Thus says the LORD: "Even Baals, which their fathers taught them," the carcasses of men shall fall as refuse

<sup>1</sup> harvester, And no one shall gather

<sup>5</sup> herefore thus says the LORD of hosts, on the open field, Like cuttings after the

the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them." them, this people, with wormwood, and

give them water of gall to drink. <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Let not the wise

1 mighty man glory in his might, Nor let

6a will scatter them also among the man glory in his wisdom, Let not the

Gentiles, whom neither they nor their the rich man glory in his riches; fathers have known. And I will send a 24 6Inasmuch as there is none like You, O

But let him who glories glory in this,

That he understands and knows Me, LORD (You are great, and Your name is

That I am the LORD, exercising great in might), lovingkindness, judgment, and

righteousness in the earth. For in these I 7Who would not fear You, O King of the delight," says the LORD. nations? For this is Your rightful due.

2 nations, And in all their kingdoms, There

5 Behold, the days are coming," says For among all the wise men of the

the LORD, "that I will punish all who are is none like You. circumcised with the uncircumcised--

2 foolish; A wooden idol is a worthless

6Egypt, Judah, Edom, the people of 8But they are altogether dull-hearted and

Ammon, Moab, and all who are in the doctrine. farthest corners, who dwell in the

wilderness. For all these nations are 'Silver is beaten into plates; It is brought

uncircumcised, and all the house of from Tarshish, And gold from

Uphaz,

Israel are uncircumcised in the heart." The work of the craftsman And  
of the

hands of the metalsmith; Blue and

purple are their clothing; They are all the

1 work of skillful men. O Hear the word which the LORD

speaks to you, O house of Israel. <sup>1</sup> O But the LORD is the true God; He  
is <sup>2</sup> the living God and the everlasting King.

Thus says the LORD: "Do not learn the

At His wrath the earth will tremble, And

way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed

the nations will not be able to endure

at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles

are dismayed at them. His indignation.

<sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup> Thus you shall say to them: "The gods

For the customs of the peoples are

futile; For one cuts a tree from the forest, that have not made the  
heavens and the

The work of the hands of the workman, earth shall perish from the  
earth and

with the ax. from under these heavens."

<sup>12</sup>

<sup>4</sup> He has made the earth by His power, They decorate it with silver  
and gold;

They fasten it with nails and hammers He has established the world

by His

So that it will not topple. wisdom, And has stretched out the  
heavens at His discretion.

5They are upright, like a palm tree, And 3 they cannot speak; They  
must be 1 When He utters His voice, There is a

carried, Because they cannot go by multitude of waters in the heavens:  
"And

themselves. Do not be afraid of them, He causes the vapors to ascend  
from

For they cannot do evil, Nor can they do the ends of the earth. He  
makes

any good." lightning for the rain, He brings the wind

out of His treasures."

1 2 4Everyone is dull-hearted, without 30 LORD, I know the way of  
man is not knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to in himself; It is not  
in man who walks to

shame by an image; For his molded direct his own steps. image is  
falsehood, And there is no

breath in them. 2 4

o LORD, correct me, but with justice;

Not in Your anger, lest You bring me to

15

They are futile, a work of errors; In the nothing.

time of their punishment they shall

perish. 2 5

Pour out Your fury on the Gentiles,



does not obey the words of this

2 covenant 0 My tent is plundered, And all my cords are broken; My children have gone from 4

which I commanded your fathers in the  
me, And they are no more. There is no

day I brought them out of the land of  
one to pitch my tent anymore, Or set up

Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying,  
my curtains.

"Obey My voice, and do according to all

2 that I command you; so shall you be My 1 For the shepherds have  
become dull- people, and I will be your God,'

hearted, And have not sought the

LORD; Therefore they shall not prosper, s that I may establish the oath  
which I And all their flocks shall be scattered. have sworn to your  
fathers, to give them

2 "a land flowing with milk and honey,' as 2Behold, the noise of the  
report has

it is this day. ' And I answered and said,  
come, And a great commotion out of the "So be it, LORD." north  
country, To make the cities of

Judah desolate, a den of jackals. 6Then the LORD said to me,  
"Proclaim

all these words in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem,  
saying: according to the number of the streets of

"Hear the words of this covenant and do Jerusalem you have set up

altars to that

them. shameful thing, altars to burn incense to

Baal.

7For I earnestly exhorted your fathers in the day I brought them up  
out of the 'So do not pray for this people, or lift 14

land of Egypt, until this day, rising early up a cry or prayer for them;  
for I will not

and exhorting, saying, "Obey My voice." hear them in the time that  
they cry out to

Me because of their trouble.

8Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, 54 What has My beloved to  
do in My

but everyone followed the dictates of his 1 evil heart; therefore I will  
bring upon house, Having done lewd deeds with

them all the words of this covenant, many? And the holy flesh has  
passed

which I commanded them to do, but from you. When you do evil, then  
you

which they have not done." rejoice.

16

'And the LORD said to me, "A The LORD called your name, Green

conspiracy has been found among the Olive Tree, Lovely and of Good  
Fruit.

men of Judah and among the With the noise of a great tumult He has  
inhabitants of Jerusalem. kindled fire on it, And its branches are

broken.

10 They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers who refused to hear 'For the LORD of hosts, who planted 1 7

My words, and they have gone after you, has pronounced doom against you

other gods to serve them; the house of for the evil of the house of Israel and of

Israel and the house of Judah have the house of Judah, which they have

broken My covenant which I made with done against themselves to provoke Me

their fathers." to anger in offering incense to Baal."

11 1 Therefore thus says the LORD: 8 Now the LORD gave me knowledge of "Behold, I will surely bring calamity on it, and I know it; for You showed me

them which they will not be able to their doings. escape; and though they cry out to Me, I

will not listen to them. 1' But I was like a docile lamb brought to

the slaughter; and I did not know that

12

Then the cities of Judah and the they had devised schemes against me,

inhabitants of Jerusalem will go and cry saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its

out to the gods to whom they offer fruit, and let us cut him off from the land

incense, but they will not save them at of the living, that his name may be

all in the time of their trouble. remembered no more."

12 3For according to the number of your 0But, O LORD of hosts, You who judge cities were your gods, O Judah; and righteously, Testing the mind and the

heart, Let me see Your vengeance on wickedness of those who dwell there,

them, For to You I have revealed my Because they said, "He will not see our

cause. final end."

25 1§ If you have run with the footmen, and ' Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth who they have wearied you, Then how can

seek your life, saying, "Do not prophesy you contend with horses? And if in the

in the name of the LORD, lest you die land of peace, In which you trusted, they

by our hand'-- wearied you, Then how will you do in

the floodplain of the Jordan?

22 herefore thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold, I will punish them. The 6For even your brothers, the house of young men shall die by the sword, their your father, Even they have dealt

sons and their daughters shall die by treacherously with you; Yes, they have

famine; called a multitude after you. Do not

believe them, Even though they speak

23 smooth words to you.

and there shall be no remnant of them,

for I will bring catastrophe on the men of

Anathoth, even the year of their 7 I have forsaken My house, I have left punishment." My heritage; I have given the dearly

beloved of My soul into the hand of her  
enemies.

1 2Righteous are You, O LORD, 8My heritage is to Me like a lion  
in the when I plead with You; Yet let me talk forest; It cries out  
against Me; Therefore with You about Your judgments. Why I have  
hated it. does the way of the wicked prosper?

Why are those happy who deal so

treacherously? 'My heritage is to Me like a speckled

vulture; The vultures all around are

2 against her. Come, assemble all the

You have planted them, yes, they have

beasts of the field, Bring them to devour!

taken root; They grow, yes, they bear

fruit. You are near in their mouth But far 10 Many rulers have  
destroyed My from their mind.

vineyard, They have trodden My portion

3But You, O LORD, know me; You have underfoot; They have made  
My pleasant

seen me, And You have tested my heart portion a desolate wilderness.

toward You. Pull them out like sheep for 11They have made it  
desolate; Desolate, the slaughter, And prepare them for the day of  
slaughter. it mourns to Me; The whole land is

made desolate, Because no one takes it

4 to heart.

How long will the land mourn, And the  
herbs of every field wither? The beasts  
and birds are consumed, For the <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup>

The plunderers have come On all the So I got a sash according to  
the word of

desolate heights in the wilderness, For the LORD, and put it around  
my waist.

the sword of the LORD shall devour

From one end of the land to the other <sup>3</sup> And the word of the LORD  
came to me

end of the land; No flesh shall have the second time, saying, peace.

<sup>1</sup> which is around your waist, and arise,

<sup>3</sup> They have sown wheat but reaped <sup>4</sup> Take the sash that you acquired,  
thorns; They have put themselves to go to the Euphrates, and hide it  
there in

pain but do not profit. But be ashamed a hole in the rock." of your  
harvest Because of the fierce

anger of the LORD." <sup>5</sup>

So I went and hid it by the Euphrates,

<sup>1</sup> as the LORD commanded me. <sup>4</sup> Thus says the LORD: "Against all My  
evil neighbors who touch the inheritance <sup>6</sup>

Now it came to pass after many days

which I have caused My people Israel to

that the LORD said to me, "Arise, go to

inherit--behold, I will pluck them out of

the Euphrates, and take from there the  
their land and pluck out the house of  
sash which I commanded you to hide  
Judah from among them.  
there."

15Then it shall be, after I have plucked

7Then I went to the Euphrates and dug,  
them out, that I will return and have

and I took the sash from the place  
compassion on them and bring them

where I had hidden it; and there was the  
back, everyone to his heritage and

sash, ruined. It was profitable for  
everyone to his land.

nothing.

16And it shall be, if they will learn carefully the ways of My people, to  
8Then the word of the LORD came to

me, saying,  
swear by My name, "As the LORD lives,"

as they taught My people to swear by 9 Thus says the LORD: "In this  
manner I Baal, then they shall be established in will ruin the pride of  
Judah and the great the midst of My people. pride of Jerusalem. 17

But if they do not obey, I will utterly 1 0This evil people, who refuse



to hear

pluck up and destroy that nation," says

the LORD. My words, who follow the dictates of

their hearts, and walk after other gods to

serve them and worship them, shall be

just like this sash which is profitable for

1 3Thus the LORD said to me: "Go nothing.

and get yourself a linen sash, and put it

around your waist, but do not put it in. 1For as the sash clings to the  
waist of a water." man, so I have caused the whole house

of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,' says the LORD,  
"that For your rule shall collapse, the crown of

they may become My people, for your glory." renown, for praise, and  
for glory; but

they would not hear.' 1' The cities of the South shall be shut up,

And no one shall open them; Judah

12§Therefore you shall speak to them shall be carried away captive,  
all of it; It this word: "Thus says the LORD God of shall be wholly  
carried away captive. Israel: "Every bottle shall be filled with

wine." "And they will say to you, "Do 2 0 we

Lift up your eyes and see Those who

not certainly know that every bottle will come from the north. Where  
is the flock

be filled with wine?' that was given to you, Your beautiful

sheep?

13§

"Then you shall say to them, "Thus

says the LORD: "Behold, I will fill all the <sup>2</sup> 1What will you say when  
He punishes inhabitants of this land--even the kings you? For you  
have taught them To be

who sit on David's throne, the priests, chieftains, to be head over you.  
Will not

the prophets, and all the inhabitants of pangs seize you, Like a woman  
in

Jerusalem--with drunkenness! labor?

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 4And I will dash them one against

And if you say in your heart, "Why

another, even the fathers and the sons have these things come upon  
me?" For

together," says the LORD. "I will not pity the greatness of your iniquity  
Your skirts

nor spare nor have mercy, but will have been uncovered, Your heels  
made

destroy them." bare.

<sup>15</sup>Hear and give ear: Do not be proud, <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

Can the Ethiopian change his skin or

For the LORD has spoken. the leopard its spots? Then may you

also do good who are accustomed to do

<sup>16</sup>

Give glory to the LORD your God evil.

Before He causes darkness, And before

your feet stumble On the dark <sup>244</sup>"Therefore I will scatter them like  
mountains, And while you are looking stubble That passes away by

the wind

for light, He turns it into the shadow of of the wilderness. death And makes it dense darkness.

25 This is your lot, The portion of your

17 But if you will not hear it, My soul will measures from Me," says the LORD,

weep in secret for your pride; My eyes "Because you have forgotten Me And

will weep bitterly And run down with trusted in falsehood. tears, Because the LORD's flock has

been taken captive. 2 6 Therefore I will uncover your skirts

1 over your face, That your shame may 8 Say to the king and to the queen appear.

mother, "Humble yourselves; Sit down, 2 9 7 have seen your adulteries And your

Why should You be like a man

lustful neighings, The lewdness of your astonished, Like a mighty one who

harlotry, Your abominations on the hills cannot save? Yet You, O LORD, are in

in the fields. Woe to you, O Jerusalem! our midst, And we are called by Your

Will you still not be made clean?" name; Do not leave us!

1 0

Thus says the LORD to this people:

1 "Thus they have loved to wander; They 4 The word of the LORD that came

have not restrained their feet. Therefore  
to Jeremiah concerning the droughts.

the LORD does not accept them; He will  
2 remember their iniquity now, And punish  
Judah mourns, And her gates  
their sins."

languish; They mourn for the land, And  
the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. 11

Then the LORD said to me, "Do not

3Their nobles have sent their lads for pray for this people, for their  
good.

water; They went to the cisterns and 12When they fast, I will not hear  
their cry; found no water. They returned with their and when they  
offer burnt offering and vessels empty; They were ashamed and grain  
offering, I will not accept them. But confounded And covered their  
heads. I will consume them by the sword, by 4 the famine, and by the  
pestilence."

Because the ground is parched, For

there was no rain in the land, The 1 3Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD!  
Behold, plowmen were ashamed; They covered

their heads. the prophets say to them, "You shall not

see the sword, nor shall you have

5 famine, but I will give you assured

Yes, the deer also gave birth in the field, peace in this place."

But left because there was no grass.

1 4And the LORD said to me, "The

6And the wild donkeys stood in the

prophets prophesy lies in My name. I

desolate heights; They sniffed at the

have not sent them, commanded them,

wind like jackals; Their eyes failed

nor spoken to them; they prophesy to

because there was no grass."

you a false vision, divination, a

7 worthless thing, and the deceit of their

O LORD, though our iniquities testify heart.

against us, Do it for Your name's sake;

For our backslidings are many, We have 1 5Therefore thus says the  
LORD sinned against You.

concerning the prophets who prophesy

8 in My name, whom I did not send, and

O the Hope of Israel, his Savior in time who say, "Sword and famine  
shall not

of trouble, Why should You be like a be in this land'--"By sword and  
famine

stranger in the land, And like a traveler those prophets shall be  
consumed! who turns aside to tarry for a night?

16And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the  
streets 1 5Then the LORD said to me, "Even of Jerusalem because  
of the famine and

if Moses and Samuel stood before Me,

the sword; they will have no one to bury

My mind would not be favorable toward  
them--them nor their wives, their sons

this people. Cast them out of My sight,  
nor their daughters--for I will pour their  
wickedness on them.' and let them go forth.

1 "Therefore you shall say this word to 7§ 2 And it shall be, if they say  
to you,

"Where should we go?' then you shall  
them: "Let my eyes flow with tears night tell them, "Thus says the  
LORD: "Such

and day, And let them not cease; For as are for death, to death; And  
such as

the virgin daughter of my people Has

are for the sword, to the sword; And  
been broken with a mighty stroke, with a such as are for the famine,  
to the

very severe blow. famine; And such as are for the captivity,

1 to the captivity."

' If I go out to the field, Then behold,

those slain with the sword! And if I enter 3 And I will appoint over  
them four forms the city, Then behold, those sick from of destruction,"  
says the LORD: "the

famine! Yes, both prophet and priest go

about in a land they do not know." sword to slay, the dogs to drag,  
the

birds of the heavens and the beasts of

1 the earth to devour and destroy.

' Have You utterly rejected Judah? Has

Your soul loathed Zion? Why have You 41 will hand them over to trouble, to all stricken us so that there is no healing for kingdoms of the earth, because of

us? We looked for peace, but there was Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of

no good; And for the time of healing,

Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.

and there was trouble.

2

0We acknowledge, O LORD, our 5 For who will have pity on you, O

Jerusalem? Or who will bemoan you?

wickedness And the iniquity of our Or who will turn aside to ask how you

fathers, For we have sinned against You.

are doing?

21 Do not abhor us, for Your name's

6You have forsaken Me," says the

sake; Do not disgrace the throne of Your

LORD, "You have gone backward.

glory. Remember, do not break Your

Therefore I will stretch out My hand

covenant with us.

against you and destroy you; I am weary

2 of relenting! 2Are there any among the idols of the nations that can cause rain? Or can the 7

And I will winnow them with a  
heavens give showers? Are You not He,

winnowing fan in the gates of the land; I  
O LORD our God? Therefore we will

will bereave them of children; I will  
wait for You, Since You have made all destroy My people, Since they  
do not

these. return from their ways.

8Their widows will be increased to Me me on my persecutors. In Your  
enduring

more than the sand of the seas; I will patience, do not take me away.  
Know

bring against them, Against the mother that for Your sake I have  
suffered

of the young men, A plunderer at rebuke. noonday; I will cause  
anguish and terror

to fall on them suddenly. 1 6 our words were found, and I ate them,

And Your word was to me the joy and

"She languishes who has borne seven; rejoicing of my heart; For I am  
called by

She has breathed her last; Her sun has Your name, O LORD God of  
hosts. gone down While it was yet day; She

has been ashamed and confounded. 1 7) did not sit in the assembly of  
the And the remnant of them I will deliver to mockers, Nor did I  
rejoice; I sat alone



the sword Before their enemies," says because of Your hand, For You have

the LORD. filled me with indignation.

10 Woe is me, my mother, That you have 1 ' Why is my pain perpetual  
And my borne me, A man of strife and a man of wound incurable,  
Which refuses to be

contention to the whole earth! I have healed? Will You surely be to  
me like an

neither lent for interest, Nor have men unreliable stream, As waters  
that fail?

lent to me for interest. Every one of

them curses me. 1

' Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you

1 return, Then I will bring you back; You 1 The LORD said: "Surely it  
will be well shall stand before Me; If you take out with your remnant;  
Surely I will cause the precious from the vile, You shall be

the enemy to intercede with you In the as My mouth. Let them  
return to you,

time of adversity and in the time of But you must not return to them.  
affliction.

2 0And I will make you to this people a

12 Can anyone break iron, The northern fortified bronze wall; And  
they will fight

iron and the bronze? against you, But they shall not prevail

1 you And deliver you," says the LORD.

3Your wealth and your treasures I will against you; For I am with you

to save

give as plunder without price, Because

of all your sins, Throughout your 2 1 will deliver you from the hand of  
the territories. wicked, And I will redeem you from the

grip of the terrible."

14

And I will make you cross over with  
your enemies Into a land which you do

not know; For a fire is kindled in My 1 6The word of the  
LORD also came anger, Which shall burn upon you."

to me, saying,

15 o LORD, You know; Remember me 2 and visit me, And take  
vengeance for You shall not take a wife, nor shall you

have sons or daughters in this place."

3For thus says the LORD concerning the 10 'And it shall be, when you  
show this sons and daughters who are born in this people all these  
words, and they say to

place, and concerning their mothers you, "Why has the LORD  
pronounced all

who bore them and their fathers who this great disaster against us? Or  
what

begot them in this land: is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we

have committed against the LORD our

4 God?' They shall die gruesome deaths; they shall not be lamented  
nor shall they be

buried, but they shall be like refuse on 1 then you shall say to them,  
"Because the face of the earth. They shall be your fathers have  
forsaken Me,' says the consumed by the sword and by famine, LORD;

"they have walked after other

and their corpses shall be meat for the gods and have served them and  
birds of heaven and for the beasts of the worshiped them, and have  
forsaken Me

earth." and not kept My law.

5 1 2

For thus says the LORD: "Do not enter And you have done worse than  
your

the house of mourning, nor go to lament fathers, for behold, each one  
follows the

or bemoan them; for I have taken away dictates of his own evil heart,  
so that no

My peace from this people," says the one listens to Me. LORD,  
"lovingkindness and mercies.

1 3Therefore I will cast you out of this

6Both the great and the small shall die in land into a land that you do  
not know,

this land. They shall not be buried; neither you nor your fathers; and  
there

neither shall men lament for them, cut you shall serve other gods day  
and night,

themselves, nor make themselves bald where I will not show you  
favor.' for them.

14§Therefore behold, the days are

7Nor shall men break bread in mourning coming," says the LORD,  
"that it shall no

for them, to comfort them for the dead; more be said, "The LORD lives  
who

nor shall men give them the cup of brought up the children of Israel from

consolation to drink for their father or the land of Egypt,' their mother.

1 5

but, "The LORD lives who brought up

8Also you shall not go into the house of the children of Israel from the land of the

feasting to sit with them, to eat and north and from all the lands where He

drink." had driven them.' For I will bring them

back into their land which I gave to their

'For thus says the LORD of hosts, the fathers.

God of Israel: "Behold, I will cause to 6 'Behold, I will send for many

cease from this place, before your eyes 1 and in your days, the voice of mirth and fishermen," says the LORD, "and they

the voice of gladness, the voice of the shall fish them; and afterward I will send

bridegroom and the voice of the bride. for many hunters, and they shall hunt

them from every mountain and every hill, 4And you, even yourself, Shall let go of and out of the holes of the rocks. your heritage which I gave you; And I

will cause you to serve your enemies In

17 the land which you do not know; For you

For My eyes are on all their ways; they

are not hidden from My face, nor is their have kindled a fire in My anger which

iniquity hidden from My eyes. shall burn forever."

1 5 Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the ' And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have man who trusts in man And makes flesh

defiled My land; they have filled My his strength, Whose heart departs from

inheritance with the carcasses of their the LORD. detestable and abominable idols."

6 For he shall be like a shrub in the

1 desert, And shall not see when good ' O LORD, my strength and my fortress,

My refuge in the day of affliction, The comes, But shall inhabit the parched

Gentiles shall come to You From the places in the wilderness, In a salt land

ends of the earth and say, "Surely our which is not inhabited. fathers have inherited lies, Worthlessness and unprofitable things." 7 Blessed is the man who trusts in the

LORD, And whose hope is the LORD.

20 Will a man make gods for himself, Which are not gods? 8 For he shall be like a tree planted by

the waters, Which spreads out its roots

21 § by the river, And will not fear when heat '

Therefore behold, I will this once

cause them to know, I will cause them to comes; But its leaf will be green, And

know My hand and My might; And they will not be anxious in the year of drought,

shall know that My name is the LORD. Nor will cease from yielding

fruit.

"The heart is deceitful above all things,

1 And desperately wicked; Who can know 7 The sin of Judah is written with a

it?

pen of iron; With the point of a diamond

it is engraved On the tablet of their heart, 10) the LORD, search the heart, I test And on the horns of your altars, the mind, Even to give every man 2 according to his ways, According to the

While their children remember Their fruit of his doings.

altars and their wooden images By the

green trees on the high hills. 11 'As a partridge that broods but does

T not hatch, So is he who gets riches, but O My mountain in the field, I will give as not by right; It will leave him in the midst plunder your wealth, all your treasures, of his days, And at his end he will be a

And your high places of sin within all ( .. your borders.

1 2 21

A glorious high throne from the Thus says the LORD: "Take heed to beginning Is the place of our sanctuary. yourselves, and bear no burden on the

Sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates

13 of Jerusalem;

O LORD, the hope of Israel, All who

forsake You shall be ashamed. "Those

who depart from Me Shall be written in 2 nor carry a burden out of your houses the earth, Because they have forsaken on the Sabbath day, nor do any work,

the LORD, The fountain of living but hallow the Sabbath day, as I waters." commanded your fathers.

1 2 4Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be 3But they did not obey nor incline their healed; Save me, and I shall be saved, ear, but made their neck stiff, that they

For You are my praise. might not hear nor receive instruction.

1 2 5 ndeed they say to me, "Where is the 4 'And it shall be, if you heed Me word of the LORD? Let it come now!" carefully," says the LORD, "to bring no

burden through the gates of this city on

16As for me, I have not hurried away the Sabbath day, but hallow the from being a shepherd who follows You, Sabbath day, to do no work in it,

Nor have I desired the woeful day; You 5then shall enter the gates of this city

know what came out of my lips; It was 2 right there before You. kings and princes sitting on the throne of

David, riding in chariots and on horses,

17 they and their princes, accompanied by

Do not be a terror to me; You are my

hope in the day of doom. the men of Judah and the inhabitants of

Jerusalem; and this city shall remain

1 forever.

' Let them be ashamed who persecute

me, But do not let me be put to shame; 2 6And they shall come from  
the cities of Let them be dismayed, But do not let me be dismayed.  
Bring on them the day of Judah and from the places around

doom, And destroy them with double Jerusalem, from the land of  
Benjamin

destruction! and from the lowland, from the

mountains and from the South, bringing

1 burnt offerings and sacrifices, grain ' Thus

the LORD said to me: "Go and

stand in the gate of the children of the offerings and incense, bringing

sacrifices of praise to the house of the

people, by which the kings of Judah

come in and by which they go out, and LORD.

in all the gates of Jerusalem; 7 But if you will not heed Me to hallow

2

20and say to them, "Hear the word of the the Sabbath day, such as not  
carrying a

LORD, you kings of Judah, and all burden when entering the gates of

Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day, then I

Jerusalem, who enter by these gates. will kindle a fire in its gates, and  
it shall



devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it is not evil in My sight so that it does shall not be quenched. ' not obey My voice, then I will relent

concerning the good with which I said I  
would benefit it.

18 The word which came to Jeremiah 11 'Now therefore, speak to the men of from the LORD, saying: Judah and to the inhabitants of

2 Jerusalem, saying, "Thus says the LORD: Arise and go down to the potter's

LORD: "Behold, I am fashioning a

house, and there I will cause you to hear disaster and devising a plan against you.

My words." Return now every one from his evil way,

3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and make your ways and your doings

good. '

and there he was, making something at

the wheel. 12 And they said, "That is hopeless! So 4 we will walk according to our own plans,

And the vessel that he made of clay and we will every one obey the dictates

was marred in the hand of the potter; so of his evil heart." he made it again into another vessel, as

it seemed good to the potter to make. 13 Therefore thus says the LORD: "Ask 5 now among the Gentiles, Who has

Then the word of the LORD came to heard such things? The virgin of Israel

me, saying: has done a very horrible thing.

6 1 4 O house of Israel, can I not do with Will a man leave the snow  
water of you as this potter?" says the LORD. Lebanon, Which comes  
from the rock of

"Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, the field? Will the cold  
flowing waters be

so are you in My hand, O house of forsaken for strange waters? Israel!

15 Because My people have forgotten

7The instant I speak concerning a nation Me, They have burned  
incense to

and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, worthless idols. And they  
have caused

to pull down, and to destroy it, themselves to stumble in their ways,

From the ancient paths, To walk in

sif that nation against whom I have pathways and not on a highway,  
spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of

the disaster that I thought to bring upon 1 6

To make their land desolate and a

it. perpetual hissing; Everyone who passes

by it will be astonished And shake his

'And the instant I speak concerning a head. nation and concerning a  
kingdom, to

build and to plant it, 1 7a will scatter them as with an east wind

before the enemy; I will show them the back and not the face In the  
day of their

calamity." 1 9Thus says the LORD: "Go and get

1 a potter's earthen flask, and take some

' Then they said, "Come and let us of the elders of the people and some of

devise plans against Jeremiah; for the the elders of the priests. law shall not perish from the priest, nor

counsel from the wise, nor the word <sup>2</sup>

And go out to the Valley of the Son of  
from the prophet. Come and let us

Hinnom, which is by the entry of the  
attack him with the tongue, and let us

Potsherd Gate; and proclaim there the  
not give heed to any of his words."

words that I will tell you,

<sup>1</sup>' Give heed to me, O LORD, And listen h

and say, "Hear the word of the LORD,  
to the voice of those who contend with

O kings of Judah and inhabitants of  
me!

Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of

<sup>2</sup> hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will O Shall evil be repaid for good? For they bring such a catastrophe on this place,

have dug a pit for my life. Remember that whoever hears of it, his ears will

that I stood before You To speak good tingle. for them, To turn away Your wrath from

them. <sup>4</sup>

Because they have forsaken Me and

2 made this an alien place, because they 1Therefore deliver up their children to

have burned incense in it to other gods

the famine, And pour out their blood By whom neither they, their fathers, nor the

the force of the sword; Let their wives kings of Judah have known, and have

become widows And bereaved of their filled this place with the blood of the

children. Let their men be put to death, innocents Their young men be slain By the sword

in battle. 5(they have also built the high places of

2 Baal, to burn their sons with fire for 2 Let a cry be heard from their houses, burnt offerings to Baal, which I did not When You bring a troop suddenly upon command or speak, nor did it come into

them; For they have dug a pit to take me, My mind), And hidden snares for my feet.

6 therefore behold, the days are coming,"

23 Yet, LORD, You know all their counsel says the LORD, "that this place shall no

Which is against me, to slay me. more be called Tophet or the Valley of

Provide no atonement for their iniquity, the Son of Hinnom, but the Valley of

Nor blot out their sin from Your sight; Slaughter. But let them be overthrown before You.

Deal thus with them In the time of Your 7

And I will make void the counsel of  
anger.

Judah and Jerusalem in this place, and I  
will cause them to fall by the sword  
before their enemies and by the hands of those who seek their lives;  
their the Lord's house and said to all the  
corpses I will give as meat for the birds people, of the heaven and for  
the beasts of the

earth. 154

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the  
God of Israel: "Behold, I will bring on this  
s1 will make this city desolate and a city and on all her towns all the  
doom hissing; everyone who passes by it will that I have pronounced  
against it,

be astonished and hiss because of all its because they have stiffened  
their necks

plagues. that they might not hear My words."

And I will cause them to eat the flesh of

their sons and the flesh of their 2 ONow Pashhur the son of  
Immer, daughters, and everyone shall eat the

the priest who was also chief governor  
flesh of his friend in the siege and in the in the house of the LORD,  
heard that

desperation with which their enemies

Jeremiah prophesied these things.

and those who seek their lives shall

drive them to despair." 2 Then Pashhur struck Jeremiah the

1 prophet, and put him in the stocks that 0§ "The n you shall break the flask in the were in the high gate of Benjamin, which sight of the men who go with you, was by the house of the LORD.

11 3And it happened on the next day that

and say to them, "Thus says the

LORD of hosts: "Even so I will break this Pashhur brought Jeremiah out of the

potter's vessel, which cannot be made LORD has not called your name whole again; and they shall bury them in people and this city, as one breaks a stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, "The

Pashhur, but Magor-Missabib.

Tophet till there is no place to bury.

1

2Thus I will do to this place," says the 4 For thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will

make you a terror to yourself and to all

LORD, "and to its inhabitants, and make your friends; and they shall fall by the

this city like Tophet. sword of their enemies, and your eyes

<sup>1</sup> shall see it. I will give all Judah into the <sup>3</sup>And the houses of  
Jerusalem and the

hand of the king of Babylon, and he

houses of the kings of Judah shall be shall carry them captive to  
Babylon and

defiled like the place of Tophet, because slay them with the sword. of  
all the houses on whose roofs they

have burned incense to all the host of <sup>5</sup>

Moreover I will deliver all the wealth of

heaven, and poured out drink offerings this city, all its produce, and  
all its

to other gods. ' precious things; all the treasures of the

<sup>1</sup> kings of Judah I will give into the hand of <sup>4</sup>Then Jeremiah came  
from Tophet,

their enemies, who will plunder them,

where the LORD had sent him to seize them, and carry them to  
Babylon.

prophecy; and he stood in the court of <sup>6</sup><sup>1</sup> And you, Pashhur, and all  
who dwell in <sup>3</sup>Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD! your house, shall  
go into captivity. You For He has delivered the life of the poor

shall go to Babylon, and there you shall From the hand of evildoers.  
die, and be buried there, you and all

your friends, to whom you have <sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>

Cursed be the day in which I was born!

prophesied lies." Let the day not be blessed in which my

mother bore me!

<sup>7</sup>O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger  
than I, and <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

Let the man be cursed Who brought

have prevailed. I am in derision daily; news to my father, saying, "A male child

Everyone mocks me. has been born to you!" Making him very

glad.

8For when I spoke, I cried out; I shouted,

"Violence and plunder!" Because the <sup>1</sup> 6And let that man be like the cities word of the LORD was made to me A Which the LORD overthrew, and did not

reproach and a derision daily. relent; Let him hear the cry in the

morning And the shouting at noon,

"Then I said, "I will not make mention of

Him, Nor speak anymore in His name." <sup>17</sup>Because he did not kill me from the But His word was in my heart like a womb, That my mother might have been

burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was my grave, And her womb always

weary of holding it back, And I could not. enlarged with me.

<sup>11</sup> 8 0For I heard many mocking: "Fear on

Why did I come forth from the womb to

every side!" "Report," they say, "and we see labor and sorrow, That my days

will report it!" All my acquaintances should be consumed with shame? watched for my stumbling, saying,

"Perhaps he can be induced; Then we

will prevail against him, And we will take

our revenge on him." <sup>2</sup> 1 The word which came to Jeremiah



from the LORD when King Zedekiah

11 sent to him Pashhur the son of Melchiah,

But the LORD is with me as a mighty,

and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the

awesome One. Therefore my

priest, saying,

persecutors will stumble, and will not

prevail. They will be greatly ashamed, 2 Please inquire of the LORD for us, for for they will not prosper. Their everlasting confusion will never be Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon makes

forgotten. war against us. Perhaps the LORD will

deal with us according to all His

12 wonderful works, that the king may go

But, O LORD of hosts, You who test

away from us."

the righteous, And see the mind and

heart, Let me see Your vengeance on 3Then Jeremiah said to them, "Thus you

them; For I have pleaded my cause

before You. shall say to Zedekiah, 4 Thus says the LORD God of Israel: the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it

"Behold, I will turn back the weapons of with fire." war that are in your hands, with which

you fight against the king of Babylon 11 'And concerning the house of the king and the Chaldeans who besiege you of Judah, say, "Hear the word of the

outside the walls; and I will assemble LORD, them in the midst of this city.

1 2

5 O house of David! Thus says the

1 Myself will fight against you with an LORD: "Execute judgment in the

outstretched hand and with a strong arm, morning; And deliver him who is

even in anger and fury and great wrath. plundered Out of the hand of the

oppressor, Lest My fury go forth like fire

61 will strike the inhabitants of this city, And burn so that no one can quench it,

both man and beast; they shall die of a Because of the evil of your doings. great pestilence.

1 3 Behold, I am against you, O

7And afterward," says the LORD, "I will inhabitant of the valley, And rock of the

deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, his plain," says the LORD, "Who say, "Who

servants and the people, and such as shall come down against us? Or who

are left in this city from the pestilence shall enter our dwellings?' and the sword and the famine, into the

hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of 1 4But I will punish you according to the Babylon, into the hand of their enemies, fruit of your doings," says the LORD; "I

and into the hand of those who seek will kindle a fire in its forest, And it shall

their life; and he shall strike them with devour all things around it. ' the edge of the sword. He shall not

spare them, or have pity or mercy."

8 22Thus says the LORD: "Go down to

Now you shall say to this people,

"Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I set the house of the king of Judah,  
and

before you the way of life and the way of there speak this word,

death. 2 and say, "Hear the word of the LORD,

'He who remains in this city shall die by O king of Judah, you who sit  
on the

the sword, by famine, and by pestilence; throne of David, you and  
your servants

but he who goes out and defects to the and your people who enter  
these gates!

Chaldeans who besiege you, he shall 3Thus says the LORD: "Execute

live, and his life shall be as a prize to

him. judgment and righteousness, and

deliver the plundered out of the hand of

10For I have set My face against this city the oppressor. Do no wrong  
and do no

for adversity and not for good," says the violence to the stranger, the  
fatherless,

LORD. "It shall be given into the hand of or the widow, nor shed  
innocent blood in

this place.

For if you indeed do this thing, then but he shall die in the place where

shall enter the gates of this house, riding they have led him captive, and shall see

on horses and in chariots, accompanied this land no more. by servants and people, kings who sit

on the throne of David. 1 3 Woe to him who builds his house by

unrighteousness And his chambers by

5But if you will not hear these words, I injustice, Who uses his neighbor's

swear by Myself," says the LORD, "that service without wages And gives him

this house shall become a desolation." nothing for his work,

6 1 For thus says the LORD to the house of 4Who says, "I will build myself a wide the king of Judah: "You are Gilead to Me, house with spacious chambers, And cut

The head of Lebanon; Yet I surely will out windows for it, Paneling it with cedar

make you a wilderness, Cities which are And painting it with vermilion.' not inhabited.

1 5 Shall you reign because you enclose

71 will prepare destroyers against you, yourself in cedar? Did not your father

Everyone with his weapons; They shall eat and drink, And do justice and

cut down your choice cedars And cast righteousness? Then it was well with

them into the fire. him.

8 1 And many nations will pass by this city; 6 He judged the cause of the poor and and everyone will say to his neighbor, needy; Then it was well. Was not this

"Why has the LORD done so to this knowing Me?" says the LORD. great city?"

1 7 'Yet your eyes and your heart are for

'Then they will answer, "Because they nothing but your covetousness, For

have forsaken the covenant of the shedding innocent blood, And practicing

LORD their God, and worshiped other oppression and violence." gods and served them."

1 8 Therefore thus says the LORD

10 Weep not for the dead, nor bemoan concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,

him; Weep bitterly for him who goes king of Judah: "They shall not lament for

away, For he shall return no more, Nor him, Saying, "Alas, my brother!" or "Alas,

see his native country. my sister!' They shall not lament for him,

Saying, "Alas, master!' or "Alas, his

11 glory!'

For thus says the LORD concerning

Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah,

who reigned instead of Josiah his father, 1' He shall be buried with the burial of a who went from this place: "He shall not donkey, Dragged and cast out beyond

return here anymore, the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry out, And

his descendants, And cast into a land

lift up your voice in Bashan; Cry from which they do not know?  
Abarim, For all your lovers are

destroyed. 2 ' O earth, earth, earth, Hear the word of

the LORD!

21 spoke to you in your prosperity, But

you said, "I will not hear.' This has been 30Thus says the LORD: "Write  
this man your manner from your youth, That you down as childless, A  
man who shall not

did not obey My voice. prosper in his days; For none of his

2 the throne of David, And ruling anymore

2The wind shall eat up all your rulers, descendants shall prosper,  
Sitting on

And your lovers shall go into captivity; in Judah.'" Surely then you  
will be ashamed and

humiliated For all your wickedness.

2 2 3 "Woe to the shepherds who

30 inhabitant of Lebanon, Making your destroy and scatter the sheep  
of My

nest in the cedars, How gracious will

pasture!" says the LORD.

you be when pangs come upon you,

Like the pain of a woman in labor? 2 Therefore thus says the LORD  
God of

2 Israel against the shepherds who feed 4 As I live," says the LORD,  
"though

My people: "You have scattered My  
Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, king of  
flock, driven them away, and not  
Judah, were the signet on My right hand,  
attended to them. Behold, I will attend to  
yet I would pluck you off;  
you for the evil of your doings," says the  
2 LORD.

5  
and I will give you into the hand of  
those who seek your life, and into the 3 "But I will gather the remnant  
of My  
hand of those whose face you fear--the  
flock out of all countries where I have  
hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of  
driven them, and bring them back to  
Babylon and the hand of the Chaldeans.  
their folds; and they shall be fruitful and

2 increase. 6

so I will cast you out, and your mother  
who bore you, into another country 4 I will set up shepherds over them  
who where you were not born; and there you will feed them; and they  
shall fear no  
shall die. more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they

2 be lacking," says the LORD. 7 But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return. 5 Behold, the days are coming," says

the LORD, "That I will raise to David a

2 ' Is this man Coniah a despised, Branch of righteousness; A King shall broken idol-- A vessel in which is no reign and prosper, And execute pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 13 In His days Judah will be saved, And 'And I have seen folly in the prophets Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal

name by which He will be called: THE And caused My people Israel to err. LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1 4

Also I have seen a horrible thing in the

7 Therefore, behold, the days are prophets of Jerusalem: They commit coming," says the LORD, "that they shall adultery and walk in lies; They also

no longer say, "As the LORD lives who strengthen the hands of evildoers, So

brought up the children of Israel from that no one turns back from his the land of Egypt,' wickedness. All of them are like Sodom

to Me, And her inhabitants like

8 Gomorrah. but, "As the LORD lives who brought

up and led the descendants of the 54 "Therefore thus says the LORD of house of Israel from the north country 1 and from all the countries where I had hosts concerning the prophets: "Behold,



driven them.' And they shall dwell in I will feed them with  
wormwood, And

their own land." make them drink the water of gall; For

from the prophets of Jerusalem

'My heart within me is broken Because Profaneness has gone out into  
all the

of the prophets; All my bones shake. I land."

am like a drunken man, And like a man 6Thus says the LORD of  
hosts: "Do not

whom wine has overcome, Because of 1 the LORD, And because of His  
holy listen to the words of the prophets who

words. prophesy to you. They make you

worthless; They speak a vision of their

10For the land is full of adulterers; For own heart, Not from the mouth  
of the

because of a curse the land mourns. LORD. The pleasant places of the  
wilderness

17

are dried up. Their course of life is evil, They continually say to those  
who

And their might is not right. despise Me, "The LORD has said, "You

shall have peace"; And to everyone

1 1 who walks according to the dictates of

'For both prophet and priest are

profane; Yes, in My house I have found his own heart, they say, "No  
evil shall

their wickedness," says the LORD. come upon you."

11 28 ' For who has stood in the counsel of ' Therefore their way shall  
be to them Like slippery ways; In the darkness they the LORD, And  
has perceived and

shall be driven on And fall in them; For I heard His word? Who has  
marked His

will bring disaster on them, The year of word and heard it? their  
punishment," says the LORD.

1' Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury-- A violent  
whirlwind! It

will fall violently on the head of the  
wicked.

22 0The anger of the LORD will not turn ' Is not My word like a fire?"  
says the

back Until He has executed and LORD, "And like a hammer that  
breaks

performed the thoughts of His heart. In the rock in pieces? the latter  
days you will understand it

perfectly. 304"Therefore behold, I am against the

2 My words every one from his neighbor.

1a have not sent these prophets, yet prophets," says the LORD, "who  
steal

they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet

they prophesied. 31Behold, I am against the prophets,"

2 and say, "He says.'

2But if they had stood in My counsel, says the LORD, "who use their  
tongues

And had caused My people to hear My

words, Then they would have turned 32 Behold, I am against those  
who turn from their evil way And from the prophesy false dreams,"  
says the LORD,

evil of their doings. "and tell them, and cause My people to

err by their lies and by their

23§4Am I a God near at hand," says the recklessness. Yet I did not send  
them or

LORD, "And not a God afar off? command them; therefore they shall  
not

profit this people at all," says the LORD.

24

Can anyone hide himself in secret 33 So when these people or the  
prophet

places, So I shall not see him?" says the

LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" or the priest ask you, saying,  
"What is

says the LORD. the oracle of the LORD?' you shall then

say to them, "What oracle?' I will even

25s have heard what the prophets have forsake you," says the LORD.  
said who prophesy lies in My name,

saying, "I have dreamed, I have 'And as for the prophet and the priest  
34

dreamed!' and the people who say, "The oracle of

the LORD!' I will even punish that man

26How long will this be in the heart of the and his house.

prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed 5Thus every one of you shall say

to his

they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, neighbor, and every one to his brother,

"What has the LORD answered?' and,

27 "What has the LORD spoken?"

who try to make My people forget My  
name by their dreams which everyone

36

tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot And the oracle of the LORD  
you shall

My name for Baal. mention no more. For every man's word

will be his oracle, for you have perverted

2 the words of the living God, the LORD of "" The prophet who has a  
dream, let him

tell a dream; And he who has My word, hosts, our God. let him speak  
My word faithfully. What is

the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD.

3 4 7

Thus you shall say to the prophet, Again the word of the LORD  
came to

"What has the LORD answered you?' me, saying, and, "What has the  
LORD spoken?"

5 Thus says the LORD, the God of

3' But since you say, "The oracle of the Israel: "Like these good figs, so  
will I

LORD!' therefore thus says the LORD: acknowledge those who are  
carried

"Because you say this word, "The oracle away captive from Judah,

whom I have

of the LORD!" and I have sent to you, sent out of this place for their own good,

saying, "Do not say, "The oracle of the into the land of the Chaldeans. LORD!"

6 For I will set My eyes on them for good,

3' therefore behold, I, even I, will utterly and I will bring them back to this land; I

forget you and forsake you, and the city will build them and not pull them down,

that I gave you and your fathers, and will and I will plant them and not pluck them

cast you out of My presence. up.

47 0

And I will bring an everlasting reproach Then I will give them a heart to know

upon you, and a perpetual shame, Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall

which shall not be forgotten." be My people, and I will be their God, for

they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

were two baskets of figs set before the 24The LORD showed me, and there 8 And as the bad figs which cannot be eaten, they are so bad'--surely thus says temple of the LORD, after the LORD--"so will I give up Zedekiah Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had the king of Judah, his princes, the carried away captive Jeconiah the son residue of Jerusalem who remain in this of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the land, and those who dwell in the land of princes of Judah with the craftsmen and Egypt. smiths, from Jerusalem, and had

brought them to Babylon. 9 1 will deliver them to trouble into all the 2 kingdoms of the earth, for their harm, to

One basket had very good figs, like the

be a reproach and a byword, a taunt

figs that are first ripe; and the other

and a curse, in all places where I shall  
basket had very bad figs which could  
drive them.  
not be eaten, they were so bad.

And I will send the sword, the famine,  
3Then the LORD said to me, "What do I  
and the pestilence among them, till they  
you see, Jeremiah?" And I said, "Figs,  
are consumed from the land that I gave  
the good figs, very good; and the bad,  
to them and their fathers."  
very bad, which cannot be eaten, they  
are so bad."

9behold, I will send and take all the  
25The word that came to Jeremiah families of the north,' says the  
LORD,  
"and Nebuchadnezzar the king of  
concerning all the people of Judah, in  
the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Babylon, My servant, and will  
bring them  
against this land, against its inhabitants,  
Josiah, king of Judah (which was the  
and against these nations all around,  
first year of Nebuchadnezzar king of

and will utterly destroy them, and make

Babylon),

them an astonishment, a hissing, and

2 perpetual desolations.

which Jeremiah the prophet spoke to all

the people of Judah and to all the 10 Moreover I will take from them  
the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: voice of mirth and the voice of  
gladness,

3"From the thirteenth year of Josiah the the voice of the bridegroom  
and the

voice of the bride, the sound of the

son of Amon, king of Judah, even to this millstones and the light of  
the lamp. day, this is the twenty-third year in which

the word of the LORD has come to me; 1

And this whole land shall be a

and I have spoken to you, rising early

desolation and an astonishment, and

and speaking, but you have not listened.

these nations shall serve the king of

4 Babylon seventy years.

And the LORD has sent to you all His

servants the prophets, rising early and 124"Then it will come to pass,  
when sending them, but you have not listened seventy years are  
completed, that I will nor inclined your ear to hear. punish the king of  
Babylon and that 5 nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for



They said, "Repent now everyone of their iniquity," says the LORD;  
"and I will

his evil way and his evil doings, and make it a perpetual desolation.  
dwell in the land that the LORD has

given to you and your fathers forever 13So I will bring on that land all  
My and ever.

words which I have pronounced against  
6 it, all that is written in this book, which

Do not go after other gods to serve

Jeremiah has prophesied concerning all  
them and worship them, and do not

the nations.  
provoke Me to anger with the works of

your hands; and I will not harm you.' 1 4(For many nations and great  
kings 7 shall be served by them also; and I will

Yet you have not listened to Me," says

repay them according to their deeds and  
the LORD, "that you might provoke Me

according to the works of their own  
to anger with the works of your hands to

hands.)"  
your own hurt.

15For thus says the LORD God of Israel

8 Therefore thus says the LORD of

to me: "Take this wine cup of fury from

hosts: "Because you have not heard My

My hand, and cause all the nations, to

words,

whom I send you, to drink it.

16 And they will drink and stagger and go earth. Also the king of  
Sheshach shall

mad because of the sword that I will drink after them. send among  
them."

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"Therefore you shall say to them,

17 Then I took the cup from the LORD's "Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
the God

hand, and made all the nations drink, to of Israel: "Drink, be drunk,  
and vomit!

whom the LORD had sent me: Fall and rise no more, because of the

sword which I will send among you."

1' Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its 8 And it shall be, if they refuse  
to take

kings and its princes, to make them a 2 desolation, an astonishment, a  
hissing, the cup from your hand to drink, then

and a curse, as it is this day; you shall say to them, "Thus says the

LORD of hosts: "You shall certainly

1 drink! ' Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his princes, and all his  
people;

2' For behold, I begin to bring calamity

20 on the city which is called by My name,

all the mixed multitude, all the kings of

the land of Uz, all the kings of the land and should you be utterly unpunished?

of the Philistines (namely, Ashkelon, You shall not be unpunished, for I will

Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of call for a sword on all the inhabitants of

Ashdod); the earth," says the LORD of hosts.'

2304 1'Therefore prophesy against them all Edom, Moab, and the people of Ammon; these words, and say to them: "The

LORD will roar from on high, And utter

22 His voice from His holy habitation; He

all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of

will roar mightily against His fold. He will

Sidon, and the kings of the coastlands

give a shout, as those who tread the

which are across the sea;

grapes, Against all the inhabitants of the

2 earth. 3Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who are in

the farthest corners; UA noise will come to the ends of the

2 earth-- For the LORD has a controversy 4 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings with the nations; He will plead His case

of the mixed multitude who dwell in the with all flesh. He will give

those who are

desert; wicked to the sword,' says the LORD."

25 2Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold,

all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of 3

Elam, and all the kings of the Medes; disaster shall go forth From  
nation to

nation, And a great whirlwind shall be

26

all the kings of the north, far and near, raised up From the farthest  
parts of the

one with another; and all the kingdoms earth. of the world which are  
on the face of the 33 And at that day the slain of the LORD 3Perhaps  
everyone will listen and turn

shall be from one end of the earth even from his evil way, that I may  
relent

to the other end of the earth. They shall concerning the calamity  
which I purpose

not be lamented, or gathered, or buried; to bring on them because of  
the evil of

they shall become refuse on the ground. their doings.'

3 4 4 Wail, shepherds, and cry! Roll about

And you shall say to them, "Thus says

in the ashes, You leaders of the flock! the LORD: "If you will not listen  
to Me, to

For the days of your slaughter and your walk in My law which I have  
set before

dispersions are fulfilled; You shall fall you, like a precious vessel.

s to heed the words of My servants the

35

And the shepherds will have no way to prophets whom I sent to  
you, both rising

flee, Nor the leaders of the flock to up early and sending them (but  
you

escape. have not heeded),

36 6

A voice of the cry of the shepherds, then I will make this house like  
Shiloh,

And a wailing of the leaders to the flock and will make this city a  
curse to all the

will be heard. For the LORD has nations of the earth." plundered their  
pasture,

7So the priests and the prophets and all

37And the peaceful dwellings are cut the people heard Jeremiah  
speaking

down Because of the fierce anger of the these words in the house of  
the LORD.

LORD.

8Now it happened, when Jeremiah had

3 made an end of speaking all that the ' He has left His lair like the  
lion; For

their land is desolate Because of the LORD had commanded him to  
speak to

fierceness of the Oppressor, And all the people, that the priests and  
the

because of His fierce anger." prophets and all the people seized him,  
saying, "You will surely die!

26 In the beginning of the reign of Why have you prophesied in the  
name

of the LORD, saying, "This house shall  
Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of

be like Shiloh, and this city shall be  
Judah, this word came from the LORD, desolate, without an  
inhabitant?" And all saying,

the people were gathered against  
2 Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the  
court of the LORD's house, and speak 10 When the princes of Judah  
heard to all the cities of Judah, which come to these things, they came  
up from the worship in the LORD's house, all the king's house to the  
house of the LORD words that I command you to speak to and sat  
down in the entry of the New them. Do not diminish a word. Gate of  
the LORD's house.

11  
And the priests and the prophets shall be plowed like a field,  
Jerusalem

spoke to the princes and all the people, shall become heaps of ruins,  
And the  
saying, "This man deserves to die! For mountain of the temple Like the  
bare

he has prophesied against this city, as hills of the forest." you have  
heard with your ears."

12

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes Judah ever put him to death? Did he not

and all the people, saying: "The LORD fear the LORD and seek the LORD's sent me to prophesy against this house favor? And the LORD relented and against this city with all the words concerning the doom which He had

that you have heard. pronounced against them. But we are

doing great evil against ourselves."

13

Now therefore, amend your ways and 0Now there was also a man who

your doings, and obey the voice of the 2 LORD your God; then the LORD will prophesied in the name of the LORD,

relent concerning the doom that He has Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath

pronounced against you. Jearim, who prophesied against this city

and against this land according to all the

14 words of Jeremiah.

As for me, here I am, in your hand; do

with me as seems good and proper to 1And when Jehoiakim the king, with all

you. 2

his mighty men and all the princes,

15But know for certain that if you put me heard his words, the king sought to put

to death, you will surely bring innocent him to death; but when Urijah heard it,

blood on yourselves, on this city, and on he was afraid and fled, and went to

its inhabitants; for truly the LORD has Egypt. sent me to you to speak all these words

in your hearing." <sup>2</sup> Then Jehoiakim the king sent men to

Egypt: Elnathan the son of Achbor, and

<sup>16</sup> other men who went with him to Egypt.

So the princes and all the people said

to the priests and the prophets, "This <sup>3</sup>And they brought Urijah from Egypt

man does not deserve to die. For he has <sup>2</sup> spoken to us in the name of the LORD and brought him to Jehoiakim the king,

our God." who killed him with the sword and cast

his dead body into the graves of the

<sup>17</sup> common people.

Then certain of the elders of the land

rose up and spoke to all the assembly of <sup>4</sup>Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the

the people, saying: <sup>2</sup>

son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so

<sup>18a</sup> Micah of Moresheth prophesied in the that they should not give him into the

days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and hand of the people to put him to death.



spoke to all the people of Judah, saying,

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Zion

and which will not put its neck under the

2 yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I 7In the beginning of the reign of

Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of will punish,' says the LORD, "with the

sword, the famine, and the pestilence,

Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from

until I have consumed them by his hand.

the LORD, saying,

2 Therefore do not listen to your prophets, Thus says the LORD to me:  
"Make for

yourselves bonds and yokes, and put your diviners, your dreamers,  
your

soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who

them on your neck,

speak to you, saying, "You shall not

hand send them to the king of Edom, the serve the king of Babylon."

king of Moab, the king of the Ammonites, 10For they prophesy a lie to you, to the king of Tyre, and the king of Sidon, remove you far from your land; and I will by the hand of the messengers who drive you out, and you will perish. come to Jerusalem to Zedekiah king of

Judah. 11But the nations that bring their necks

4 under the yoke of the king of Babylon And command them to say to their

and serve him, I will let them remain in

masters, "Thus says the LORD of hosts, their own land,' says the LORD, "and

the God of Israel--thus you shall say to

your masters: they shall till it and dwell in it. "

1 2a also spoke to Zedekiah king of Judah

5 I have made the earth, the man and

according to all these words, saying,

the beast that are on the ground, by My

"Bring your necks under the yoke of the

great power and by My outstretched arm,

and have given it to whom it seemed king of Babylon, and serve him and his

proper to Me. people, and live!

1 3Why will you die, you and your people,

6And now I have given all these lands

by the sword, by the famine, and by the

into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the

pestilence, as the LORD has spoken

king of Babylon, My servant; and the

against the nation that will not serve the

beasts of the field I have also given him

king of Babylon?

to serve him.

1 4Therefore do not listen to the words of

7So all nations shall serve him and his son and his son's son, until the time of the prophets who speak to you, saying,

"You shall not serve the king of

his land comes; and then many nations

Babylon,' for they prophesy a lie to you;

and great kings shall make him serve

them. 1 5For I have not sent them," says the 8 LORD, "yet they prophesy a lie in My

And it shall be, that the nation and

name, that I may drive you out, and that

kingdom which will not serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, you may perish, you and the prophets "They 224 shall be carried to Babylon, and

who prophesy to you." there they shall be until the day that I

visit them,' says the LORD. "Then I will

16 bring them up and restore them to this

Also I spoke to the priests and to all

this people, saying, "Thus says the place."

LORD: "Do not listen to the words of

your prophets who prophesy to you,

LORD's house will now shortly be at the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah brought back from Babylon"; for they saying, "Behold, the vessels of the 28And it happened in the same year,

king of Judah, in the fourth year and in  
prophecy a lie to you. the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of

1 Azur the prophet, who was from Gibeon, 7 Do not listen to them;  
serve the king of spoke to me in the house of the LORD

Babylon, and live! Why should this city in the presence of the priests  
and of all

be laid waste? the people, saying,

1 2 ' But if they are prophets, and if the Thus speaks the LORD of hosts,  
the word of the LORD is with them, let them God of Israel, saying: "I  
have broken the

now make intercession to the LORD of yoke of the king of Babylon.  
hosts, that the vessels which are left in

the house of the LORD, in the house of 3Within two full years I will  
bring back to

the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, do this place all the vessels of the  
LORD's

not go to Babylon.'

house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of

1 Babylon took away from this place and

" For thus says the LORD of hosts carried to Babylon.

concerning the pillars, concerning the

Sea, concerning the carts, and 4

And I will bring back to this place

concerning the remainder of the vessels

Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of

that remain in this city,

Judah, with all the captives of Judah

2 who went to Babylon,' says the LORD, 0which Nebuchadnezzar king of

"for I will break the yoke of the king of

Babylon did not take, when he carried Babylon.'" away captive  
Jeconiah the son of

Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from 5Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to  
Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the the prophet Hananiah in the  
presence of nobles of Judah and Jerusalem--the priests and in the  
presence of all the

2 people who stood in the house of the 1y es, thus says the LORD of  
hosts, the LORD,

God of Israel, concerning the vessels

that remain in the house of the LORD, 6

and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen!

and in the house of the king of Judah

The LORD do so; the LORD perform

and of Jerusalem:

your words which you have prophesied,

to bring back the vessels of the LORD's house and all who were carried  
away on the neck of all these nations, that

captive, from Babylon to this place. they may serve Nebuchadnezzar

king of

Babylon; and they shall serve him. I

7 have given him the beasts of the field Nevertheless hear now this word that I

speak in your hearing and in the hearing also. '

of all the people:

1 5

Then the prophet Jeremiah said to

8 Hananiah the prophet, "Hear now, The prophets who have been before

me and before you of old prophesied Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you,

against many countries and great but you make this people trust in a lie.

kingdoms--of war and disaster and

pestilence. 1 6Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will cast you from the face of

'As for the prophet who prophesies of the earth. This year you shall die,

peace, when the word of the prophet because you have taught rebellion

comes to pass, the prophet will be against the LORD.'" known as one whom the LORD has truly

17

sent." So Hananiah the prophet died the

same year in the seventh month.

10Then Hananiah the prophet took the yoke off the prophet Jeremiah's neck

and broke it. 29 Now these are the words of the

letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent

11

And Hananiah spoke in the presence from Jerusalem to the remainder of the

of all the people, saying, "Thus says the elders who were carried away captive--

LORD: "Even so I will break the yoke of to the priests, the prophets, and all the

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from people whom Nebuchadnezzar had

the neck of all nations within the space carried away captive from Jerusalem to

of two full years." And the prophet Babylon. Jeremiah went his way.

2 (This happened after Jeconiah the king,

12 Now the word of the LORD came to the queen mother, the eunuchs, the

Jeremiah, after Hananiah the prophet princes of Judah and Jerusalem, the

had broken the yoke from the neck of craftsmen, and the smiths had departed

the prophet Jeremiah, saying, from Jerusalem.)

13 3 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, "Thus

The letter was sent by the hand of

says the LORD: "You have broken the Elasah the son of Shaphan, and yokes of wood, but you have made in Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom

their place yokes of iron." Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon,

to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,

14For thus says the LORD of hosts, the saying,

God of Israel: "I have put a yoke of iron 4 12

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God Then you will call upon Me and go and

of Israel, to all who were carried away pray to Me, and I will listen to you. captive, whom I have caused to be

carried away from Jerusalem to 13And you will seek Me and find Me, Babylon: when you search for Me with all your

heart.

5Build houses and dwell in them; plant

gardens and eat their fruit. 1 4a will be found by you, says the LORD,

and I will bring you back from your

6Take wives and beget sons and captivity; I will gather you from all the

daughters; and take wives for your sons nations and from all the places where I

and give your daughters to husbands, have driven you, says the LORD, and I

so that they may bear sons and will bring you to the place from which I

daughters--that you may be increased cause you to be carried away captive.

there, and not diminished.

1 5Because you have said, "The LORD

7And seek the peace of the city where I has raised up prophets for us in



have caused you to be carried away Babylon"--captive, and pray to the LORD for it; for

in its peace you will have peace. <sup>16</sup>therefore thus says the LORD <sup>8</sup> concerning the king who sits on the

For thus says the LORD of hosts, the throne of David, concerning all the

God of Israel: Do not let your prophets people who dwell in this city, and

and your diviners who are in your midst concerning your brethren who have not

deceive you, nor listen to your dreams gone out with you into captivity--which you cause to be dreamed.

<sup>1</sup> 7

thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I

'For they prophesy falsely to you in My will send on them the sword, the famine,

name; I have not sent them, says the and the pestilence, and will make them

LORD. like rotten figs that cannot be eaten,

they are so bad.

<sup>10</sup>For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will <sup>18</sup>And I will pursue them with the sword, visit you and perform My good word with famine, and with pestilence; and I

toward you, and cause you to return to will deliver them to trouble among all the

this place. kingdoms of the earth--to be a curse, an

astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach

<sup>11</sup> among all the nations where I have

For I know the thoughts that I think

toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of driven them, peace and not of evil, to give you a

future and a hope. <sup>1</sup> ' because they have not heeded My

words, says the LORD, which I sent to

them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them;  
there should be officers in the house of

neither would you heed, says the LORD. the LORD over every man  
who is

demented and considers himself a

<sup>20</sup>Therefore hear the word of the LORD, prophet, that you should put  
him in

all you of the captivity, whom I have sent prison and in the stocks.  
from Jerusalem to Babylon.

<sup>2</sup> 7

Now therefore, why have you not

<sup>21</sup> rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth who

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God

of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of makes himself a prophet to you?  
Kolaiah, and Zedekiah the son of

Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie to you in <sup>2</sup> 8For he has sent to us in  
Babylon, My name: Behold, I will deliver them into saying, "This  
captivity is long; build

the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of houses and dwell in them, and  
plant

Babylon, and he shall slay them before gardens and eat their fruit."  
your eyes.

<sup>2</sup> ' Now Zephaniah the priest read this

<sup>22</sup>

And because of them a curse shall be letter in the hearing of

Jeremiah the

taken up by all the captivity of Judah prophet. who are in Babylon,  
saying, "The LORD

make you like Zedekiah and Ahab, 30Then the word of the LORD came  
to whom the king of Babylon roasted in the Jeremiah, saying: fire";

31

2 Send to all those in captivity, saying, 3because they have done  
disgraceful

Thus says the LORD concerning

things in Israel, have committed adultery Shemaiah the Nehelamite:  
Because

with their neighbors' wives, and have Shemaiah has prophesied to  
you, and I

spoken lying words in My name, which I have not sent him, and he  
has caused

have not commanded them. Indeed I you to trust in a lie--know, and  
am a witness, says the

LORD. 32ther efore thus says the LORD: Behold,

2 I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite 4 You shall also speak to  
Shemaiah the and his family: he shall not have anyone

Nhelamite, saying, to dwell among this people, nor shall he

see the good that I will do for My people,

25

Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the says the LORD, because he has  
taught

God of Israel, saying: You have sent rebellion against the LORD.  
letters in your name to all the people

who are at Jerusalem, to Zephaniah the

son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all 3 OThe word that came to  
Jeremiah the priests, saying,

from the LORD, saying,

26§The LORD has made you priest instead of Jehoiada the priest, so  
that 2 Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, the land of their  
captivity. Jacob shall

saying: "Write in a book for yourself all return, have rest and be quiet,  
And no

the words that I have spoken to you. one shall make him afraid.

3 1 For behold, the days are coming,'

says For I am with you,' says the LORD, "to

the LORD, "that I will bring back from save you; Though I make a full  
end of all

captivity My people Israel and Judah,' nations where I have scattered  
you, Yet

says the LORD. "And I will cause them I will not make a complete end  
of you.

to return to the land that I gave to their But I will correct you in  
justice, And will

fathers, and they shall possess it.'" not let you go altogether  
unpunished.'

4 1 2 Now these are the words that the 'For thus says the LORD: "Your  
LORD spoke concerning Israel and affliction is incurable, Your wound  
is

Judah. severe.

5 1 For thus says the LORD: "We have 3There is no one to plead your  
cause, heard a voice of trembling, Of fear, and That you may be bound

up; You have

not of peace. no healing medicines.

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Ask now, and see, Whether a man is All your lovers have forgotten you;

ever in labor with child? So why do I see They do not seek you; For I have

every man with his hands on his loins wounded you with the wound of an

Like a woman in labor, And all faces enemy, With the chastisement of a cruel

turned pale? one, For the multitude of your iniquities,

Because your sins have increased.

is like it; And it is the time of Jacob's <sup>1</sup>5Why do you cry about your affliction? <sup>7</sup>Alas! For that day is great, So that none trouble, But he shall be saved out of it. Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the

multitude of your iniquities, Because

"For it shall come to pass in that day,' your sins have increased, I have done

Says the LORD of hosts, "That I will these things to you. break his yoke from your neck, And will

burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no <sup>164</sup>"Therefore all those who devour you more enslave them. shall be devoured; And all your

adversaries, every one of them, shall go

'But they shall serve the LORD their into captivity; Those who plunder you

God, And David their king, Whom I will shall become plunder, And all

who prey

raise up for them. upon you I will make a prey.

11 7For I will restore health to you And 0§Therefore do not fear, 0 My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be heal you of your wounds,' says the

dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will LORD, "Because they called you an save you from afar, And your seed from outcast saying: "This is Zion; No one

seeks her." 3 1 At the same time," says the

LORD, "I will be the God of all the

1" Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will families of Israel, and they shall be My

bring back the captivity of Jacob's tents, people." And have mercy on his dwelling places;

The city shall be built upon its own 2

Thus says the LORD: "The people who

mound, And the palace shall remain

survived the sword Found grace in the

according to its own plan. wilderness-- Israel, when I went to give

him rest."

1 ' Then out of them shall proceed

thanksgiving And the voice of those who 3The LORD has appeared of old to me,

make merry; I will multiply them, and saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an

they shall not diminish; I will also glorify

everlasting love; Therefore with

them, and they shall not be small.

lovingkindness I have drawn you.

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Their children also shall be as before, 4

Again I will build you, and you shall be

And their congregation shall be

rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again

established before Me; And I will punish

be adorned with your tambourines, And

all who oppress them.

shall go forth in the dances of those who

2 rejoice. 1 Their nobles shall be from among them, And their governor shall come 5

You shall yet plant vines on the

from their midst; Then I will cause him to mountains of Samaria; The planters

draw near, And he shall approach Me; shall plant and eat them as ordinary

For who is this who pledged his heart to food. approach Me?' says the LORD.

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2 You shall be My people, And I will be 6 For there shall be a day When the

watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim,

your God."

"Arise, and let us go up to Zion, To the

<sup>2</sup> LORD our God." <sup>3</sup>Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD

Goes forth with fury, A continuing <sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD: "Sing with whirlwind; It will fall violently on the head

gladness for Jacob, And shout among  
of the wicked.

the chief of the nations; Proclaim, give

<sup>2</sup> praise, and say, "O LORD, save Your <sup>4</sup> The fierce anger of the LORD  
will not people, The remnant of Israel!"

return until He has done it, And until He  
has performed the intents of His heart. <sup>8</sup>

Behold, I will bring them from the north

In the latter days you will consider it.

country, And gather them from the ends  
of the earth, Among them the blind and

the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child,  
together; A her children, Because they are no  
great throng shall return there. more."

"They shall come with weeping, And <sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Refrain  
your with supplications I will lead them. I will voice from weeping,  
And your eyes from

cause them to walk by the rivers of tears; For your work shall be  
rewarded,

waters, In a straight way in which they says the LORD, And they shall  
come



shall not stumble; For I am a Father to back from the land of the enemy. Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn.

1 7 There is hope in your future, says the

10 Hear the word of the LORD, O

LORD, That your children shall come

nations, And declare it in the isles afar back to their own border. off, and say, "He who scattered Israel

will gather him, And keep him as a 1 'I have surely heard Ephraim shepherd does his flock.' bemoaning himself: "You have

chastised me, and I was chastised, Like

11

For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, an untrained bull; Restore me, and I will

And ransomed him from the hand of one return, For You are the LORD my God.

stronger than he.

1 And after I was instructed, I struck

2 Therefore they shall come and sing in 1 'Surely, after my turning, I repented;

the height of Zion, Streaming to the myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes,

goodness of the LORD-- For wheat and even humiliated, Because I bore the

new wine and oil, For the young of the reproach of my youth.' flock and the herd; Their souls shall be

like a well-watered garden, And they 2 0 s Ephraim My dear son? Is he a shall sorrow no more at all. pleasant child? For though I spoke

against him, I earnestly remember him

13§Then shall the virgin rejoice in the still; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I dance, And the young men and the old, will surely have mercy on him, says the

together; For I will turn their mourning to LORD. joy, Will comfort them, And make them

rejoice rather than sorrow. 2 1 'Set up signposts, Make landmarks;

Set your heart toward the highway, The

14 will satiate the soul of the priests with way in which you went. Turn back, O

abundance, And My people shall be virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your

satisfied with My goodness, says the cities. LORD."

2 2How long will you gad about, O you

15Thus says the LORD: "A voice was backsliding daughter? For the LORD

heard in Ramah, Lamentation and bitter has created a new thing in the earth-- A

weeping, Rachel weeping for her woman shall encompass a man." children, Refusing to be comforted for 23Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God 32not according to the covenant that I

of Israel: "They shall again use this made with their fathers in the day that I

speech in the land of Judah and in its took them by the hand to lead them out

cities, when I bring back their captivity: of the land of Egypt, My covenant which

"The LORD bless you, O home of justice, they broke, though I was a husband to

and mountain of holiness!' them, says the LORD.

24And there shall dwell in Judah itself, 33But this is the covenant that I will make

and in all its cities together, farmers and with the house of Israel after those days,

those going out with flocks. says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I

25For I have satiated the weary soul, and will be their God, and they shall be My

I have replenished every sorrowful soul." people.

2 34 6After this I awoke and looked around, No more shall every man teach his

and my sleep was sweet to me. neighbor, and every man his brother,

saying, "Know the LORD,' for they all

27 Behold, the days are coming, says shall know Me, from the least of them to

the greatest of them, says the LORD.

the LORD, that I will sow the house of

For I will forgive their iniquity, and their

Israel and the house of Judah with the

sin I will remember no more."

seed of man and the seed of beast.

35Thus says the LORD, Who gives the

2 ' And it shall come to pass, that as I

sun for a light by day, The ordinances of

have watched over them to pluck up, to

the moon and the stars for a light by  
break down, to throw down, to destroy,  
night, Who disturbs the sea, And its  
and to afflict, so I will watch over them to  
waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His  
build and to plant, says the LORD.  
name):

2' In those days they shall say no more: 64a those ordinances depart  
From

3

"The fathers have eaten sour grapes,  
And the children's teeth are set on before Me, says the LORD, Then  
the  
seed of Israel shall also cease From  
edge.'  
being a nation before Me forever."

30But every one shall die for his own 37Thus says the LORD: "If  
heaven iniquity; every man who eats the sour above can be measured,  
And the grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. foundations of the earth  
searched out

3 beneath, I will also cast off all the seed 1 Behold, the days are  
coming, says

of Israel For all that they have done,  
the LORD, when I will make a new says the LORD. covenant with the  
house of Israel and

with the house of Judah-- 38 Behold, the days are coming, says

the LORD, that the city shall be built for the LORD from the Tower of Hananel to the Chaldeans, you shall not the Corner Gate. succeed"?"

39The surveyor's line shall again extend 6And Jeremiah said, "The word of the

straight forward over the hill Gareb; then LORD came to me, saying, it shall turn toward Goath.

7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum

40

And the whole valley of the dead your uncle will come to you, saying,

bodies and of the ashes, and all the "Buy my field which is in Anathoth, for

fields as far as the Brook Kidron, to the the right of redemption is yours to buy

corner of the Horse Gate toward the it." east, shall be holy to the LORD. It shall

not be plucked up or thrown down 8Then Hanamel my uncle's son came to anymore forever." me in the court of the prison according

to the word of the LORD, and said to me,

"Please buy my field that is in Anathoth,

32 which is in the country of Benjamin; for The word that came to Jeremiah

from the LORD in the tenth year of the right of inheritance is yours, and the

Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the redemption yours; buy it for yourself.'

Then I knew that this was the word of

eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

the LORD.

2For then the king of Babylon's army 'So I bought the field from  
Hanamel, the

besieged Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the

son of my uncle who was in Anathoth,

prophet was shut up in the court of the

prison, which was in the king of Judah's and weighed out to him the  
money--

seventeen shekels of silver.

house.

3 10And I signed the deed and sealed it,

For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut

took witnesses, and weighed the money

him up, saying, "Why do you prophesy

on the scales.

and say, "Thus says the LORD: "Behold,

I will give this city into the hand of the 11so I took the purchase deed,  
both that king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

which was sealed according to the law

4 and custom, and that which was open;

and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not

escape from the hand of the Chaldeans, <sup>1</sup> 2and I gave the purchase deed to but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall Baruch the son of Neriah, son of

speak with him face to face, and see Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel

him eye to eye; my uncle's son, and in the presence of

the witnesses who signed the purchase

s deed, before all the Jews who sat in the

then he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon,

court of the prison.

and there he shall be until I visit him,"

says the LORD; "though you fight with <sup>13</sup>§Then I charged Baruch before them, wonders, with a strong hand and an

saying, outstretched arm, and with great terror;

<sup>1</sup> 2 4§2

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the You have given them this land, of God of Israel: "Take these deeds, both which You swore to their fathers to give

this purchase deed which is sealed and them--"a land flowing with milk and

this deed which is open, and put them in honey." an earthen vessel, that they may last

many days." <sup>2</sup> 3

And they came in and took possession

<sup>1</sup> voice or walked in Your law. They have

5For thus says the LORD of hosts, the of it, but they have not obeyed

Your

God of Israel: "Houses and fields and done nothing of all that You commanded

vineyards shall be possessed again in them to do; therefore You have caused

this land." all this calamity to come upon them.

1246 Now when I had delivered the 'Look, the siege mounds! They have purchase deed to Baruch the son of come to the city to take it; and the city

Neriaah, I prayed to the LORD, saying: has been given into the hand of the

Chaldeans who fight against it, because

17§§ of the sword and famine and pestilence.

Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have

made the heavens and the earth by What You have spoken has happened;

Your great power and outstretched arm. there You see it!

There is nothing too hard for You. 5And You have said to me, O Lord

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1 GOD, "Buy the field for money, and take ' You show lovingkindness to thousands,

and repay the iniquity of the fathers into witnesses"--yet the city has been given

the bosom of their children after them-- into the hand of the Chaldeans."



the Great, the Mighty God, whose name is the LORD  
came to

is the LORD of hosts. 2

Jeremiah, saying,

1 ' You are great in counsel and mighty in work, for your eyes are  
open to all the 2 7 Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all ways of the  
sons of men, to give flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?

everyone according to his ways and

according to the fruit of his doings. 2' Therefore thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will give this city into the hand

20

You have set signs and wonders in the of the Chaldeans, into the  
hand of

land of Egypt, to this day, and in Israel Nebuchadnezzar king of  
Babylon, and

and among other men; and You have he shall take it. made Yourself a  
name, as it is this day.

2 ' And the Chaldeans who fight against

21 You have brought Your people Israel this city shall come and set  
fire to this

out of the land of Egypt with signs and city and burn it, with the  
houses on whose roofs they have offered incense 36 Now therefore,  
thus says the LORD, to Baal and poured out drink offerings to the God  
of Israel, concerning this city of

other gods, to provoke Me to anger; which you say, "It shall be  
delivered into

the hand of the king of Babylon by the

30 because the children of Israel and the sword, by the famine, and by  
the

children of Judah have done only evil pestilence:

before Me from their youth. For the 37Behold, I will gather them out of all

children of Israel have provoked Me only

to anger with the work of their hands,' countries where I have driven them in

says the LORD. My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath;

I will bring them back to this place, and I

31 'For this city has been to Me a will cause them to dwell safely. provocation of My anger and My fury

from the day that they built it, even to 38They shall be My people, and I will be this day; so I will remove it from before their God; My face

32because of all the evil of the children 3' then I will give them one heart and one

way, that they may fear Me forever, for

of Israel and the children of Judah, the good of them and their children after

which they have done to provoke Me to them. anger--they, their kings, their princes,

their priests, their prophets, the men of 4 0And I will make an everlasting Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. covenant with them, that I will not turn

33And they have turned to Me the back, away from doing them good; but I will

put My fear in their hearts so that they

and not the face; though I taught them, will not depart from Me. rising up early and teaching them, yet

they have not listened to receive 41 es, I will rejoice over them to do them instruction. good, and I will assuredly plant them in

34But this land, with all My heart and with all

they set their abominations in the My soul.'

house which is called by My name, to

defile it. 4 2 'For thus says the LORD: "Just as I

have brought all this great calamity on

35

And they built the high places of Baal this people, so I will bring on them all

which are in the Valley of the Son of the good that I have promised them.

Hinnom, to cause their sons and their

daughters to pass through the fire to 3 4And fields will be bought in this land of Molech, which I did not command them, which you say, "It is desolate, without

nor did it come into My mind that they man or beast; it has been given into the

should do this abomination, to cause hand of the Chaldeans." Judah to sin.'

4 7 4

Men will buy fields for money, sign And I will cause the captives of Judah

deeds and seal them, and take and the captives of Israel to return, and

witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, in will rebuild those places as at the first.

the places around Jerusalem, in the

cities of Judah, in the cities of the <sup>8</sup> 1 will cleanse them from all their iniquity mountains, in the cities of the lowland, by which they have sinned against Me,

and in the cities of the South; for I will and I will pardon all their iniquities by

cause their captives to return,' says the which they have sinned and by which

LORD." they have transgressed against Me.

'Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a

<sup>3</sup> 3Moreover the word of the LORD praise, and an honor before all nations

came to Jeremiah a second time, while of the earth, who shall hear all the good

he was still shut up in the court of the that I do to them; they shall fear and

prison, saying, tremble for all the goodness and all the

prosperity that I provide for it.'

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD who made it, the LORD who formed it to establish it (the <sup>104</sup>)Thus says the LORD: "Again there

LORD is His name): shall be heard in this place--of which

you say, "It is desolate, without man and

<sup>3</sup> "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and without beast"--in the cities of Judah, in

show you great and mighty things, the streets of Jerusalem that are which you do not know.' desolate, without man and without

inhabitant and without beast,

4 For thus says the LORD, the God of 1 Israel, concerning the houses of this city 1 the voice of joy and the voice of

and the houses of the kings of Judah, gladness, the voice of the bridegroom

which have been pulled down to fortify and the voice of the bride, the voice of

against the siege mounds and the those who will say: "Praise the LORD of

sword: hosts, For the LORD is good, For His

mercy endures forever"-- and of those

5 who will bring the sacrifice of praise into

They come to fight with the Chaldeans,

the house of the LORD. For I will cause

but only to fill their places with the dead

the captives of the land to return as at

bodies of men whom I will slay in My the first,' says the LORD. anger and My fury, all for whose

wickedness I have hidden My face from 1 24"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "In this this city. place which is desolate, without man 6 and without beast, and in all its cities,

Behold, I will bring it health and healing; there shall again be a dwelling place of

I will heal them and reveal to them the

shepherds causing their flocks to lie

abundance of peace and truth.

down.

1 3 n the cities of the mountains, in the

not have a son to reign on his throne,

cities of the lowland, in the cities of the and with the Levites, the  
priests, My

South, in the land of Benjamin, in the ministers. places around  
Jerusalem, and in the

cities of Judah, the flocks shall again 2 As the host of heaven cannot be  
pass under the hands of him who counts numbered, nor the sand of  
the sea

them,' says the LORD. measured, so will I multiply the

descendants of David My servant and

14 Behold, the days are coming,' says the Levites who minister to Me."  
the LORD, "that I will perform that good

thing which I have promised to the 2 3Moreover the word of the LORD  
came house of Israel and to the house of to Jeremiah, saying, Judah:

2 4 Have you not considered what these

1 5 In those days and at that time I will

people have spoken, saying, "The two

cause to grow up to David A Branch of families which the LORD has  
chosen,

righteousness; He shall execute He has also cast them off judgment  
and righteousness in the earth.

1 is not with day and night, and if I have

6 n those days Judah will be saved, 254"Thus says the LORD: "If My  
covenant

And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this not appointed the  
ordinances of heaven

is the name by which she will be called: and earth, THE LORD OUR  
RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

1 then I will cast away the descendants 7 2 6

'For thus says the LORD: "David shall of Jacob and David My servant, so that I

never lack a man to sit on the throne of will not take any of his descendants to

the house of Israel; be rulers over the descendants of

1 cause their captives to return, and will

8nor shall the priests, the Levites, lack a Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.  
For I will

man to offer burnt offerings before Me, have mercy on them.'" to  
kindle grain offerings, and to sacrifice

continually."

Jeremiah, saying, ' And the word of the LORD came to from the  
LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar 1 34The word which came to Jeremiah

king of Babylon and all his army, all the

2 kingdoms of the earth under his

08"Thus says the LORD: "If you can dominion, and all the people,  
fought

break My covenant with the day and My against Jerusalem and all its  
cities,

covenant with the night, so that there saying, will not be day and  
night in their season,

2 Israel: "Go and speak to Zedekiah king

1 hen My covenant may also be broken 2 Thus says the LORD, the God

of

with David My servant, so that he shall of Judah and tell him, "Thus says the

LORD: "Behold, I will give this city into <sup>10</sup>Now when all the princes and all the the hand of the king of Babylon, and he people, who had entered into the

shall burn it with fire. covenant, heard that everyone should

set free his male and female slaves, that

<sup>3</sup> no one should keep them in bondage And you shall not escape from his hand,

but shall surely be taken and delivered anymore, they obeyed and let them go.

into his hand; your eyes shall see the <sup>1</sup>But afterward they changed their

eyes of the king of Babylon, he shall <sup>1</sup> speak with you face to face, and you minds and made the male and female

shall go to Babylon. slaves return, whom they had set free,

and brought them into subjection as

<sup>4</sup> male and female slaves. Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah! Thus says the

LORD concerning you: "You shall not <sup>12</sup>Therefore the word of the LORD came die by the sword. to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

<sup>5</sup> <sup>134</sup> You shall die in peace; as in the "Thus says the LORD, the God of ceremonies of your fathers, the former Israel: "I made a covenant with your

kings who were before you, so they fathers in the day that I brought them



shall burn incense for you and lament out of the land of Egypt, out of the

for you, saying, "Alas, lord!" For I have house of bondage, saying, pronounced the word, says the LORD."

144'At the end of seven years let every

6Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all man set free his Hebrew brother, who

these words to Zedekiah king of Judah has been sold to him; and when he has

in Jerusalem, served you six years, you shall let him

go free from you." But your fathers did

7 not obey Me nor incline their ear. when the king of Babylon's army fought

against Jerusalem and all the cities of 5Then you recently turned and did what

Judah that were left, against Lachish 1 and Azekah; for only these fortified cities was right in My sight--every man

remained of the cities of Judah. proclaiming liberty to his neighbor; and

you made a covenant before Me in the

8 house which is called by My name. This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after King Zedekiah had

made a covenant with all the people 1 6

Then you turned around and profaned

who were at Jerusalem to proclaim My name, and every one of you brought

liberty to them: back his male and female slaves, whom

he had set at liberty, at their pleasure,

'that every man should set free his male and brought them back into subjection,

and female slave--a Hebrew man or to be your male and female slaves.' woman--that no one should keep a

Jewish brother in bondage.

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"Therefore thus says the LORD: "You

have not obeyed Me in proclaiming 3 The word which came to Jeremiah

liberty, every one to his brother and from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim

every one to his neighbor. Behold, I

the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying,

proclaim liberty to you,' says the LORD--

"to the sword, to pestilence, and to 2 Go to the house of the Rechabites, famine! And I will deliver you to trouble speak to them, and bring them into the among all the kingdoms of the earth. house of the LORD, into one of the

1 chambers, and give them wine to drink." 8 And I will give the men who have

transgressed My covenant, who have 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of

not performed the words of the covenant

which they made before Me, when they Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, his

cut the calf in two and passed between brothers and all his sons, and

the whole

the parts of it-- house of the Rechabites,

4 and I brought them into the house of

1' the princes of Judah, the princes of

the LORD, into the chamber of the sons

Jerusalem, the eunuchs, the priests,

and all the people of the land who of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, a man  
of

passed between the parts of the calf-- God, which was by the chamber  
of the

princes, above the chamber of

2 Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the Os will give them into the hand of  
their

keeper of the door.

enemies and into the hand of those who

seek their life. Their dead bodies shall 5 Then I set before the sons of  
the house be for meat for the birds of the heaven of the Rechabites  
bowls full of wine, and and the beasts of the earth. cups; and I said to  
them, "Drink wine."

21 And I will give Zedekiah king of Judah 6

But they said, "We will drink no wine,

and his princes into the hand of their

for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our

enemies, into the hand of those who

seek their life, and into the hand of the father, commanded us, saying,  
"You

shall drink no wine, you nor your sons,  
king of Babylon's army which has gone  
back from you. forever.

2 I will command,' says the

2 Behold, 7 You shall not build a house, sow seed,

plant a vineyard, nor have any of these;  
LORD, "and cause them to return to this

but all your days you shall dwell in tents,  
city. They will fight against it and take it

that you may live many days in the land  
and burn it with fire; and I will make the

where you are sojourners.'  
cities of Judah a desolation without  
inhabitant."

8 Thus we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our  
father,  
in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives,  
our fathers.' But you have not inclined your  
sons, or our daughters, ear, nor obeyed Me.

'nor to build ourselves houses to dwell Surely the sons of Jonadab  
the son of

in; nor do we have vineyard, field, or Rechab have performed the seed. commandment of their father, which he

commanded them, but this people has

10 not obeyed Me."

But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that

Jonadab our father commanded us. 'Therefor 174e thus says the LORD God of

hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will

11 But it came to pass, when bring on Judah and on all the

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came inhabitants of Jerusalem all the doom

up into the land, that we said, "Come, let that I have pronounced against them;

us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army because I have spoken to them but they

of the Chaldeans and for fear of the have not heard, and I have called to

army of the Syrians.' So we dwell at them but they have not answered.' Jerusalem."

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And Jeremiah said to the house of the

12 Rechabites, "Thus says the LORD of

Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, hosts, the God of Israel: "Because you

have obeyed the commandment of

13§ Jonadab your father, and kept all his

'Thus says the LORD of hosts, the

precepts and done according to all that

God of Israel: "Go and tell the men of

he commanded you,

Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

"Will you not receive instruction to obey <sup>1</sup> 'ther efore thus says the LORD of hosts, My words?" says the LORD.

the God of Israel: "Jonadab the son of

<sup>14</sup>§ Rechab shall not lack a man to stand 'Th

e words of Jonadab the son of

before Me forever. '

Rechab, which he commanded his sons,

not to drink wine, are performed; for to

this day they drink none, and obey their

father's commandment. But although I <sup>3</sup> <sup>6</sup>Now it came to pass in the fourth

have spoken to you, rising early and year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,

speaking, you did not obey Me. king of Judah, that this word came to

Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:

<sup>15</sup> have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and <sup>2</sup> Take a scroll of a book and write on it sending them, saying, "Turn now all the words that I have spoken to you

everyone from his evil way, amend your against Israel, against Judah, and

doings, and do not go after other gods against all the nations, from the day I

to serve them; then you will dwell in the spoke to you, from the days

of Josiah

land which I have given you and your even to this day.

Alt may be that the house of Judah will 10Then Baruch read from the book the hear all the adversities which I purpose words of Jeremiah in the house of the

to bring upon them, that everyone may LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the

turn from his evil way, that I may forgive son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper

their iniquity and their sin." court at the entry of the New Gate of the

LORD's house, in the hearing of all the

4 people. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son

of Neriah; and Baruch wrote on a scroll 1When Michaiah the son of Gemariah,

of a book, at the instruction of Jeremiah, 1 all the words of the LORD which He had the son of Shaphan, heard all the words

spoken to him. of the LORD from the book,

5 12 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, he then went down to the king's house, saying, "I am confined, I cannot go into into the scribe's chamber; and there all

the house of the LORD. the princes were sitting--Elishama the

scribe, Delaiah the son of Shemaiah,

6 Elnathan the son of Achbor, Gemariah You go, therefore, and read from the

scroll which you have written at my the son of Shaphan, Zedekiah the son

instruction, the words of the LORD, in of Hananiah, and all the

princes. the hearing of the people in the LORD's

house on the day of fasting. And you 1 3Then Michaiah declared to them all the shall also read them in the hearing of all words that he had heard when Baruch

Judah who come from their cities. read the book in the hearing of the

people.

7It may be that they will present their supplication before the LORD, and 1 4Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi everyone will turn from his evil way. For the son of Nethaniah, the son of

great is the anger and the fury that the Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, to Baruch,

LORD has pronounced against this saying, "Take in your hand the scroll

people." from which you have read in the hearing

of the people, and come." So Baruch the

8 son of Neriah took the scroll in his hand And Baruch the son of Neriah did

according to all that Jeremiah the and came to them. prophet commanded him, reading from

1 5

the book the words of the LORD in the And they said to him, "Sit down now,

LORD's house. and read it in our hearing." So Baruch

read it in their hearing.

'Now it came to pass in the fifth year of 6Now it happened, when they had

Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of 1 Judah, in the ninth month, that they heard all the words, that they looked in



proclaimed a fast before the LORD to all fear from one to another, and said to

the people in Jerusalem, and to all the Baruch, "We will surely tell the king of all

people who came from the cities of these words." Judah to Jerusalem.

17

And they asked Baruch, saying, "Tell the scroll; but he would not listen to

us now, how did you write all these them. words--at his instruction?"

2 6And the king commanded Jerahmeel

1' So Baruch answered them, "He the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, proclaimed with his mouth all these and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to

words to me, and I wrote them with ink seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah

in the book." the prophet, but the LORD hid them.

1 2 ' Then the princes said to Baruch, "Go 7Now after the king had burned the and hide, you and Jeremiah; and let no scroll with the words which Baruch had

one know where you are." written at the instruction of Jeremiah,

the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah,

20And they went to the king, into the saying:

court; but they stored the scroll in the

chamber of Elishama the scribe, and 2" Take yet another scroll, and write on it told all the words in the hearing of the all the former words that were in the first

king. scroll which Jehoiakim the king of Judah

has burned.

So the king sent Jehudi to bring the  
 scroll, and he took it from Elishama the 2 ' And you shall say to  
 Jehoiakim king of scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in Judah,  
 "Thus says the LORD: "You

the hearing of the king and in the have burned this scroll, saying,  
 "Why

hearing of all the princes who stood have you written in it that the  
 king of

beside the king. Babylon will certainly come and destroy

this land, and cause man and beast to

22Now the king was sitting in the winter cease from here?" house in  
 the ninth month, with a fire

burning on the hearth before him. 30Therefore thus says the LORD

concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah:

23And it happened, when Jehudi had "He shall have no one to sit on  
 the

read three or four columns, that the king throne of David, and his  
 dead body shall

cut it with the scribe's knife and cast it be cast out to the heat of the  
 day and

into the fire that was on the hearth, until the frost of the night.

all the scroll was consumed in the fire 31 will punish him, his family,  
 and his

that was on the hearth.

servants for their iniquity; and I will bring

24 on them, on the inhabitants of

Yet they were not afraid, nor did they  
tear their garments, the king nor any of Jerusalem, and on the men of  
Judah all  
his servants who heard all these words. the doom that I have  
pronounced

against them; but they did not heed. '

25Nevertheless Elnathan, Delaiah, and Gemariah implored the king  
not to burn

32

Then Jeremiah took another scroll and come up to help you will  
return to Egypt,  
gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of to their own land. Neriah, who  
wrote on it at the instruction

of Jeremiah all the words of the book sAnd the Chaldeans shall come  
back which Jehoiakim king of Judah had and fight against this city,  
and take it

burned in the fire. And besides, there and burn it with fire." were  
added to them many similar words.

"Thus says the LORD: "Do not deceive  
yourselves, saying, "The Chaldeans will

37Now King Zedekiah the son of surely depart from us," for they will  
not Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the depart. son of Jehoiakim,  
whom

1 0

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon made For though you had defeated  
the

king in the land of Judah. whole army of the Chaldeans who fight

against you, and there remained only

2 wounded men among them, they would But neither he nor his  
servants nor the

people of the land gave heed to the rise up, every man in his tent, and burn

words of the LORD which He spoke by the city with fire." the prophet Jeremiah.

11

And it happened, when the army of the

3And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the Chaldeans left the siege of Jerusalem

son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the for fear of Pharaoh's army, son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the

prophet Jeremiah, saying, "Pray now to 1 2

that Jeremiah went out of Jerusalem to the LORD our God for us." go into the land of Benjamin to claim his

property there among the people.

4Now Jeremiah was coming and going among the people, for they had not yet 1 3

And when he was in the Gate of put him in prison. Benjamin, a captain of the guard was

there whose name was Irijah the son of

5 Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he Then Pharaoh's army came up from

Egypt; and when the Chaldeans who seized Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

were besieging Jerusalem heard news "You are defecting to the Chaldeans!"

of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

1 4

Then Jeremiah said, "False! I am not

6 defecting to the Chaldeans." But he did Then the word of the LORD came to

the prophet Jeremiah, saying, not listen to him. So Irijah seized

Jeremiah and brought him to the princes.

7 Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 5Therefore the princes were angry with

"Thus you shall say to the king of Judah, 1 who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Jeremiah, and they struck him and put

"Behold, him in prison in the house of Jonathan Pharaoh's army which has

the scribe. For they had made that the Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and prison. Pashhur the son of Malchiah heard the

words that Jeremiah had spoken to all

16When Jeremiah entered the dungeon the people, saying, and the cells, and Jeremiah had

remained there many days, 2 Thus says the LORD: "He who

remains in this city shall die by the

17T sword, by famine, and by pestilence; but

hen Zedekiah the king sent and took

him out. The king asked him secretly in he who goes over to the Chaldeans

his house, and said, "Is there any word shall live; his life shall be as a prize to

from the LORD?" And Jeremiah said, him, and he shall live.' "There is." Then he said, "You shall be

delivered into the hand of the king of 3Thus says the LORD: "This city shall

Babylon!" surely be given into the hand of the king

of Babylon's army, which shall take it.'

18Moreover Jeremiah said to King Zedekiah, 4 "What offense have I  
Therefore the princes said to the king, committed against you, against  
your "Please, let this man be put to death, for

servants, or against this people, that you thus he weakens the hands of  
the men

have put me in prison? of war who remain in this city, and the

hands of all the people, by speaking

1 such words to them. For this man does ' Where now are your  
prophets who

prophesied to you, saying, "The king of not seek the welfare of this  
people, but

Babylon will not come against you or their harm." against this land?"

5Then Zedekiah the king said, "Look, he

20Therefore please hear now, O my lord is in your hand. For the king  
can do

the king. Please, let my petition be nothing against you." accepted  
before you, and do not make

me return to the house of Jonathan the So 6 they took Jeremiah and  
cast him

scribe, lest I die there." into the dungeon of Malchiah the king's

son, which was in the court of the prison,

21 and they let Jeremiah down with ropes.

Then Zedekiah the king commanded

that they should commit Jeremiah to the And in the dungeon there  
was no water,

court of the prison, and that they should but mire. So Jeremiah sank  
in the mire.

give him daily a piece of bread from the

bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was gone. <sup>7</sup>Now Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs, who was in the king's

house, heard that they had put Jeremiah

in the dungeon. When the king was

sitting at the Gate of Benjamin,

<sup>38</sup>Now Shephatiah the son of

Mattan, Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, <sup>8</sup>Ebed-Melech went out of the king's house to death? And if I give you advice,

house and spoke to the king, saying: you will not listen to me."

16

"My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah, saying, "As the LORD lives,

Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have made our very souls, I

will not put

cast into the dungeon, and he is likely to die from hunger in the place where he is. hand of these men who seek your life."

For there is no more bread in the city."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah,

<sup>10</sup>Then the king commanded Ebed- "Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts,

Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian, saying, "Take the God of Israel: "If you surely

from here thirty men with you, and lift surrender to the king of

Babylon's

Jeremiah the prophet out of the princes, then your soul shall live; this  
dungeon before he dies." city shall not be burned with fire, and  
you and your house shall live.

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So Ebed-Melech took the men with

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him and went into the house of the king But if you do not surrender to  
the king

under the treasury, and took from there of Babylon's princes, then this  
city shall

old clothes and old rags, and let them be given into the hand of the  
Chaldeans;

down by ropes into the dungeon to they shall burn it with fire, and  
you shall

Jeremiah. not escape from their hand."

11 2Then Ebed-Melech the Ethiopian said

' And Zedekiah the king said to

to Jeremiah, "Please put these old Jeremiah, "I am afraid of the Jews  
who

clothes and rags under your armpits, have defected to the Chaldeans,  
lest

under the ropes." And Jeremiah did so. they deliver me into their  
hand, and they

abuse me."

13

So they pulled Jeremiah up with ropes OBut Jeremiah said, "They



shall not

and lifted him out of the dungeon. And <sup>2</sup> Jeremiah remained in the court of the deliver you. Please, obey the voice of

prison. the LORD which I speak to you. So it

shall be well with you, and your soul

<sup>14</sup> shall live.

Then Zedekiah the king sent and had  
Jeremiah the prophet brought to him at

<sup>2</sup> 1

the third entrance of the house of the But if you refuse to surrender,  
this is

LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, "I the word that the LORD has  
shown me:

will ask you something. Hide nothing

from me." <sup>2</sup> 2 Now behold, all the women who are

left in the king of Judah's house shall be

<sup>15</sup> Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, "If I surrendered to the king of Babylon's  
declare it to you, will you not surely put princes, and those women  
shall say:

"Your close friends have set upon you And prevailed against you; Your  
feet his army came against Jerusalem, and

have sunk in the mire, And they have besieged it. turned away again."

<sup>2</sup> In the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the

<sup>2</sup> 3 So they shall surrender all your wives

fourth month, on the ninth day of the

and children to the Chaldeans. You shall month, the city was  
penetrated. not escape from their hand, but shall be

taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. 3Then all the princes of the king of

And you shall cause this city to be Babylon came in and sat in the Middle

burned with fire." Gate: Nergal-Sharezer, Samgar-Nebo,

2 Rabmag, with the rest of the princes of

4Then Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, "Let Sarsechim, Rabsaris, Nergal-Sarezer,

no one know of these words, and you the king of Babylon. shall not die.

4 So it was, when Zedekiah the king of

25But if the princes hear that I have Judah and all the men of war saw them,

talked with you, and they come to you that they fled and went out of the city by

and say to you, "Declare to us now what night, by way of the king's garden, by

you have said to the king, and also what the gate between the two walls. And he

the king said to you; do not hide it from went out by way of the plain. us, and we will not put you to death,'

5But the Chaldean army pursued them

26then you shall say to them, "I and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of presented my request before the king, Jericho. And when they had captured

that he would not make me return to him, they brought him up to Jonathan's house to die there." Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, to

Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he

27 Then all the princes came to Jeremiah pronounced judgment on him.

and asked him. And he told them 6 Then according to all these words that the king of Babylon killed the

king had commanded. So they stopped sons of Zedekiah before his eyes in

speaking with him, for the conversation Riblah; the king of Babylon also killed all

had not been heard. the nobles of Judah.

27 ' Now Jeremiah remained in the court of Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, the prison until the day that Jerusalem and bound him with bronze fetters to

was taken. And he was there when carry him off to Babylon. Jerusalem was taken.

8 And the Chaldeans burned the king's house and the houses of the people with

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah king fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. Judah, in the tenth month, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all "Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the shall be performed in that day before

guard carried away captive to Babylon you. the remnant of the people who remained

in the city and those who defected to 17

But I will deliver you in that day," says

him, with the rest of the people who the LORD, "and you shall not be given

remained. into the hand of the men of whom you

are afraid.

10But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left in the land of Judah  
the poor 1 8

For I will surely deliver you, and you  
people, who had nothing, and gave shall not fall by the sword; but  
your life  
them vineyards and fields at the same shall be as a prize to you,  
because you  
time. have put your trust in Me," says the  
LORD."

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Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon  
gave charge concerning Jeremiah to  
Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, 40The word that came to  
Jeremiah  
saying,  
from the LORD after Nebuzaradan the  
1 captain of the guard had let him go from 2 "Take him and look after  
him, and do  
Ramah, when he had taken him bound  
him no harm; but do to him just as he  
in chains among all who were carried  
says to you." away captive from Jerusalem and Judah,

1 who were carried away captive to 3 So Nebuzaradan the captain of  
the Babylon.  
guard sent Nebushasban, Rabсарis,

Nergal-Sharezer, Rabmag, and all the 2 king of Babylon's chief officers;  
And the captain of the guard took

Jeremiah and said to him: "The LORD

1 your God has pronounced this doom on 4 Then they sent someone to  
take

this place.

Jeremiah from the court of the prison,

and committed him to Gedaliah the son 3 Now the LORD has brought  
it, and has

of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he

done just as He said. Because you

should take him home. So he dwelt

people have sinned against the LORD,

among the people.

and not obeyed His voice, therefore this

1 thing has come upon you. 5 Meanwhile the word of the LORD had

come to Jeremiah while he was shut up 4 And now look, I free you this  
day from in the court of the prison, saying,

the chains that were on your hand. If it

1 seems good to you to come with me to 6 Go and speak to Ebed-  
Melech the

Babylon, come, and I will look after you.

Ethiopian, saying, "Thus says the LORD But if it seems wrong for you  
to come

of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will with me to Babylon, remain here. See,

bring My words upon this city for all the land is before you; wherever it

adversity and not for good, and they seems good and convenient for you to 10As for me, I will indeed dwell at Mizpah go, go there." and serve the Chaldeans who come to

us. But you, gather wine and summer

5 fruit and oil, put them in your vessels, Now while Jeremiah had not yet gone

back, Nebuzaradan said, "Go back to and dwell in your cities that you have

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of taken." Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon has

made governor over the cities of Judah, 1 1Likewise, when all the Jews who were and dwell with him among the people. in Moab, among the Ammonites, in

Or go wherever it seems convenient for Edom, and who were in all the countries,

you to go." So the captain of the guard heard that the king of Babylon had left a

gave him rations and a gift and let him remnant of Judah, and that he had set

go. over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,

the son of Shaphan,

6Then Jeremiah went to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to Mizpah, and dwelt then all the Jews returned out of all 1 2

with him among the people who were places where they had been driven, and

left in the land. came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah

at Mizpah, and gathered wine and

7 summer fruit in abundance. And when all the captains of the armies who were in the fields, they and their

men, heard that the king of Babylon had <sup>1</sup> 3Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam and all the captains of the forces that

governor in the land, and had committed were in the fields came to Gedaliah at

to him men, women, children, and the Mizpah, poorest of the land who had not been

carried away captive to Babylon, <sup>1</sup> 4and said to him, "Do you certainly

know that Baalis the king of the

sthen they came to Gedaliah at Mizpah-- Ammonites has sent Ishmael the son of

Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, Johanan Nethaniah to murder you?" But Gedaliah

and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, the son of Ahikam did not believe them.

Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, the sons

of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah <sup>1</sup> 5Then Johanan the son of Kareah the son of a Maachathite, they and their spoke secretly to Gedaliah in Mizpah,

men. saying, "Let me go, please, and I will kill

Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no

'And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the one will know it. Why should he murder

son of Shaphan, took an oath before you, so that all the Jews who are

them and their men, saying, "Do not be gathered to you would be scattered, and

afraid to serve the Chaldeans. Dwell in the remnant in Judah perish?" the land and serve the king of Babylon,

and it shall be well with you. <sup>16</sup>But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said

to Johanan the son of Kareah, "You shall not do this thing, for you speak <sup>7</sup>So it was, when they came into the falsely concerning Ishmael." midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of

Nethaniah killed them and cast them

into the midst of a pit, he and the men

<sup>41</sup> who were with him. Now it came to pass in the

seventh month that Ishmael the son of <sup>8</sup>

But ten men were found among them

Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the

who said to Ishmael, "Do not kill us, for

royal family and of the officers of the

we have treasures of wheat, barley, oil,

king, came with ten men to Gedaliah the

son of Ahikam, at Mizpah. And there and honey in the field." So he desisted

and did not kill them among their

they ate bread together in Mizpah.

brethren.

<sup>2</sup>Then Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, 'Now the pit into which Ishmael had cast and the ten men who were with him,

all the dead bodies of the men whom he

arose and struck Gedaliah the son of

Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, with the had slain, because of Gedaliah, was the

sword, and killed him whom the king of same one Asa the king had



made for

Babylon had made governor over the fear of Baasha king of Israel.  
Ishmael

land. the son of Nethaniah filled it with the  
slain.

3Ishmael also struck down all the Jews 1 0Then Ishmael carried away  
captive all who were with him, that is, with the rest of the people who  
were in Gedaliah at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans Mizpah, the king's  
daughters and all the who were found there, the men of war. people  
who remained in Mizpah, whom 4 Nebuzaradan the captain of the  
guard

And it happened, on the second day

had committed to Gedaliah the son of  
after he had killed Gedaliah, when as Ahikam. And Ishmael the son of  
yet no one knew it,

Nethaniah carried them away captive  
s and departed to go over to the  
that certain men came from Shechem, Ammonites.

from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty

men with their beards shaved and their 1 1But when Johanan the son  
of Kareah clothes torn, having cut themselves, with

and all the captains of the forces that  
offerings and incense in their hand, to

were with him heard of all the evil that  
bring them to the house of the LORD.

Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done,

6Now Ishmael the son of Nethaniah 2

1 they took all the men and went to fight  
went out from Mizpah to meet them,

with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah; and  
weeping as he went along; and it

they found him by the great pool that is  
happened as he met them that he said

in Gibeon.

to them, "Come to Gedaliah the son of

Ahikam!" 1 3So it was, when all the people who

were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the  
captains of the 2and said to Jeremiah the prophet, forces who were  
with him, that they "Please, let our petition be acceptable to  
were glad. you, and pray for us to the LORD your

God, for all this remnant (since we are

14 left but a few of many, as you can see),

Then all the people whom Ishmael had  
carried away captive from Mizpah

turned around and came back, and went Sthat the LORD your God  
may show us

to Johanan the son of Kareah. the way in which we should walk and

the thing we should do."

15But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight  
men 4Then Jeremiah the prophet said to and went to the Ammonites.  
them, "I have heard. Indeed, I will pray

to the LORD your God according to your

16 Then Johanan the son of Kareah, and words, and it shall be, that  
whatever the

all the captains of the forces that were LORD answers you, I will  
declare it to

with him, took from Mizpah all the rest of you. I will keep nothing  
back from you."

the people whom he had recovered from

Ishmael the son of Nethaniah after he 5 So they said to Jeremiah, "Let  
the had murdered Gedaliah the son of LORD be a true and faithful  
witness

Ahikam--the mighty men of war and the between us, if we do not do  
according to

women and the children and the everything which the LORD your  
God

eunuchs, whom he had brought back sends us by you. from Gibeon.

6 Whether it is pleasing or displeasing,

17

And they departed and dwelt in the we will obey the voice of the  
LORD our

habitation of Chimham, which is near God to whom we send you, that  
it may

Bethlehem, as they went on their way to be well with us when we  
obey the voice

Egypt, of the LORD our God."

17 ' because of the Chaldeans; for they And it happened after ten days  
that the were afraid of them, because Ishmael word of the LORD came  
to Jeremiah.

the son of Nethaniah had murdered

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the 8 Then he called Johanan the

son of king of Babylon had made governor in Kareah, all the captains of the forces

the land. which were with him, and all the people

from the least even to the greatest,

42 Now all the captains of the forces, 'and said to them, "Thus says the LORD,

Johanan the son of Kareah, Jezaniah the God of Israel, to whom you sent me

the son of Hoshaiiah, and all the people, to present your petition before Him:

from the least to the greatest, came 0 you will still remain in this land, then

near 1

I will build you and not pull you down, and I will plant you and not pluck you up. 'For 18 thus says the LORD of hosts, the For I relent concerning the disaster that I God of Israel: "As My anger and My fury have brought upon you. have been poured out on the inhabitants

of Jerusalem, so will My fury be poured

11 out on you when you enter Egypt. And

Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon,

of whom you are afraid; do not be afraid you shall be an oath, an astonishment, a

of him,' says the LORD, "for I am with curse, and a reproach; and you shall

you, to save you and deliver you from see this place no more.'

his hand.

1 " The LORD has said concerning you,

12And I will show you mercy, that he O remnant of Judah, "Do not go to

may have mercy on you and cause you Egypt!' Know certainly that I have

to return to your own land.' admonished you this day.

1 For you were hypocrites in your hearts

3 But if you say, "We will not dwell in 2 0

this land,' disobeying the voice of the when you sent me to the LORD your

LORD your God, God, saying, "Pray for us to the LORD

our God, and according to all that the

1 LORD your God says, so declare to us 4saying, "No, but we will go to the land

and we will do it.'

of Egypt where we shall see no war, nor

hear the sound of the trumpet, nor be 2 1And I have this day declared it to you, hungry for bread, and there we will dwell' but you have not obeyed the voice of --

the LORD your God, or anything which

15 He has sent you by me.

Then hear now the word of the LORD,

O remnant of Judah! Thus says the 22Now therefore, know certainly that you LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "If you wholly set your faces

to enter Egypt, shall die by the sword, by famine, and  
and go to dwell there, by pestilence in the place where you  
desire to go to dwell."

<sup>16</sup>Then it shall be that the sword which you feared shall overtake you  
there in

the land of Egypt; the famine of which <sup>43</sup>Now it happened, when  
Jeremiah

you were afraid shall follow close after had stopped speaking to all the  
people

you there in Egypt; and there you shall all the words of the LORD  
their God, for

die. which the LORD their God had sent him

to them, all these words,

<sup>17</sup>

So shall it be with all the men who set

their faces to go to Egypt to dwell there. <sup>2</sup> that Azariah the son of  
Hoshaiah, They shall die by the sword, by famine, Johanan the son of  
Kareah, and all the

and by pestilence. And none of them proud men spoke, saying to  
Jeremiah,

shall remain or escape from the disaster "You speak falsely! The LORD  
our God

that I will bring upon them.'

has not sent you to say, "Do not go to Nebuchadnezzar the king of  
Babylon,

Egypt to dwell there.' My servant, and will set his throne

above these stones that I have hidden.

<sup>3</sup>But Baruch the son of Neriah has set And he will spread his royal  
pavilion

you against us, to deliver us into the over them. hand of the  
Chaldeans, that they may

put us to death or carry us away captive 1 When he comes, he shall  
strike the to Babylon." land of Egypt and deliver to death those

appointed for death, and to captivity

4 those appointed for captivity, and to the So Johanan the son of  
Kareah, all the

captains of the forces, and all the people sword those appointed for  
the sword.

would not obey the voice of the LORD, 2s will kindle a fire in the  
houses of the

to remain in the land of Judah. 1

gods of Egypt, and he shall burn them

5 and carry them away captive. And he But Johanan the son of Kareah  
and all

the captains of the forces took all the shall array himself with the land  
of Egypt,

remnant of Judah who had returned to as a shepherd puts on his  
garment, and

dwell in the land of Judah, from all he shall go out from there in  
peace.

nations where they had been driven-- 3He shall also break the sacred  
pillars

6 of Beth Shemesh that are in the land of men, women, children, the  
king's

daughters, and every person whom Egypt; and the houses of the gods

of the

Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard Egyptians he shall burn with fire. '

had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam,

the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the

prophet and Baruch the son of Neriah. 44The word that came to Jeremiah

concerning all the Jews who dwell in the

7So they went to the land of Egypt, for land of Egypt, who dwell at Migdol, at

they did not obey the voice of the LORD. Tahpanhes, at Noph, and in the country

And they went as far as Tahpanhes. of Pathros, saying,

8 2 Then the word of the LORD came to Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, of Israel: "You have seen all the

calamity that I have brought on

"Take large stones in your hand, and Jerusalem and on all the cities of Judah;

hide them in the sight of the men of and behold, this day they are a

Judah, in the clay in the brick courtyard desolation, and no one dwells in them,

which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's

house in Tahpanhes; 3because of their wickedness which they

have committed to provoke Me to anger,

10

and say to them, "Thus says the in that they went to burn incense



and to

LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: serve other gods whom they did not

"Behold, I will send and bring know, they nor you nor your fathers. 4 1  
14 However I have sent to you all My 'Therefore thus says the LORD  
of

servants the prophets, rising early and hosts, the God of Israel:  
"Behold, I will

sending them, saying, "Oh, do not do set My face against you for  
catastrophe

this abominable thing that I hate!" and for cutting off all Judah.

5 1 2

But they did not listen or incline their And I will take the remnant of  
Judah

ear to turn from their wickedness, to who have set their faces to go  
into the

burn no incense to other gods. land of Egypt to dwell there, and they

shall all be consumed and fall in the

6 land of Egypt. They shall be consumed So My fury and My anger  
were poured

out and kindled in the cities of Judah by the sword and by famine.  
They shall

and in the streets of Jerusalem; and die, from the least to the greatest,  
by the

they are wasted and desolate, as it is sword and by famine; and they  
shall be

this day.' an oath, an astonishment, a curse and a

reproach!

7 Now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of

Israel: For I will punish those who dwell in the 1 3

"Why do you commit this great evil land of Egypt, as I have punished against yourselves, to cut off from you Jerusalem, by the sword, by famine, and

man and woman, child and infant, out of by pestilence, Judah, leaving none to remain,

1 4

so that none of the remnant of Judah

8 who have gone into the land of Egypt to in that you provoke Me to wrath with

the works of your hands, burning dwell there shall escape or survive, lest

incense to other gods in the land of they return to the land of Judah, to

Egypt where you have gone to dwell, which they desire to return and dwell.

that you may cut yourselves off and be a For none shall return except those who

curse and a reproach among all the escape." nations of the earth?

15Then all the men who knew that their

'Have you forgotten the wickedness of wives had burned incense to other gods,

your fathers, the wickedness of the with all the women who stood by, a

kings of Judah, the wickedness of their great multitude, and all the people who

wives, your own wickedness, and the dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros,

wickedness of your wives, which they answered Jeremiah, saying: committed in the land of Judah and in

the streets of Jerusalem? 'As <sup>1</sup> 6 for the word that you have spoken

to us in the name of the LORD, we will

<sup>10</sup>They have not been humbled, to this not listen to you!

day, nor have they feared; they have not

<sup>17</sup>

walked in My law or in My statutes that I But we will certainly do  
whatever has

set before you and your fathers.' gone out of our own mouth, to burn

incense to the queen of heaven and

pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers,  
our therefore this calamity has happened to

kings and our princes, in the cities of you, as at this day." Judah and  
in the streets of Jerusalem.

For then we had plenty of food, were <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>Moreover Jeremiah said to all  
the well-off, and saw no trouble. people and to all the women, "Hear  
the

word of the LORD, all Judah who are in

<sup>1</sup> ' But since we stopped burning incense the land of Egypt! to the  
queen of heaven and pouring out

drink offerings to her, we have lacked <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts,  
the God everything and have been consumed by of Israel, saying: "You  
and your wives

the sword and by famine." have spoken with your mouths and

fulfilled with your hands, saying, "We will

<sup>1</sup> ' The women also said, "And when we surely keep our vows that we  
have

burned incense to the queen of heaven made, to burn incense to the  
queen of

and poured out drink offerings to her, heaven and pour out drink

offerings to

did we make cakes for her, to worship her." You will surely keep your vows and

her, and pour out drink offerings to her perform your vows!' without our husbands' permission?"

2 6Therefore hear the word of the LORD,

20Then Jeremiah spoke to all the all Judah who dwell in the land of Egypt:

people--the men, the women, and all the "Behold, I have sworn by My great

people who had given him that answer-- name,' says the LORD, "that My name saying: shall no more be named in the mouth of

any man of Judah in all the land of

21§ Egypt, saying, "The Lord GOD lives." 'Th

e incense that you burned in the

cities of Judah and in the streets of

27

Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your Behold, I will watch over them for

kings and your princes, and the people adversity and not for good. And all the

of the land, did not the LORD remember men of Judah who are in the land of

them, and did it not come into His mind? Egypt shall be consumed by the sword

and by famine, until there is an end to

22 them.

So the LORD could no longer bear it,

because of the evil of your doings and 8 et a small number who escape the

because of the abominations which you 2 committed. Therefore your land is a sword shall return from the land of Egypt

desolation, an astonishment, a curse, to the land of Judah; and all the remnant

and without an inhabitant, as it is this of Judah, who have gone to the land of

day. Egypt to dwell there, shall know whose

words will stand, Mine or theirs.

23Because you have burned incense and because you have sinned against 2' And this shall be a sign to you,' says the LORD, and have not obeyed the the LORD, "that I will punish you in this

voice of the LORD or walked in His law, place, that you may know that My words

in His statutes or in His testimonies,

will surely stand against you for

adversity.' 46The word of the LORD which

3 came to Jeremiah the prophet against 0§"Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I will

the nations.

give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into

the hand of his enemies and into the 2

Against Egypt. Concerning the army of

hand of those who seek his life, as I

Pharaoh Necho, king of Egypt, which

gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the

was by the River Euphrates in

hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Carchemish, and which Babylon, his enemy who sought his Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon life."

defeated in the fourth year of Jehoiakim

the son of Josiah, king of Judah:

45The word that Jeremiah the 3 "Order the buckler and shield, And prophet spoke to Baruch the son of draw near to battle! Neriah, when he had written these

words in a book at the instruction of 4 Harness the horses, And mount up, you Jeremiah, in the fourth year of horsemen! Stand forth with your helmets,

Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Polish the spears, Put on the armor! Judah, saying,

5Why have I seen them dismayed and

2 Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, turned back? Their mighty ones are

to you, O Baruch: beaten down; They have speedily fled,

And did not look back, For fear was all

3 You said, "Woe is me now! For the " around," says the LORD. LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I

fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest." 6 Do not let the swift flee away, Nor the

mighty man escape; They will stumble

4 Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says and fall Toward the north, by the River

the LORD: "Behold, what I have built I Euphrates. will break down, and what I have

planted I will pluck up, that is, this whole 7 Who is this coming up like a flood, land. Whose waters move like the rivers?

5And do you seek great things for Egypt rises up like a flood, And its

8

yourself? Do not seek them; for behold, waters move like the rivers;  
And he says,

I will bring adversity on all flesh," says "I will go up and cover the  
earth, I will

the LORD. "But I will give your life to you destroy the city and its  
inhabitants.' as a prize in all places, wherever you

g» 9Come up, O horses, and rage, O

chariots! And let the mighty men come

forth: The Ethiopians and the Libyans

who handle the shield, And the Lydians They cried there, "Pharaoh,  
king of

who handle and bend the bow. Egypt, is but a noise. He has passed by  
the appointed time!'

<sup>10</sup>For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, A day of vengeance,  
That He 'As <sup>1</sup> 8 I live," says the King, Whose name may avenge Himself  
on His adversaries. is the LORD of hosts, "Surely as Tabor

The sword shall devour; It shall be is among the mountains And as  
Carmel

satiated and made drunk with their by the sea, so he shall come.  
blood; For the Lord GOD of hosts has a

sacrifice In the north country by the <sup>1</sup> ' O you daughter dwelling in  
Egypt, River Euphrates. Prepare yourself to go into captivity! For

<sup>1</sup> without inhabitant. <sup>1</sup> Go up to Gilead and take balm, O Noph shall  
be waste and desolate,

virgin, the daughter of Egypt; In vain you

will use many medicines; You shall not <sup>20</sup> Egypt is a very pretty heifer,  
But be cured. destruction comes, it comes from the

north.

12

The nations have heard of your shame,

And your cry has filled the land; For the <sup>2</sup> 1Also her mercenaries are in  
her midst mighty man has stumbled against the like fat bulls, For they  
also are turned

mighty; They both have fallen together." back, They have fled away  
together.



1 calamity had come upon them, The time

3The word that the LORD spoke to They did not stand, For the day of their

Jeremiah the prophet, how of their punishment. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon would

come and strike the land of Egypt. 2 Her noise shall go like a serpent, For

1 come against her with axes, Like those

4 Declare in Egypt, and proclaim in they shall march with an army And

Migdol; Proclaim in Noph and in who chop wood. Tahpanhes; Say, "Stand fast and

prepare yourselves, For the sword 234'They shall cut down her forest," says devours all around you.' the LORD, "Though it cannot be

1 innumerable, And more numerous than

5Why are your valiant men swept searched, Because they are

away? They did not stand Because the grasshoppers. LORD drove them away.

2 4

The daughter of Egypt shall be

16

He made many fall; Yes, one fell upon ashamed; She shall be delivered into

another. And they said, "Arise! Let us go the hand Of the people of the north."

back to our own people And to the land

of our nativity From the oppressing 2 5The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, sword.' says: "Behold, I will bring punishment on

Amon of No, and Pharaoh and Egypt, with their gods and their kings--  
Pharaoh The fathers will not look back for their

and those who trust in him. children, Lacking courage,

2 4 6And I will deliver them into the hand of

Because of the day that comes to

those who seek their lives, into the hand plunder all the Philistines, To cut off

of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and from Tyre and Sidon every helper who

the hand of his servants. Afterward it remains; For the LORD shall plunder the

shall be inhabited as in the days of old," Philistines, The remnant of the country

says the LORD. of Caphtor.

2 5 7 But do not fear, O My servant Jacob,

Baldness has come upon Gaza,

And do not be dismayed, O Israel! For Ashkelon is cut off With the remnant of

behold, I will save you from afar, And their valley. How long will you cut

your offspring from the land of their yourself? captivity; Jacob shall return, have rest

and be at ease; No one shall make him 6 O you sword of the LORD, How long afraid. until you are quiet? Put yourself up into

your scabbard, Rest and be still!

<sup>2</sup> 'Do not fear, O Jacob My servant,"

says the LORD, "For I am with you; For I <sup>7</sup>How can it be quiet, Seeing  
the LORD will make a complete end of all the has given it a charge  
Against Ashkelon

nations To which I have driven you, But and against the seashore?  
There He

I will not make a complete end of you. I has appointed it." will rightly  
correct you, For I will not

leave you wholly unpunished."

48Against Moab. Thus says the

47 The word of the LORD that came to Nebo! For it is plundered,  
Kirjathaim LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Woe

to Jeremiah the prophet against the is shamed and taken; The high

Philistines, before Pharaoh attacked stronghold is shamed and  
dismayed--

Gaza.

<sup>2</sup> No more praise of Moab. In Heshbon

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: "Behold, waters they have devised evil against  
her:

rise out of the north, And shall be an "Come, and let us cut her off as a  
overflowing flood; They shall overflow nation.' You also shall be cut  
down, O

the land and all that is in it, The city and Madmen! The sword shall  
pursue you;

those who dwell within; Then the men

shall cry, And all the inhabitants of the EA voice of crying shall be from

land shall wail.

Horonaim: "Plundering and great

SAI the noise of the stamping hooves of destruction!' his strong horses,  
At the rushing of his <sup>4</sup>

Moab is destroyed; Her little ones

chariots, At the rumbling of his wheels,

have caused a cry to be heard;

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> For in the Ascent of Luhith they ascend <sup>3</sup>Moab shall be ashamed of  
Chemosh, with continual weeping; For in the As the house of Israel  
was ashamed of

descent of Horonaim the enemies have Bethel, their confidence. heard  
a cry of destruction.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup> How can you say, "We are mighty

<sup>6</sup> Flee, save your lives! And be like the And strong men for the war"?  
juniper in the wilderness.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

Moab is plundered and gone up from

<sup>7</sup>For because you have trusted in your her cities; Her chosen young  
men have

works and your treasures, You also gone down to the slaughter," says  
the

shall be taken. And Chemosh shall go King, Whose name is the LORD  
of hosts.

forth into captivity, His priests and his

princes together. <sup>1</sup> <sup>64</sup>The calamity of Moab is near at hand,

And his affliction comes quickly.

'And the plunderer shall come against  
every city; No one shall escape. The <sup>1</sup> 7

Bemoan him, all you who are around  
valley also shall perish, And the plain him; And all you who know his  
name,  
shall be destroyed, As the LORD has Say, "How the strong staff is  
broken,  
spoken. The beautiful rod!"

"Give wings to Moab, That she may <sup>184</sup> O daughter inhabiting Dibon,  
Come

flee and get away; For her cities shall be down from your glory, And  
sit in thirst;

desolate, Without any to dwell in them. For the plunderer of Moab has  
come

against you, He has destroyed your  
<sup>10</sup>

Cursed is he who does the work of the strongholds.

LORD deceitfully, And cursed is he who

keeps back his sword from blood. <sup>1</sup> ' O inhabitant of Aroer, Stand by  
the

way and watch; Ask him who flees And  
<sup>11</sup> Moab has been at ease from his

her who escapes; Say, "What has  
youth; He has settled on his dregs, And happened?" has not been  
emptied from vessel to

vessel, Nor has he gone into captivity. <sup>2</sup> O Moab is shamed, for he is

broken Therefore his taste remained in him, down. Wail and cry! Tell it in Arnon, that

And his scent has not changed. Moab is plundered.

1 2 § 'Therefore behold, the days are 1 'And judgment has come on the plain coming," says the LORD, "That I shall country: On Holon and Jahzah and

send him wine-workers Who will tip him Mephaath, over And empty his vessels And break

the bottles. 2

On Dibon and Nebo and Beth

Diblatthaim, 23On Kirjathaim and  
Beth Gamut and 33Joy and gladness  
are taken From the

Beth Meon, plentiful field And from the land of Moab;

I have caused wine to fail from the

24 winepresses; No one will tread with

On Keriioth and Bozrah, On all the

cities of the land of Moab, Far or near. joyous shouting-- Not joyous shouting!

2 3 4 5 'From the cry of Heshbon to Elealeh The horn of Moab is cut off, And his arm is broken," says the LORD. and to Jahaz They have uttered their

voice, From Zoar to Horonaim, Like a

26 Make him drunk, Because he exalted three-year-old heifer; For the waters of

himself against the LORD. Moab shall Nimrim also shall be desolate.

wallow in his vomit, And he shall also be <sup>35</sup> Moreover," says the LORD, "I will in derision.

cause to cease in Moab The one who

<sup>2</sup> offers sacrifices in the high places And <sup>7</sup>For was not Israel a derision to you?

burns incense to his gods.

Was he found among thieves? For

whenever you speak of him, You shake <sup>36</sup>Therefore My heart shall wail like your head in scorn.

flutes for Moab, And like flutes My heart

<sup>28</sup> ou who dwell in Moab, Leave the shall wail For the men of Kir Heres.

Therefore the riches they have acquired

cities and dwell in the rock, And be like

have perished.

the dove which makes her nest In the

sides of the cave's mouth. <sup>3</sup> <sup>7</sup> 'For every head shall be bald, and

<sup>2</sup> every beard clipped; On all the hands '"

We have heard the pride of Moab (He

shall be cuts, and on the loins sackcloth-

is exceedingly proud), Of his loftiness

and arrogance and pride, And of the

haughtiness of his heart." <sup>3</sup> ' A general lamentation On all the

3 housetops of Moab, And in its streets; Oa know his wrath," says the LORD,

For I have broken Moab like a vessel in

"But it is not right; His lies have made

which is no pleasure," says the LORD.

nothing right.

3 3" They shall wail: "How she is broken 1Therefore I will wail for Moab, And I

down! How Moab has turned her back

will cry out for all Moab; I will mourn for with shame!' So Moab shall be a

the men of Kir Heres.

derision And a dismay to all those about

32 her." 0 vine of Sibmah! I will weep for you

with the weeping of Jazer. Your plants 4 0For thus says the LORD: "Behold, one have gone over the sea, They reach to

shall fly like an eagle, And spread his

the sea of Jazer. The plunderer has

wings over Moab.

fallen on your summer fruit and your

vintage.

4 2 1Kerioth is taken, And the strongholds Therefore behold, the days are

are surprised; The mighty men's hearts coming," says the LORD, "That I will



in Moab on that day shall be Like the cause to be heard an alarm of war In

heart of a woman in birth pangs. Rabbah of the Ammonites; It shall be a

desolate mound, And her villages shall

42 be burned with fire. Then Israel shall

And Moab shall be destroyed as a

people, Because he exalted himself take possession of his inheritance," says

against the LORD. the LORD.

4 3"Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is plundered! 3Fear and the pit and the snare shall be

upon you, O inhabitant of Moab," says Cry, you daughters of Rabbah, Gird

the LORD. yourselves with sackcloth! Lament and

run to and fro by the walls; For Milcom

44 He who flees from the fear shall fall shall go into captivity With his priests

into the pit, And he who gets out of the and his princes together.

pit shall be caught in the snare. For 4 Why do you boast in the valleys, Your upon Moab, upon it I will bring The year of their punishment," says the LORD. flowing valley, O backsliding daughter?

Who trusted in her treasures, saying,

4 "Who will come against me?" 5§"Those who fled stood under the

shadow of Heshbon Because of 5Behold, I will bring fear upon you,"

exhaustion. But a fire shall come out of Heshbon, A flame from the midst of Says the Lord GOD of hosts, "From all

Sihon, And shall devour the brow of those who are around you; You shall be

Moab, The crown of the head of the driven out, everyone headlong, And no

sons of tumult. one will gather those who wander off.

4 6But afterward I will bring back The 6Woe to you, O Moab! The people of

Chemosh perish; For your sons have captives of the people of Ammon," says

been taken captive, And your daughters the LORD. captive.

7Against Edom. Thus says the LORD of

47 Yet I will bring back the captives of hosts: "Is wisdom no more in Teman?

Moab In the latter days," says the LORD. Has counsel perished from the prudent?

Thus far is the judgment of Moab. Has their wisdom vanished?

8 Flee, turn back, dwell in the depths, O

49Against the Ammonites. Thus inhabitants of Dedan! For I will bring the

calamity of Esau upon him, The time  
says the LORD: "Has Israel no sons?

that I will punish him.

Has he no heir? Why then does Milcom

inherit Gad, And his people dwell in its 'If grape-gatherers came to you, Would cities?

they not leave some gleaning grapes? If thieves by night, Would they not destroy <sup>174</sup>Edom also shall be an astonishment; until they have enough? Everyone who goes by it will be

astonished And will hiss at all its

<sup>10</sup>But I have made Esau bare; I have plagues.

uncovered his secret places, And he

<sup>1</sup> 8

shall not be able to hide himself. His As in the overthrow of Sodom and

descendants are plundered, His Gomorrah And their neighbors," says brethren and his neighbors, And he is the LORD, "No one shall remain there,

no more. Nor shall a son of man dwell in it.

<sup>11</sup> 1Leave your fatherless children, I will

" Behold, he shall come up like a lion

preserve them alive; And let your from the floodplain of the Jordan Against

widows trust in Me." the dwelling place of the strong; But I

will suddenly make him run away from

<sup>12</sup> her. And who is a chosen man that I

For thus says the LORD: "Behold,

those whose judgment was not to drink may appoint over her? For who is like

of the cup have assuredly drunk. And Me? Who will arraign Me? And who is

are you the one who will altogether go that shepherd Who will  
withstand Me?"

unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink  
of <sup>2</sup> 0Therefore hear the counsel of the it. LORD that He has taken  
against Edom,

And His purposes that He has proposed

<sup>13</sup>For I have sworn by Myself," says the against the inhabitants of  
Teman: Surely

LORD, "that Bozrah shall become a the least of the flock shall draw  
them

desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a out; Surely He shall make their  
dwelling

curse. And all its cities shall be places desolate with them.

perpetual wastes." <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>The earth shakes at the noise of their

<sup>14c</sup> have heard a message from the fall; At the cry its noise is heard at  
the LORD, And an ambassador has been Red Sea.

sent to the nations: "Gather together, <sup>2</sup>Behold, He shall come up and  
fly like

come against her, And rise up to battle! <sup>2</sup>

the eagle, And spread His wings over

<sup>15</sup> 'For indeed, I will make you small Bozrah; The heart of the mighty  
men of

among nations, Despised among men. Edom in that day shall be Like  
the heart

of a woman in birth pangs.

<sup>16</sup> Your fierceness has deceived you, <sup>2</sup> The pride of your heart, O you

who <sup>3</sup>Against Damascus. "Hamath and

dwell in the clefts of the rock, Who hold Arpad are shamed, For they  
 have heard

the height of the hill! Though you make bad news. They are  
 fainthearted; There

your nest as high as the eagle, I will is trouble on the sea; It cannot be  
 quiet.

bring you down from there," says the

LORD.

<sup>24</sup>Damascus has grown feeble; She will scatter to all winds those in  
 the

turns to flee, And fear has seized her. farthest corners, And I will bring  
 their

Anguish and sorrows have taken her calamity from all its sides," says  
 the

like a woman in labor. LORD.

<sup>25</sup> Why is the city of praise not deserted, <sup>33</sup> Hazer shall be a dwelling  
 for jackals,

the city of My joy? a desolation forever; No one shall reside

there, Nor son of man dwell in it."

<sup>26</sup>Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, And all the men of  
 war shall <sup>34</sup>The word of the LORD that came to be cut off in that day,"  
 says the LORD of Jeremiah the prophet against Elam, in

hosts. the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah

king of Judah, saying,

<sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, And it shall consume  
 the <sup>354</sup>"Thus says the LORD of hosts: palaces of Ben-Hadad." "Behold, I  
 will break the bow of Elam,

The foremost of their might.

28Against Kedar and against the kingdoms of Hazor, which 36Against  
Elam I will bring the four winds Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon  
shall From the four quarters of heaven, And

strike. Thus says the LORD: "Arise, go scatter them toward all those  
winds;

up to Kedar, And devastate the men of There shall be no nations  
where the

the East! outcasts of Elam will not go.

2 37 ' Their tents and their flocks they shall

For I will cause Elam to be dismayed

take away. They shall take for before their enemies And before those

themselves their curtains, All their who seek their life. I will bring  
disaster

vessels and their camels; And they shall upon them, My fierce anger,'  
says the

cry out to them, "Fear is on every side!' LORD; "And I will send the  
sword after

them Until I have consumed them.

30§ 'F

lee, get far away! Dwell in the

depths, O inhabitants of Hazor!" says 38 will set My throne in Elam,  
And will

the LORD. "For Nebuchadnezzar king of destroy from there the king  
and the

Babylon has taken counsel against you, princes,' says the LORD. And  
has conceived a plan against you.

3 3" But it shall come to pass in the latter 1 'Arise, go up to the wealthy nation that days: I will bring back the captives of

dwells securely," says the LORD, Elam,' says the LORD."

"Which has neither gates nor bars,

Dwelling alone.

3 50The word that the LORD spoke 2Their camels shall be for booty, And

against Babylon and against the land of  
the multitude of their cattle for plunder. I

the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 9 Declare among the nations, Proclaim, For behold, I will raise and cause to and set up a standard; Proclaim--do not come up against Babylon An assembly

conceal it-- Say, "Babylon is taken, Bet of great nations from the north country,

is shamed. Merodach is broken in And they shall array themselves against

pieces; Her idols are humiliated, Her her; From there she shall be captured.

images are broken in pieces.' Their arrows shall be like those of an

expert warrior; None shall return in vain.

3For out of the north a nation comes up

against her, Which shall make her land 1 0And Chaldea shall become plunder; All desolate, And no one shall dwell therein. who plunder her shall be satisfied," says

They shall move, they shall depart, Both the LORD. man and beast.

11 'Because you were glad, because you

4 In those days and in that time," says rejoiced, You destroyers of My heritage,

the LORD, "The children of Israel shall Because you have grown fat like a

come, They and the children of Judah heifer threshing grain, And you bellow

together; With continual weeping they like bulls, shall come, And seek the LORD their

God. 12 our mother shall be deeply ashamed;

She who bore you shall be ashamed.

5They shall ask the way to Zion, With Behold, the least of the nations shall be

their faces toward it, saying, "Come and a wilderness, A dry land and a desert.

let us join ourselves to the LORD In a

perpetual covenant That will not be 1 3Because of the wrath of the LORD forgotten.' She shall not be inhabited, But she shall

be wholly desolate. Everyone who goes

6 My people have been lost sheep. Their by Babylon shall be horrified And hiss at

shepherds have led them astray; They all her plagues. have turned them away on the

mountains. They have gone from 14 'Put yourselves in array against mountain to hill; They have forgotten Babylon all around, All you who bend

their resting place. the bow; Shoot at her, spare no arrows,

For she has sinned against the LORD.

7All who found them have devoured

them; And their adversaries said, "We 1 5Shout against her all around; She has have not offended, Because they have given her hand, Her



foundations have

sinned against the LORD, the habitation fallen, Her walls are thrown down; For it

of justice, The LORD, the hope of their is the vengeance of the LORD.  
Take

fathers.' vengeance on her. As she has done, so

do to her.

8 Move from the midst of Babylon, Go

out of the land of the Chaldeans; And be <sup>1</sup> cut off the sower from  
Babylon, And like the rams before the flocks. him who handles the  
sickle at harvest

time. For fear of the oppressing sword <sup>24</sup> ou have indeed been  
trapped, O Everyone shall turn to his own people, Babylon, And you  
were not aware; You

And everyone shall flee to his own land. have been found and also  
caught,

Because you have contended against

<sup>17</sup> Israel is like scattered sheep; The the LORD. lions have driven him  
away. First the

king of Assyria devoured him; Now at <sup>25</sup>

The LORD has opened His armory,

last this Nebuchadnezzar king of And has brought out the weapons of  
His

Babylon has broken his bones." indignation; For this is the work of the

Lord GOD of hosts In the land of the

<sup>18</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD of Chaldeans. hosts, the God of Israel:  
"Behold, I will

punish the king of Babylon and his land, Come against her from the

farthest

As I have punished the king of Assyria. border; Open her storehouses;  
Cast her

up as heaps of ruins, And destroy her

<sup>1</sup> utterly; Let nothing of her be left. ' But I will bring back Israel to his  
home, And he shall feed on Carmel and

Bashan; His soul shall be satisfied on <sup>27</sup>

Slay all her bulls, Let them go down to

Mount Ephraim and Gilead. the slaughter. Woe to them! For their

day has come, the time of their

<sup>20</sup> n those days and in that time," says punishment. the LORD, "The  
iniquity of Israel shall

be sought, but there shall be none; And <sup>28</sup>The voice of those who flee  
and the sins of Judah, but they shall not be escape from the land of  
Babylon

found; For I will pardon those whom I Declares in Zion the vengeance  
of the

preserve. LORD our God, The vengeance of His

temple.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> Go up against the land of Merathaim, against it, And against the  
inhabitants of <sup>2</sup> " Call together the archers against Pekod. Waste and  
utterly destroy them," Babylon. All you who bend the bow,

says the LORD, "And do according to all encamp against it all around;  
Let none

that I have commanded you. of them escape. Repay her according to

her work; According to all she has done,

<sup>22</sup> do to her; For she has been proud

A sound of battle is in the land, And of

great destruction. against the LORD, Against the Holy One

of Israel.

23 How the hammer of the whole earth 3 has been cut apart and broken! How 0Therefore her young men shall fall in

Babylon has become a desolation the streets, And all her men of war shall

among the nations! I have laid a snare be cut off in that day," says the LORD.

for you;

3 1 'Behold, I am against you, O most haughty one!" says the Lord GOD of hosts; "For your day has come, The time 3" Therefore the wild desert beasts shall

that I will punish you. dwell there with the jackals, And the

ostriches shall dwell in it. It shall be

32 inhabited no more forever, Nor shall it

The most proud shall stumble and fall,

And no one will raise him up; I will kindle be dwelt in from generation to

a fire in his cities, And it will devour all generation.

around him." 0As God overthrew Sodom and

4

33 Gomorrah And their neighbors," says Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The

children of Israel were oppressed, Along the LORD, "So no one shall reside there,

with the children of Judah; All who took Nor son of man dwell in it.

them captive have held them fast; They 1 'Behold, a people shall come from the

have refused to let them go. 4

north, And a great nation and many

34 kings Shall be raised up from the ends

Their Redeemer is strong; The LORD

of hosts is His name. He will thoroughly of the earth. plead their case, That He may give rest

42

to the land, And disquiet the inhabitants They shall hold the bow and the lance;

of Babylon. They are cruel and shall not show mercy.

Their voice shall roar like the sea; They

35 A sword is against the Chaldeans," shall ride on horses, Set in array, like a

says the LORD, "Against the inhabitants man for the battle, Against you, O

of Babylon, And against her princes and daughter of Babylon. her wise men.

43§ 'The king of Babylon has heard the

36 report about them, And his hands grow A sword is against the soothsayers,

and they will be fools. A sword is against feeble; Anguish has taken hold of him,

her mighty men, and they will be Pangs as of a woman in childbirth.

dismayed. 4 'Behold, he shall come up like a lion

4

37A sword is against their horses, from the floodplain of the Jordan  
Against

Against their chariots, And against all the dwelling place of the strong;  
But I

the mixed peoples who are in her midst; will make them suddenly run  
away from

And they will become like women. A her. And who is a chosen man  
that I

sword is against her treasures, and they may appoint over her? For  
who is like

will be robbed. Me? Who will arraign Me? And who is

that shepherd Who will withstand Me?"

3' A drought is against her waters, and 45Therefore hear the counsel of  
the they will be dried up. For it is the land of

carved images, And they are insane LORD that He has taken against  
with their idols. Babylon, And His purposes that He has

proposed against the land of the

Chaldeans: Surely the least of the flock

shall draw them out; Surely He will make their dwelling place  
desolate with 8Babylon has suddenly fallen and been them. destroyed.

Wail for her! Take balm for

her pain; Perhaps she may be healed.

46At the noise of the taking of Babylon The earth trembles, And the  
cry is heard 'We would have healed Babylon, But

among the nations. she is not healed. Forsake her, and let

us go everyone to his own country; For

her judgment reaches to heaven and is

51 lifted up to the skies. Thus says the LORD: "Behold, I

will raise up against Babylon, Against 1 0The LORD has revealed our  
those who dwell in Leb Kamai, A

righteousness. Come and let us declare

destroying wind.

in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

2And I will send winnowers to Babylon, 1 Who shall winnow her and  
empty her 1 Make the arrows bright! Gather the

shields! The LORD has raised up the

land. For in the day of doom They shall

spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His

be against her all around.

plan is against Babylon to destroy it,

3 Because it is the vengeance of the Against her let the archer bend his  
bow, LORD, The vengeance for His temple. And lift himself up against  
her in his

armor. Do not spare her young men; 1 2 Utterly destroy all her army.  
Set up the standard on the walls of

Babylon; Make the guard strong, Set up

4 the watchmen, Prepare the ambushes.

Thus the slain shall fall in the land of For the LORD has both devised  
and

the Chaldeans, And those thrust through done What He spoke against  
the

in her streets.

inhabitants of Babylon.

5For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, 3

1 0 you who dwell by many waters,

By his God, the LORD of hosts, Though

Abundant in treasures, Your end has

their land was filled with sin against the

come, The measure of your

Holy One of Israel."

covetousness.

6Flee from the midst of Babylon, And 4

1 The LORD of hosts has sworn by

every one save his life! Do not be cut off Himself: "Surely I will fill you  
with men,

in her iniquity, For this is the time of the

LORD's as with locusts, And they shall lift up a vengeance; He shall

shout against you."

recompense her.

1 5He has made the earth by His power;

7Babylon was a golden cup in the

He has established the world by His

LORD's hand, That made all the earth

wisdom, And stretched out the heaven

drunk. The nations drank her wine;

by His understanding.

Therefore the nations are deranged.

1 2 4 'And I will repay Babylon And all the 6When He utters His voice--  
There is a multitude of waters in the heavens: "He inhabitants of  
Chaldea For all the evil

causes the vapors to ascend from the they have done In Zion in your  
sight,"

ends of the earth; He makes lightnings says the LORD. for the rain; He  
brings the wind out of

His treasures." 2 5 Behold, I am against you, O

destroying mountain, Who destroys all

17Everyone is dull-hearted, without the earth," says the LORD. "And I  
will

knowledge; Every metalsmith is put to stretch out My hand against  
you, Roll

shame by the carved image; For his you down from the rocks, And  
make you

molded image is falsehood, And there is a burnt mountain. no breath  
in them.

2 6

They shall not take from you a stone

1 ' They are futile, a work of errors; In the for a corner Nor a stone for  
a foundation,

time of their punishment they shall But you shall be desolate forever,"  
says



perish. the LORD.

12 ' The Portion of Jacob is not like them, 7

Set up a banner in the land, Blow the

For He is the Maker of all things; And trumpet among the nations!  
Prepare the

Israel is the tribe of His inheritance. The nations against her, Call the  
kingdoms

LORD of hosts is His name. together against her: Ararat, Minni, and

Ashkenaz. Appoint a general against

20 You are My battle-ax and weapons of her; Cause the horses to  
come up like

war: For with you I will break the nation the bristling locusts. in  
pieces; With you I will destroy

kingdoms; 2' Prepare against her the nations, With

the kings of the Medes, Its governors

21 with you I will break in pieces the and all its rulers, All the land of  
his

horse and its rider; With you I will break dominion. in pieces the  
chariot and its rider;

2 ' And the land will tremble and sorrow;

22 For every purpose of the LORD shall be

With you also I will break in pieces

man and woman; With you I will break in performed against Babylon,  
To make

pieces old and young; With you I will the land of Babylon a desolation  
without

break in pieces the young man and the inhabitant. maiden;

The mighty men of Babylon have

23 ceased fighting, They have remained in

With you also I will break in pieces the

shepherd and his flock; With you I will their strongholds; Their might has failed,

break in pieces the farmer and his yoke They became like women; They have

of oxen; And with you I will break in burned her dwelling places, The bars of

pieces governors and rulers. her gate are broken.

31 One runner will run to meet another, may rejoice, And sleep a perpetual

And one messenger to meet another, To sleep And not awake," says the LORD.

show the king of Babylon that his city is

taken on all sides; 40 will bring them down Like lambs to

the slaughter, Like rams with male goats.

32

The passages are blocked, The reeds

they have burned with fire, And the men 41 48

Oh, how Sheshach is taken! Oh, how

of war are terrified. the praise of the whole earth is seized!

33 For thus says the LORD of hosts, the How Babylon has become desolate

among the nations!

God of Israel: "The daughter of Babylon

is like a threshing floor When it is time to 4 2The sea has come up over  
Babylon; thresh her; Yet a little while And the time She is covered  
with the multitude of its

of her harvest will come." waves.

3 4 Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon 3Her cities are a  
desolation, A dry land Has devoured me, he has crushed me; and a  
wilderness, A land where no one

He has made me an empty vessel, He dwells, Through which no son of  
man

has swallowed me up like a monster; He passes. has filled his stomach  
with my delicacies,

He has spit me out. 44 will punish Bel in Babylon, And I will

35Let the violence done to me and my bring out of his mouth what he  
has

swallowed; And the nations shall not

flesh be upon Babylon," The inhabitant stream to him anymore. Yes,  
the wall of

of Zion will say; "And my blood be upon Babylon shall fall. the  
inhabitants of Chaldea!" Jerusalem

will say. 45 My people, go out of the midst of her!

3 And let everyone deliver himself from 6Therefore thus says the  
LORD:

the fierce anger of the LORD.

"Behold, I will plead your case and take

vengeance for you. I will dry up her sea 4 6And lest your heart faint,

And you fear and make her springs dry.

for the rumor that will be heard in the

37 land (A rumor will come one year, And BabyIon shall become a heap, A after that, in another year A rumor will

dwelling place for jackals, An come, And violence in the land, Ruler astonishment and a hissing, Without an against ruler), inhabitant.

47Therefore behold, the days are coming

38They shall roar together like lions,

That I will bring judgment on the carved

They shall growl like lions' whelps. images of Babylon; Her whole land shall

be ashamed, And all her slain shall fall

3' In their excitement I will prepare their in her midst. feasts; I will make them drunk, That they 4' Then the heavens and the earth and men are taken. Every one of their bows

all that is in them Shall sing joyously is broken; For the LORD is the God of

over Babylon; For the plunderers shall recompense, He will surely repay. come to her from the north," says the

LORD. 57 'And I will make drunk Her princes and

wise men, Her governors, her deputies,

4' As Babylon has caused the slain of and her mighty men. And they shall

Israel to fall, So at Babylon the slain of sleep a perpetual sleep And not awake,"

all the earth shall fall. says the King, Whose name is the

LORD of hosts.

50 ou who have escaped the sword, Get away! Do not stand still!  
Remember the 58Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The LORD afar off,  
And let Jerusalem come broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly

to your mind. broken, And her high gates shall be

burned with fire; The people will labor in

51 vain, And the nations, because of the

We are ashamed because we have

heard reproach. Shame has covered our fire; And they shall be weary."  
faces, For strangers have come into the

sanctuaries of the LORD's 5 house.' The word which Jeremiah the  
prophet

commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah,

52§ the son of Mahseiah, when he went with

"Therefore behold, the days are

coming," says the LORD, "That I will Zedekiah the king of Judah to  
Babylon

bring judgment on her carved images, in the fourth year of his reign.  
And

And throughout all her land the Seraiah was the quartermaster.  
wounded shall groan.

6 0

So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the

53Though Babylon were to mount up to evil that would come upon  
Babylon, all

heaven, And though she were to fortify these words that are written  
against

the height of her strength, Yet from Me Babylon.

LORD. Jeremiah said to Seraiah, "When 61And plunderers would  
come to her," says the

you arrive in Babylon and see it, and

54 read all these words,

The sound of a cry comes from

Babylon, And great destruction from the

62

land of the Chaldeans, then you shall say, "O LORD, You

have spoken against this place to cut it

55Because the LORD is plundering off, so that none shall remain in it,

Babylon And silencing her loud voice, neither man nor beast, but it  
shall be

Though her waves roar like great waters, desolate forever.' And the  
noise of their voice is uttered,

63Now it shall be, when you have

56Because the plunderer comes against finished reading this book, that  
you shall

her, against Babylon, And her mighty tie a stone to it and throw it out  
into the 7Then the city wall was broken through, Euphrates. and all  
the men of war fled and went out

of the city at night by way of the gate

64 between the two walls, which was by the

Then you shall say, "Thus Babylon

shall sink and not rise from the king's garden, even though the

catastrophe that I will bring upon her. Chaldeans were near the city  
all around.

And they shall be weary.'" Thus far are And they went by way of the  
plain. the words of Jeremiah.

8 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued the king, and they overtook  
Zedekiah in

52 Zedekiah was twenty-one years the plains of Jericho. All his  
army was

scattered from him.

old when he became king, and he

mother's name was Hamutal reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. His  
'So they took the king and brought him

the

up to the king of Babylon at Riblah in the  
daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

land of Hamath, and he pronounced

2 judgment on him.

He also did evil in the sight of the

LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim 10 Then the king of Babylon  
killed the had done. sons of Zedekiah before his eyes. And

3 For because of the anger of the LORD he killed all the princes of  
Judah in

Riblah.

this happened in Jerusalem and Judah,

till He finally cast them out from His 1 1 He also put out the eyes of  
Zedekiah; presence. Then Zedekiah rebelled

and the king of Babylon bound him in

against the king of Babylon.

bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and

4 put him in prison till the day of his death.

Now it came to pass in the ninth year of

his reign, in the tenth month, on the 1 2Now in the fifth month, on the  
tenth tenth day of the month, that

day of the month (which was the

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and all

nineteenth year of King

his army came against Jerusalem and

Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon),

encamped against it; and they built a

Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard,

siege wall against it all around.

who served the king of Babylon, came

5 to Jerusalem.

So the city was besieged until the

eleventh year of King Zedekiah. 1 3

He burned the house of the LORD and

6 the king's house; all the houses of

By the fourth month, on the ninth day of Jerusalem, that is, all the  
houses of the

the month, the famine had become so great, he burned with fire.  
severe in the city that there was no food

for the people of the land. 1 4



And all the army of the Chaldeans who  
were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls of  
Jerusalem all measure its circumference, and its  
around. thickness was four fingers; it was hollow.

<sup>1 2</sup> 5 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the A capital of bronze was on  
it; and the

guard carried away captive some of the height of one capital was five  
cubits,

poor people, the rest of the people who with a network and  
pomegranates all

remained in the city, the defectors who around the capital, all of  
bronze. The

had deserted to the king of Babylon, and second pillar, with  
pomegranates was

the rest of the craftsmen. the same.

<sup>1 2</sup> 6 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the 3 There were ninety-six  
pomegranates guard left some of the poor of the land on the sides; all  
the pomegranates, all

as vinedressers and farmers. around on the network, were one

hundred.

<sup>17</sup>

The bronze pillars that were in the

<sup>24</sup>

house of the LORD, and the carts and The captain of the guard took  
Seraiah

the bronze Sea that were in the house the chief priest, Zephaniah the  
second

of the LORD, the Chaldeans broke in priest, and the three doorkeepers. pieces, and carried all their bronze to

Babylon. 2 5He also took out of the city an officer

1 seven men of the king's close

8They also took away the pots, the who had charge of the men of war, shovels, the trimmers, the bowls, the associates who were found in the city,

spoons, and all the bronze utensils with the principal scribe of the army who

which the priests ministered. mustered the people of the land, and

sixty men of the people of the land who

1 were found in the midst of the city. ' The basins, the firepans, the bowls,

the pots, the lampstands, the spoons, 6And Nebuzaradan the captain of the

and the cups, whatever was solid gold 2 and whatever was solid silver, the guard took these and brought them to

captain of the guard took away. the king of Babylon at Riblah.

2 2 7 0The two pillars, one Sea, the twelve Then the king of Babylon struck them bronze bulls which were under it, and and put them to death at Riblah in the

the carts, which King Solomon had land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried

made for the house of the LORD--the away captive from its own land. bronze of all these articles was beyond

measure. 2 8These are the people whom

2 in the seventh year, three thousand and

1 Now concerning the pillars: the height Nebuchadnezzar carried away captive:

of one pillar was eighteen cubits, a twenty-three Jews; measuring line of twelve cubits could

29 in

the eighteenth year of Babylon, in the first year of his reign, Nebuchadnezzar he carried away lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of

captive from Jerusalem eight hundred Judah and brought him out of prison.

and thirty-two persons;

32

30 the And he spoke kindly to him and gave

n twenty-third year of him a more prominent seat than those of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuzaradan the the kings who were with him in Babylon.

captain of the guard carried away

captive of the Jews seven hundred and 33 So Jehoiachin changed from his prison forty-five persons. All the persons were garments, and he ate bread regularly

four thousand six hundred. before the king all the days of his life.

31 34 Now it came to pass in the thirty- And as for his provisions, there was a seventh year of the captivity of regular ration given him by the king of

Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth Babylon, a portion for each day until the

month, on the twenty-fifth day of the day of his death, all the days of his life.

month, that Evil-Merodach king of

# Prophet Habakkuk

"They all come for violence; Their faces are set like the east wind.  
They gather

1 captives like sand. The burden which the prophet

Habakkuk saw. 1 OThey scoff at kings, And princes are 2 scorned by  
them. They deride every

O LORD, how long shall I cry, And You stronghold, For they heap up  
earthen

will not hear? Even cry out to You, mounds and seize it. "Violence!"  
And You will not save.

3Why do You show me iniquity, And 1 Then his mind changes, and he  
transgresses; He commits offense,

cause me to see trouble? For plundering Ascribing this power to his  
god." and violence are before me; There is

strife, and contention arises. 12

Are You not from everlasting, O LORD

4 my God, my Holy One? We shall not die.

Therefore the law is powerless, And O LORD, You have appointed  
them for

justice never goes forth. For the wicked judgment; O Rock, You have

marked

surround the righteous; Therefore them for correction. perverse  
judgment proceeds.

13 ou are of purer eyes than to behold

5 Look among the nations and watch--

evil, And cannot look on wickedness.

Be utterly astounded! For I will work a Why do You look on those who deal

work in your days Which you would not treacherously, And hold Your  
tongue

believe, though it were told you. when the wicked devours A person

6 more righteous than he?

For indeed I am raising up the

Chaldeans, A bitter and hasty nation 1 4Why do You make men like  
fish of the Which marches through the breadth of sea, Like creeping  
things that have no

the earth, To possess dwelling places ruler over them? that are not  
theirs.

1 5They take up all of them with a hook,

7They are terrible and dreadful; Their They catch them in their net,  
And gather

judgment and their dignity proceed from them in their dragnet.  
Therefore they

themselves. rejoice and are glad.

8Their horses also are swifter than 6Therefore they sacrifice to their

net,

1

leopards, And more fierce than evening

And burn incense to their dragnet;

wolves. Their chargers charge ahead; Because by them their share is

Their cavalry comes from afar; They fly sumptuous And their food plentiful. as the eagle that hastens to eat.

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Shall they therefore empty their net, Because you have plundered many

And continue to slay nations without nations, All the remnant of the people

pity? shall plunder you, Because of men's

blood And the violence of the land and

the city, And of all who dwell in it.

21 will stand my watch And set myself

on the rampart, And watch to see what "Woe to him who covets evil gain for

his house, That he may set his nest on

He will say to me, And what I will

high, That he may be delivered from the

answer when I am corrected.

power of disaster!

2Then the LORD answered me and said: O you give shameful counsel to your

1

"Write the vision And make it plain on

house, Cutting off many peoples, And  
tablets, That he may run who reads it.

sin against your soul.

3

For the vision is yet for an appointed <sup>1</sup>  
time; But at the end it will speak, and it For the stone will cry out  
from the wall,

And the beam from the timbers will  
will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it;  
answer it.

Because it will surely come, It will not

tarry. <sup>12</sup> Woe to him who builds a town with

<sup>4</sup> bloodshed, Who establishes a city by Behold the proud, His soul is  
not

upright in him; But the just shall live by iniquity!

his faith. <sup>3</sup>Behold, is it not of the LORD of hosts

1

<sup>5</sup> That the peoples labor to feed the fire, Indeed, because he  
transgresses by

wine, He is a proud man, And he does And nations weary themselves  
in vain?



not stay at home. Because he enlarges <sup>14</sup>For the earth will be filled  
With the his desire as hell, And he is like death, and cannot be  
satisfied, He gathers to knowledge of the glory of the LORD, As

himself all nations And heaps up for the waters cover the sea. himself  
all peoples.

<sup>15</sup> Woe to him who gives drink to his

<sup>6</sup> neighbor, Pressing him to your bottle, Will not all these take up a  
proverb

against him, And a taunting riddle Even to make him drunk, That you  
may

against him, and say, "Woe to him who look on his nakedness!  
increases What is not his--how long?

And to him who loads himself with many <sup>16</sup>ou are filled with shame  
instead of pledges? glory. You also--drink! And be exposed

as uncircumcised! The cup of the

<sup>7</sup> LORD's right hand will be turned against Will not your creditors rise  
up

suddenly? Will they not awaken who you, And utter shame will be on  
your

oppress you? And you will become their <sup>4</sup>n' booty.

<sup>17</sup> <sup>6</sup>He stood and measured the earth; He

For the violence done to Lebanon will

cover you, And the plunder of beasts looked and startled the nations.  
And the

which made them afraid, Because of everlasting mountains were  
scattered,

men's blood And the violence of the land The perpetual hills bowed.  
His ways are

and the city, And of all who dwell in it. everlasting.

17 " What profit is the image, that its 1 saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; maker should carve it, The molded The curtains of the land of Midian

image, a teacher of lies, That the maker trembled. of its mold should trust in it, To make

mute idols? 8 O LORD, were You displeased with the

rivers, Was Your anger against the

19

Woe to him who says to wood, rivers, Was Your wrath against the sea,

"Awake!" To silent stone, "Arise! It shall That You rode on Your horses, Your

teach!" Behold, it is overlaid with gold chariots of salvation? and silver, Yet in it there is no breath at

all. 'Your bow was made quite ready; Oaths

2 You divided the earth with rivers. 0 But the LORD is in His holy temple. were sworn over Your arrows. Selah

Let all the earth keep silence before

Him." 10The mountains saw You and trembled;

The overflowing of the water passed by.

The deep uttered its voice, And lifted its

EA prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on hands on high.

Shigionoth. 1 The sun and moon stood still in their

2 habitation; At the light of Your arrows O LORD, I have heard Your speech

and was afraid; O LORD, revive Your they went, At the shining of  
Your

work in the midst of the years! In the glittering spear.

midst of the years make it known; In 1 2 ou marched through the land  
in wrath remember mercy.

indignation; You trampled the nations in

3 anger. God came from Teman, The Holy One

from Mount Paran. Selah His glory 1 3 ou went forth for the salvation  
of covered the heavens, And the earth was full of His praise. Your  
people, For salvation with Your

Anointed. You struck the head from the

4 house of the wicked, By laying bare His brightness was like the light;  
He

had rays flashing from His hand, And from foundation to neck. Selah

there His power was hidden. 14 ou thrust through with his own arrows  
5 The head of his villages. They came out

followed at His feet. like a whirlwind to scatter me; Their Before Him  
went pestilence, And fever

rejoicing was like feasting on the poor in Though the fig tree may not blossom,

secret. Nor fruit be on the vines; Though the

labor of the olive may fail, And the fields

15 yield no food; Though the flock may be

You walked through the sea with Your

horses, Through the heap of great cut off from the fold, And there be no

waters. herd in the stalls--

11 6 ' Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy When I heard, my body trembled; My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness in the God of my salvation. entered my bones; And I trembled in

myself, That I might rest in the day of 1' The LORD God is my strength; He will trouble. When he comes up to the make my feet like deer's feet, And He

people, He will invade them with his will make me walk on my high hills. To

troops. the Chief Musician. With my stringed

instruments.

# Prophet Obadiah

bread shall lay a trap for you. No one is  
aware of it.

1 The vision of Obadiah. Thus says the LORD, "Will I not in that day," says the LORD, Lord GOD concerning Edom (We have "Even destroy the wise men from Edom, heard a report from the LORD, And a And understanding from the mountains messenger has been sent among the of Esau? nations, saying, "Arise, and let us rise up against her for battle"):

"Then your mighty men, O Teman, shall  
be dismayed, To the end that everyone Behold, I will make you small among  
the nations; You shall be greatly from the mountains of Esau May be cut  
despised. off by slaughter.

3The pride of your heart has deceived you 'For violence against your brother

you, You who dwell in the clefts of the Jacob, Shame shall cover you,  
And you

rock, Whose habitation is high; You who shall be cut off forever.

say in your heart, "Who will bring me down in the day that you stood on the other down to the ground?"

side-- In the day that strangers carried

4 captive his forces, When foreigners

Though you ascend as high as the

entered his gates And cast lots for

eagle, And though you set your nest

among the stars, From there I will bring Jerusalem-- Even you were as  
one of

you down," says the LORD. them.

1 2 'But you should not have gazed on the

5 If thieves had come to you, If robbers

day of your brother In the day of his

by night-- Oh, how you will be cut off!--

captivity; Nor should you have rejoiced

Would they not have stolen till they had

over the children of Judah In the day of

enough? If grape-gatherers had come to

their destruction; Nor should you have

you, Would they not have left some

gleanings? spoken proudly In the day of distress.

13You should not have entered the gate

6 Oh, how Esau shall be searched out! How his hidden treasures shall  
be of My people In the day of their calamity.

sought after! Indeed, you should not have gazed on

their affliction In the day of their calamity,

7 Nor laid hands on their substance In the

All the men in your confederacy Shall day of their calamity.

force you to the border; The men at

peace with you Shall deceive you and <sup>14</sup> ou should not have stood at  
the prevail against you. Those who eat your crossroads To cut off  
those among them who escaped; Nor should you have the house of  
Esau shall be stubble;

delivered up those among them who They shall kindle them and  
devour them,

remained In the day of distress. And no survivor shall remain of the

house of Esau," For the LORD has

<sup>15</sup> spoken. 'For the day of the LORD upon all

the

nations is near; As you have done, it

shall be done to you; Your reprisal shall <sup>1</sup> ' The South shall possess the  
return upon your own head. mountains of Esau, And the Lowland

shall possess Philistia. They shall

<sup>16</sup>For as you drank on My holy mountain, possess the fields of  
Ephraim And the

So shall all the nations drink continually; fields of Samaria. Benjamin  
shall

Yes, they shall drink, and swallow, And possess Gilead.

they shall be as though they had never <sup>0</sup>And the captives of this host  
of the

been. <sup>2</sup>

children of Israel Shall possess the land

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> But on Mount Zion there shall be of the Canaanites As far as

deliverance, And there shall be holiness; The captives of Jerusalem  
who are in

The house of Jacob shall possess their Sepharad Shall possess the cities  
of the

possessions. South.

2 1Then saviors shall come to Mount Zion

1' The house of Jacob shall be a fire, And the house of Joseph a flame;  
But To judge the mountains of Esau, And

the kingdom shall be the LORD's.



# Lamentations of Prophet Jeremiah

7In the days of her affliction and roaming, Jerusalem remembers all  
her pleasant

1 things That she had in the days of old. How lonely sits the city That  
was full

When her people fell into the hand of  
of people! How like a widow is she, Who the enemy, With no one to  
help her, The

was great among the nations! The

adversaries saw her And mocked at her  
princess among the provinces Has downfall. become a slave!

8Jerusalem has sinned gravely,  
2She weeps bitterly in the night, Her

Therefore she has become vile. All who  
tears are on her cheeks; Among all her honored her despise her  
Because they

lovers She has none to comfort her. All have seen her nakedness; Yes,  
she

her friends have dealt treacherously with sighs and turns away. her;  
They have become her enemies.

3Judah has gone into captivity, Under Her uncleanness is in her skirts;  
She

did not consider her destiny; Therefore

affliction and hard servitude; She dwells her collapse was awesome;  
She had no

among the nations, She finds no rest; All comforter. "O LORD, behold  
my her persecutors overtake her in dire affliction, For the enemy is  
exalted!" straits.

1 OThe adversary has spread his hand

4The roads to Zion mourn Because no

Over all her pleasant things; For she  
one comes to the set feasts. All her has seen the nations enter her  
gates are desolate; Her priests sigh, Her

sanctuary, Those whom You  
virgins are afflicted, And she is in

commanded Not to enter Your assembly.  
bitterness.

1 All her people sigh, They seek bread;

5Her adversaries have become the They have given their valuables for  
food

master, Her enemies prosper; For the

to restore life. "See, O LORD, and

LORD has afflicted her Because of the consider, For I am scorned."  
multitude of her transgressions. Her

children have gone into captivity before <sup>1</sup>2 Is it nothing to you, all you  
who pass the enemy. by? Behold and see If there is any <sup>6</sup> sorrow like  
my sorrow, Which has been

And from the daughter of Zion All her

brought on me, Which the LORD has  
splendor has departed. Her princes

inflicted In the day of His fierce anger.  
have become like deer That find no

pasture, That flee without strength <sup>1</sup> 3 'From above He has sent fire  
into my Before the pursuer. bones, And it overpowered them; He

has spread a net for my feet And turned me back; He has made me  
desolate overturned within me, For I have been

And faint all the day. very rebellious. Outside the sword

bereaves, At home it is like death.

<sup>14</sup>§

'The yoke of my transgressions was

bound; They were woven together by 'The <sup>2</sup> <sup>14</sup>y have heard that I  
sigh, But no

His hands, And thrust upon my neck. He one comforts me. All my  
enemies have

made my strength fail; The Lord heard of my trouble; They are glad  
that

delivered me into the hands of those You have done it. Bring on the  
day You

whom I am not able to withstand. have announced, That they may

become like me.

<sup>15</sup>§ 'The Lord has trampled underfoot all my mighty men in my midst;

He has 'Let all their wickedness come before 2 2

called an assembly against me To crush You, And do to them as You have done

my young men; The Lord trampled as in to me For all my transgressions; For my

a winepress The virgin daughter of sighs are many, And my heart is faint."

Judah.

16 'For these things I weep; My eye, my 2How the Lord has covered the eye overflows with water; Because the

daughter of Zion With a cloud in His comforter, who should restore my life, 1s

anger! He cast down from heaven to the far from me. My children are desolate earth The beauty of Israel, And did not

Because the enemy prevailed."

remember His footstool In the day of His

1 anger. 7Zion spreads out her hands, But no one comforts her; The LORD has 2

The Lord has swallowed up and has commanded concerning Jacob That

not pitied All the dwelling places of those around him become his

Jacob. He has thrown down in His wrath adversaries; Jerusalem has become an The strongholds of the daughter of

unclean thing among them.

Judah; He has brought them down to

1 the ground; He has profaned the

" The LORD is righteous, For I rebelled kingdom and its princes.

against His commandment. Hear now,

all peoples, And behold my sorrow; My 3He has cut off in fierce anger  
Every

virgins and my young men Have gone

horn of Israel; He has drawn back His

into captivity.

right hand From before the enemy. He

1 has blazed against Jacob like a flaming

' I called for my lovers, But they fire Devouring all around.

deceived me; My priests and my elders

Breathed their last in the city, While they 4

Standing like an enemy, He has bent

sought food To restore their life.

His bow; With His right hand, like an

2 adversary, He has slain all who were 0 See, O LORD, that I am in  
distress;

pleasing to His eye; On the tent of the

My soul is troubled; My heart is daughter of Zion, He has poured out  
His of Jerusalem Bow their heads to the

fury like fire. ground.

The Lord was like an enemy. He has My eyes fail with tears, My heart is

swallowed up Israel, He has swallowed troubled; My bile is poured on the

up all her palaces; He has destroyed her ground Because of the destruction of

strongholds, And has increased the daughter of my people, Because the mourning and lamentation In the children and the infants Faint in the

daughter of Judah. streets of the city.

61 He has done violence to His tabernacle, 2They say to their mothers, "Where is As if it were a garden; He has destroyed grain and wine?" As they swoon like the

His place of assembly; The LORD has wounded In the streets of the city, As

caused The appointed feasts and their life is poured out In their mothers'

Sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion. In His bosom. burning indignation He has spurned the

king and the priest. 13How shall I console you? To what shall

I liken you, O daughter of Jerusalem?

7The Lord has spurned His altar, He has What shall I compare with you, that I

abandoned His sanctuary; He has given may comfort you, O virgin daughter of

up the walls of her palaces Into the hand Zion? For your ruin is spread wide as

of the enemy. They have made a noise the sea; Who can heal you? in the house of the LORD As on the day

of a set feast. <sup>14</sup> our prophets have seen for you False

and deceptive visions; They have not

"The LORD has purposed to destroy uncovered your iniquity, To bring back

The wall of the daughter of Zion. He has your captives, But have envisioned for

stretched out a line; He has not you false prophecies and delusions. withdrawn His hand from destroying;

Therefore He has caused the rampart <sup>15</sup>All who pass by clap their hands at and wall to lament; They languished you; They hiss and shake their heads At

together. the daughter of Jerusalem: "Is this the

city that is called "The perfection of

'Her gates have sunk into the ground; beauty, The joy of the whole earth'?"

He has destroyed and broken her bars.

Her king and her princes are among the <sup>16</sup>All your enemies have opened their nations; The Law is no more, And her mouth against you; They hiss and gnash

prophets find no vision from the LORD. their teeth. They say, "We have

<sup>1</sup> we have waited for; We have found it,

<sup>0</sup>The elders of the daughter of Zion Sit swallowed her up! Surely this is the day

on the ground and keep silence; They we have seen it! throw dust on their heads And gird

themselves with sackcloth. The virgins <sup>1 2 7</sup>

The LORD has done what He He has led me and made me walk In

purposed; He has fulfilled His word darkness and not in light. Which  
He commanded in days of old.

He has thrown down and has not pitied, 3Surely He has turned His  
hand against

And He has caused an enemy to rejoice me Time and time again  
throughout the

over you; He has exalted the horn of day. your adversaries.

1 broken my bones. 8Their heart cried out to the Lord, "O 4He has aged  
my flesh and my skin, And

wall of the daughter of Zion, Let tears

run down like a river day and night; Give 5

He has besieged me And surrounded  
yourself no relief; Give your eyes no rest.

me with bitterness and woe.

19 Arise, cry out in the night, At the

6He has set me in dark places Like the  
beginning of the watches; Pour out your

dead of long ago.

heart like water before the face of the

Lord. Lift your hands toward Him For the 7 life of your young children,  
Who faint He has hedged me in so that I cannot

from hunger at the head of every street." get out; He has made my  
chain heavy.

2 Even when I cry and shout, He shuts



O See, O LORD, and consider! To 8

whom have You done this? Should the out my prayer. women eat  
their offspring, The children

they have cuddled? Should the priest 'He has blocked my ways with  
hewn

and prophet be slain In the sanctuary of stone; He has made my paths  
crooked.

the Lord?

1 0

He has been to me a bear lying in wait,

2 1 'Young and old lie On the ground in Like a lion in ambush. the  
streets; My virgins and my young

men Have fallen by the sword; You have 1 1He has turned aside my  
ways and torn slain them in the day of Your anger, You me in pieces;  
He has made me desolate.

have slaughtered and not pitied.

1 2He has bent His bow And set me up

22 You have invited as to a feast day

as a target for the arrow.

The terrors that surround me. In the day

of the LORD's anger There was no 1 3He has caused the arrows of  
His refugee or survivor. Those whom I have quiver To pierce my  
loins. borne and brought up My enemies have

destroyed." 1 4a have become the ridicule of all my

people-- Their taunting song all the day.

II am the man who has seen affliction 1 5He has filled me with  
bitterness, He by the rod of His wrath. has made me drink wormwood.

1 2 6He has also broken my teeth with ' Let him put his mouth in the  
dust--

gravel, And covered me with ashes. There may yet be hope.

17 30Let him give his cheek to the one who

You have moved my soul far from

peace; I have forgotten prosperity. strikes him, And be full of  
reproach.

18And I said, "My strength and my hope 31For the Lord will not cast  
off forever.

Have perished from the LORD."

32

Though He causes grief, Yet He will

19Remember my affliction and roaming, show compassion According  
to the

The wormwood and the gall. multitude of His mercies.

20My soul still remembers And sinks 33For He does not afflict  
willingly, Nor

within me. grieve the children of men.

21 34

This I recall to my mind, Therefore I To crush under one's feet All  
the

have hope. prisoners of the earth,

22Through the LORD's mercies we are 35To turn aside the justice due  
a man

not consumed, Because His Before the face of the Most High,  
compassions fail not.

36

2 Lord does not approve. 3They are new every morning; Great is Or  
subvert a man in his cause-- The

Your faithfulness.

37

Who is he who speaks and it comes to

24§"The LORD is my portion," says my pass, When the Lord has not  
soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!" commanded it?

25The LORD is good to those who wait 38 s it not from the mouth of  
the Most

for Him, To the soul who seeks Him. High That woe and well-being  
proceed?

2 3 6 is good that one should hope and 9Why should a living man  
complain, A wait quietly For the salvation of the man for the  
punishment of his sins? LORD.

40

2 ways, And turn back to the LORD; 7 is good for a man to bear The  
yoke Let us search out and examine our

in his youth.

4 1Let us lift our hearts and hands To

28

Let him sit alone and keep silent, God in heaven.

Because God has laid it on him;

4 2We have transgressed and rebelled; You have not pardoned.

4 5 3You have covered Yourself with anger 6You have heard my voice:  
"Do not And pursued us; You have slain and not hide Your ear From  
my sighing, from my

pitied. cry for help."

4 5 47 ou drew near on the day I called on You have covered Yourself  
with a cloud, That prayer should not pass You, And said, "Do not  
fear!" through.

580 Lord, You have pleaded the case for

45You have made us an offscouring and my soul; You have redeemed  
my life.

refuse In the midst of the peoples.

590 LORD, You have seen how I am

46All our enemies Have opened their wronged; Judge my case.  
mouths against us.

6 0 ou have seen all their vengeance, All

47

Fear and a snare have come upon us, their schemes against me.

Desolation and destruction.

6 1 ou have heard their reproach, O

48My eyes overflow with rivers of water LORD, All their schemes  
against me,

For the destruction of the daughter of

my people. 6 2The lips of my enemies And their

whispering against me all the day.

4' My eyes flow and do not cease,

Without interruption, 6 3Look at their sitting down and their

5

0Till the LORD from heaven Looks rising up; I am their taunting song.

down and sees. 6 4

Repay them, O LORD, According to

5

1My eyes bring suffering to my soul the work of their hands.

Because of all the daughters of my city. 6 5

Give them a veiled heart; Your curse

5

2My enemies without cause Hunted me be upon them!

down like a bird. 6 6 n Your anger, Pursue and destroy

them From under the heavens of the

53They silenced my life in the pit And LORD.

threw stones at me.

54The waters flowed over my head; I

4How the gold has become dim! How

said, "I am cut off!" changed the fine gold! The stones of the

5 sanctuary are scattered At the head of 5a called on Your name, O  
LORD, From

every street.

the lowest pit.

<sup>2</sup>The precious sons of Zion, Valuable as They became food for them In the

fine gold, How they are regarded as clay destruction of the daughter of my people.

pots, The work of the hands of the

potter! <sup>1</sup>1The LORD has fulfilled His fury, He

has poured out His fierce anger. He

<sup>3</sup>Even the jackals present their breasts kindled a fire in Zion, And it has

To nurse their young; But the daughter devoured its foundations. of my people is cruel, Like ostriches in

the wilderness. <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>The kings of the earth, And all

inhabitants of the world, Would not have

<sup>4</sup>The tongue of the infant clings To the believed That the adversary and the

roof of its mouth for thirst; The young enemy Could enter the gates of children ask for bread, But no one Jerusalem--breaks it for them.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>Because of the sins of her prophets

<sup>5</sup>Those who ate delicacies Are desolate And the iniquities of her priests, Who

in the streets; Those who were brought shed in her midst The blood of the just.

up in scarlet Embrace ash heaps.

<sup>14</sup>

They wandered blind in the streets;

<sup>6</sup>The punishment of the iniquity of the They have defiled themselves with

daughter of my people Is greater than blood, So that no one would

touch their

the punishment of the sin of Sodom, garments. Which was overthrown  
in a moment,

With no hand to help her! 1 5They cried out to them, "Go away,

unclean! Go away, go away, Do not

7Her Nazirites were brighter than snow touch us!" When they fled and  
wandered,

And whiter than milk; They were more Those among the nations said,  
"They

ruddy in body than rubies, Like sapphire shall no longer dwell here."  
in their appearance.

1 6The face of the LORD scattered them;

'Now their appearance is blacker than He no longer regards them. The  
people

soot; They go unrecognized in the do not respect the priests Nor show  
streets; Their skin clings to their bones, favor to the elders. It has  
become as dry as wood.

1 7

s tiil our eyes failed us, Watching

'Those slain by the sword are better off vainly for our help; In our  
watching we

Than those who die of hunger; For watched For a nation that could  
not

these pine away, Stricken for lack of the save us. fruits of the field.

18They tracked our steps So that we

10The hands of the compassionate

could not walk in our streets. Our end

women Have cooked their own children; was near; Our days were

over, For our

end had come.

17 9Our pursuers were swifter Than the Our fathers sinned and are no  
more,

eagles of the heavens. They pursued us But we bear their iniquities. on  
the mountains And lay in wait for us

in the wilderness. 8Servants rule over us; There is none to

deliver us from their hand.

20

The breath of our nostrils, the anointed

of the LORD, Was caught in their pits, 'We get our bread at the risk of  
our lives, Of whom we said, "Under his shadow Because of the sword  
in the wilderness.

We shall live among the nations."

10Our skin is hot as an oven, Because of

21Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of

the fever of famine.

Edom, You who dwell in the land of Uz!

The cup shall also pass over to you And 11

They ravished the women in Zion, The

you shall become drunk and make

maidens in the cities of Judah.

yourself naked.

2 2Princes were hung up by their hands,

21



The punishment of your iniquity is

And elders were not respected.

accomplished, O daughter of Zion; He

will no longer send you into captivity. He <sup>13</sup> young men ground at the millstones; will punish your iniquity, O daughter of Boys staggered under loads of wood. Edom; He will uncover your sins!

<sup>14</sup> The elders have ceased gathering at the gate, And the young men  
from their

<sup>5</sup> Remember, O LORD, what has come

music.

upon us; Look, and behold our

reproach! <sup>15</sup>

The joy of our heart has ceased; Our

<sup>2</sup> dance has turned into mourning.

Our inheritance has been turned over

to aliens, And our houses to foreigners. <sup>16</sup> The crown has fallen from  
our head.

<sup>3</sup> We have become orphans and waifs, Woe to us, for we have sinned!

Our mothers are like widows. <sup>17</sup> Because of this our heart is faint; <sup>4</sup>  
Because of these things our eyes grow

We pay for the water we drink, And our dim;

wood comes at a price.

<sup>1</sup> ' Because of Mount Zion which is

<sup>5</sup> They pursue at our heels; We labor and desolate, With foxes walking

about on it.

have no rest.

1 ' You, O LORD, remain forever; Your

6We have given our hand to the throne from generation to generation.

Egyptians And the Assyrians, to be

satisfied with bread.

You

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back to You,  
restored; Renew

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forever,  
a time?

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# Prophet Ezekiel

8The hands of a man were under their wings on their four sides; and each of

1 the four had faces and wings. Now it came to pass in the thirtieth

year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day 7Their wings touched one another. The

of the month, as I was among the

captives by the River Chebar, that the creatures did not turn when they went,

but each one went straight forward.

heavens were opened and I saw visions

of God. 10As for the likeness of their faces, each

2 had the face of a man; each of the four On the fifth day of the month, which

was in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's had the face of a lion on the right side,

captivity, each of the four had the face of an ox on

the left side, and each of the four had

b the face of an eagle. the word of the LORD came expressly

to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in 11 Thus were their faces. Their wings the land of the Chaldeans by the River stretched upward; two wings of each Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was one touched one another, and two upon him there. covered their bodies.

4 Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind 2 was coming out of the north, a great 1 And each one went straight forward;

they went wherever the spirit wanted to

cloud with raging fire engulfing itself;

and brightness was all around it and go, and they did not turn when they

radiating out of its midst like the color of went.

amber, out of the midst of the fire. 13 As for the likeness of the living 5 creatures, their appearance was like

Also from within it came the likeness of

burning coals of fire, like the

four living creatures. And this was their

appearance of torches going back and

appearance: they had the likeness of a

man. forth among the living creatures. The fire

was bright, and out of the fire went

6 lightning.

Each one had four faces, and each one

had four wings. 14 And the living creatures ran back and 7 forth, in appearance like a flash of

Their legs were straight, and the soles lightning.

of their feet were like the soles of calves'

feet. They sparkled like the color of 1 5Now as I looked at the living creatures, burnished bronze.

behold, a wheel was on the earth beside

each living creature with its four faces.

1 2 4 6The appearance of the wheels and When they went, I heard the noise of

their workings was like the color of beryl, their wings, like the noise of many

and all four had the same likeness. The waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a

appearance of their workings was, as it tumult like the noise of an army; and

were, a wheel in the middle of a wheel. when they stood still, they let down their

wings.

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When they moved, they went toward 5A voice came from above the any one of four directions; they did not 2 turn aside when they went. firmament that was over their heads;

whenever they stood, they let down their

18As for their rims, they were so high wings.

they were awesome; and their rims were

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full of eyes, all around the four of them. And above the firmament over their

heads was the likeness of a throne, in

1 appearance like a sapphire stone; on ' When the living creatures went, the

wheels went beside them; and when the the likeness of the throne was a likeness

living creatures were lifted up from the with the appearance of a man high

earth, the wheels were lifted up. above it.

2 2 7 Also from the appearance of His waist O Wherever the spirit wanted to go, they went, because there the spirit went; and and upward I saw, as it were, the color

the wheels were lifted together with of amber with the appearance of fire all

them, for the spirit of the living creatures around within it; and from the

was in the wheels. appearance of His waist and downward

I saw, as it were, the appearance of fire

21 with brightness all around.

When those went, these went; when

those stood, these stood; and when 2 8 Like the appearance of a rainbow in a those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up together with them, cloud on a rainy day, so was the

for the spirit of the living creatures was appearance of the brightness all around

in the wheels. it. This was the appearance of the

likeness of the glory of the LORD. So

22 when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I

The likeness of the firmament above



the heads of the living creatures was heard a voice of One speaking.  
like the color of an awesome crystal,

stretched out over their heads.

2 And He said to me, "Son of man,

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And under the firmament their wings stand on your feet, and I will  
speak to

spread out straight, one toward another. you." Each one had two  
which covered one

side, and each one had two which 2 Then the Spirit entered me when  
He covered the other side of the body. spoke to me, and set me on my  
feet;

and I heard Him who spoke to me.

3 And He said to me: "Son of man, I am

sending you to the children of Israel, to 3 Moreover He said to me,  
"Son of a rebellious nation that has rebelled

man, eat what you find; eat this scroll,

against Me; they and their fathers have

and go, speak to the house of Israel."

transgressed against Me to this very day.

2 So I opened my mouth, and He caused

4 For they are impudent and stubborn me to eat that scroll. children. I  
am sending you to them, and

you shall say to them, "Thus says the 3 And He said to me, "Son of  
man, feed

Lord GOD.'

your belly, and fill your stomach with this

5 scroll that I give you." So I ate, and it

As for them, whether they hear or

was in my mouth like honey in

whether they refuse--for they are a sweetness. rebellious house--yet  
they will know that

a prophet has been among them. 4 Then He said to me: "Son of man,  
go to 6 the house of Israel and speak with My

And you, son of man, do not be afraid

words to them.

of them nor be afraid of their words,

though briers and thorns are with you 5

For you are not sent to a people of

and you dwell among scorpions; do not

be afraid of their words or dismayed by unfamiliar speech and of hard  
language,

their looks, though they are a rebellious but to the house of Israel,

house. 6 not to many people of unfamiliar

7 speech and of hard language, whose You shall speak My words to  
them,

words you cannot understand. Surely,

whether they hear or whether they

had I sent you to them, they would have

refuse, for they are rebellious.

listened to you.

8But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that 7But the house of Israel will not listen to

you, because they will not listen to Me;  
rebellious house; open your mouth and  
eat what I give you." for all the house of Israel are impudent  
and hard-hearted.

Now when I looked, there was a hand 8  
stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll Behold, I have made your  
face strong  
of a book was in it. against their faces, and your forehead  
strong against their foreheads.

10  
Then He spread it before me; and 'Like adamant stone, harder than  
flint, I  
there was writing on the inside and on  
the outside, and written on it were have made your forehead; do not  
be  
lamentations and mourning and woe. afraid of them, nor be dismayed  
at their  
looks, though they are a rebellious  
house."

10Moreover He said to me: "Son of man, nor speak to warn the wicked  
from his  
receive into your heart all My words that wicked way, to save his life,  
that same

I speak to you, and hear with your ears. wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but

his blood I will require at your hand.

11

And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to <sup>1</sup> ' Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he them and tell them, "Thus says the Lord does not turn from his wickedness, nor

GOD,' whether they hear, or whether from his wicked way, he shall die in his

they refuse." iniquity; but you have delivered your

soul.

<sup>12</sup>Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me a great thunderous 'Again, when a righteous man turns <sup>2</sup> 0

voice: "Blessed is the glory of the LORD from his righteousness and commits

from His place!" iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block

before him, he shall die; because you

<sup>13</sup> also heard the noise of the wings of did not give him warning, he shall die in

the living creatures that touched one his sin, and his righteousness which he

another, and the noise of the wheels has done shall not be remembered; but

beside them, and a great thunderous his blood I will require at your hand. noise.

<sup>2</sup> 1

Nevertheless if you warn the righteous

<sup>14</sup> man that the righteous should not sin,

So the Spirit lifted me up and took me

away, and I went in bitterness, in the and he does not sin, he shall surely live

heat of my spirit; but the hand of the because he took warning; also you will

LORD was strong upon me. have delivered your soul."

1 Then the hand of the LORD was upon

5Then I came to the captives at Tel 22

Abib, who dwelt by the River Chebar; me there, and He said to me, "Arise, go

and I sat where they sat, and remained out into the plain, and there I shall talk

there astonished among them seven with you." days.

2 3

So I arose and went out into the plain,

16Now it came to pass at the end of and behold, the glory of the LORD stood

seven days that the word of the LORD there, like the glory which I saw by the

came to me, saying, River Chebar; and I fell on my face.

1 Then the Spirit entered me and set me

7 Son of man, I have made you a 2 4

watchman for the house of Israel; on my feet, and spoke with me and said

therefore hear a word from My mouth, to me: "Go, shut yourself inside your

and give them warning from Me: house.

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8When I say to the wicked, "You shall <sup>25</sup>And you, O son of man, surely they

surely die,' and you give him no warning, will put ropes on you and bind you with

them, so that you cannot go out among <sup>6</sup>And when you have completed them,

them. lie again on your right side; then you

shall bear the iniquity of the house of

<sup>26</sup> will make your tongue cling to the Judah forty days. I have laid on you a

roof of your mouth, so that you shall be day for each year. mute and not be one to rebuke them, for

they are a rebellious house. <sup>7</sup> Therefore you shall set your face

toward the siege of Jerusalem; your arm

<sup>27</sup> shall be uncovered, and you shall

But when I speak with you, I will open

your mouth, and you shall say to them, prophesy against it. "Thus says the Lord GOD.' He who

hears, let him hear; and he who refuses, <sup>8</sup>And surely I will restrain you so that you let him refuse; for they are a rebellious cannot turn from one side to another till

house. you have ended the days of your siege.

"Also take for yourself wheat, barley,

4 beans, lentils, millet, and spelt; put them You also, son of man, take a clay

into one vessel, and make bread of  
tablet and lay it before you, and portray  
on it a city, Jerusalem. them for yourself. During the number of  
days that you lie on your side, three  
2 hundred and ninety days, you shall eat it.

Lay siege against it, build a siege wall

against it, and heap up a mound against it. 10 And your food which you  
eat shall be it; set camps against it also, and place

battering rams against it all around. by weight, twenty shekels a day;  
from

time to time you shall eat it.

3 Moreover take for yourself an iron plate, 11 you shall also drink water  
by measure, and set it as an iron wall between you

one-sixth of a hin; from time to time you  
and the city. Set your face against it,  
and it shall be besieged, and you shall drink.

lay siege against it. This will be a sign to you. 12 And you shall eat it as  
barley cakes; the house of Israel.

and bake it using fuel of human waste in  
4 their sight." Lie also on your left side, and lay the

iniquity of the house of Israel upon it. 13 Then the LORD said, "So  
shall the According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you  
shall bear their children of Israel eat their defiled bread

iniquity. among the Gentiles, where I will drive

them."

5For I have laid on you the years of their 4 iniquity, according to the number of the 1 So I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Indeed I

days, three hundred and ninety days; so have never defiled myself from my youth

you shall bear the iniquity of the house till now; I have never eaten what died of

of Israel. itself or was torn by beasts, nor has abominable flesh ever come into my 5 Thus says the Lord GOD: "This is mouth." Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of

the nations and the countries all around

15Then He said to me, "See, I am giving her.

you cow dung instead of human waste,

and you shall prepare your bread over 6She has rebelled against My judgments it." by doing wickedness more than the

nations, and against My statutes more

16Moreover He said to me, "Son of man, than the countries that are all around

surely I will cut off the supply of bread in her; for they have refused My judgments,

Jerusalem; they shall eat bread by and they have not walked in My

weight and with anxiety, and shall drink statutes.' water by measure and with dread,

7Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

17 hat they may lack bread and water, "Because you have multiplied and be dismayed with one another, and disobedience more than the nations that



waste away because of their iniquity. are all around you, have not walked in

My statutes nor kept My judgments, nor  
even done according to the judgments  
of the nations that are all around you'--

5 And you, son of man, take a sharp  
sword, take it as a barber's razor, and 8

therefore thus says the Lord GOD:  
pass it over your head and your beard;

"Indeed I, even I, am against you and  
then take scales to weigh and divide the  
will execute judgments in your midst in  
hair.

the sight of the nations.

2You shall burn with fire one-third in the 'And I will do among you  
what I have

midst of the city, when the days of the

never done, and the like of which I will  
siege are finished; then you shall take

never do again, because of all your  
one-third and strike around it with the  
abominations.

sword, and one-third you shall scatter in

the wind: I will draw out a sword after <sup>10</sup>Therefore fathers shall eat their sons them. in your midst, and sons shall eat their

3 fathers; and I will execute judgments You shall also take a small number of among you, and all of you who remain I them and bind them in the edge of your will scatter to all the winds. garment.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>14</sup>Therefore, as I live,' says the Lord

<sup>4</sup>Then take some of them again and GOD, "surely, because you have defiled

throw them into the midst of the fire, and My sanctuary with all your detestable

burn them in the fire. From there a fire things and with all your abominations,

will go out into all the house of Israel.

therefore I will also diminish you; My eye

will not spare, nor will I have any pity.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>One-third of you shall die of the Son of man, set your face toward the

pestilence, and be consumed with mountains of Israel, and prophesy

famine in your midst; and one-third shall against them, fall by the sword all around you; and I

will scatter another third to all the winds, h and say, "O mountains of Israel, hear and I will draw out a sword after them. the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says

the Lord GOD to the mountains, to the

<sup>13</sup>§Thus shall My anger be spent, and I hills, to the ravines, and to the valleys:

will cause My fury to rest upon them, "Indeed I, even I, will bring a sword

and I will be avenged; and they shall against you, and I will destroy your high

know that I, the LORD, have spoken it in places. My zeal, when I have spent My fury

upon them. 4 Then your altars shall be desolate, your

1 cast down your slain men before your

4 Moreover I will make you a waste and incense altars shall be broken, and I will

a reproach among the nations that are idols. all around you, in the sight of all who

pass by. 5 And I will lay the corpses of the children

1 scatter your bones all around your altars.

5 So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a of Israel before their idols, and I will

lesson, and an astonishment to the

nations that are all around you, when I 6 In all your dwelling places the cities execute judgments among you in anger shall be laid waste, and the high places

and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the shall be desolate, so that your altars

LORD, have spoken. may be laid waste and made desolate,

1 cease, your incense altars may be cut

6 When I send against them the terrible your idols may be broken and made to

arrows of famine which shall be for down, and your works may be abolished.

destruction, which I will send to destroy

you, I will increase the famine upon you 7The slain shall fall in your midst, and and cut off your supply of bread. you shall know that I am the LORD.

17 So I will send against you famine and 8 Yet I will leave a remnant, so that you wild beasts, and they will bereave you. may have some who escape the sword

Pestilence and blood shall pass through among the nations, when you are

you, and I will bring the sword against scattered through the countries. you. I, the LORD, have spoken."

"Then those of you who escape will

remember Me among the nations where

6Now the word of the LORD came to they are carried captive, because I was

me, saying: crushed by their adulterous heart which

has departed from Me, and by their eyes

which play the harlot after their idols;

they will loathe themselves for the evils 3Now the end has come upon you, And I

which they committed in all their will send My anger against you; I will

abominations. judge you according to your ways, And I

will repay you for all your abominations.

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And they shall know that I am the

LORD; I have not said in vain that I 4My eye will not spare you, Nor will I would bring this calamity upon them." have pity; But I will

repay your ways,

And your abominations will be in your

11§ midst; Then you shall know that I am the '

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Pound LORD!"

your fists and stamp your feet, and say,

"Alas, for all the evil abominations of the

house of Israel! For they shall fall by the 5 Thus says the Lord GOD: "A disaster, sword, by famine, and by pestilence. a singular disaster; Behold, it has come!

1 6 2

He who is far off shall die by the An end has come, The end has come;

pestilence, he who is near shall fall by It has dawned for you; Behold, it has

the sword, and he who remains and is come! besieged shall die by the famine. Thus

will I spend My fury upon them. 7Doom has come to you, you who dwell

1 trouble is near, And not of rejoicing in

3Then you shall know that I am the in the land; The time has come, A day of

LORD, when their slain are among their the mountains. idols all around their altars, on every

high hill, on all the mountaintops, under 8 Now upon you I will soon pour out My every green tree, and under every thick fury, And spend My anger upon you; I

oak, wherever they offered sweet will judge you according to your

ways,

incense to all their idols. And I will repay you for all your  
abominations.

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so I will stretch out My hand against  
them and make the land desolate, yes, "My eye will not spare, Nor  
will I have  
more desolate than the wilderness pity; I will repay you according to  
your  
toward Diblah, in all their dwelling ways, And your abominations will  
be in  
places. Then they shall know that I am your midst. Then you shall  
know that I  
the LORD.\*" am the LORD who strikes.

1 0 Behold, the day! Behold, it has come!

7 Moreover the word of the LORD Doom has gone out; The rod has  
came to me, saying, blossomed, Pride has budded.

2 11 Violence has risen up into a rod of

And you, son of man, thus says the  
Lord GOD to the land of Israel: "An end! wickedness; None of them  
shall remain,

The end has come upon the four None of their multitude, None of  
them;

corners of the land. Nor shall there be wailing for them. 1 2 20 The  
time has come, The day draws 'As for the beauty of his ornaments,

near. "Let not the buyer rejoice, Nor the He set it in majesty; But they

made from

seller mourn, For wrath is on their whole it The images of their  
abominations--

multitude. Their detestable things; Therefore I

have made it Like refuse to them.

13

For the seller shall not return to what

has been sold, Though he may still be 2 1a will give it as plunder Into  
the hands alive; For the vision concerns the whole of strangers, And to  
the wicked of the

multitude, And it shall not turn back; No earth as spoil; And they shall  
defile it.

one will strengthen himself Who lives in

iniquity. 2 2a will turn My face from them, And they

will defile My secret place; For robbers

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'They have blown the trumpet and shall enter it and defile it.

made everyone ready, But no one goes

to battle; For My wrath is on all their 23 Make a chain, For the land is  
filled multitude. with crimes of blood, And the city is full

of violence.

15

The sword is outside, And the

pestilence and famine within. Whoever 2 4Therefore I will bring the  
worst of the is in the field Will die by the sword; And Gentiles, And  
they will possess their

whoever is in the city, Famine and houses; I will cause the pomp of  
the

pestilence will devour him. strong to cease, And their holy places

shall be defiled.

16§Those who survive will escape and be on the mountains Like doves  
of the 2 5

Destruction comes; They will seek

valleys, All of them mourning, Each for peace, but there shall be none.  
his iniquity.

2 6Disaster will come upon disaster, And

17Every hand will be feeble, And every

rumor will be upon rumor. Then they will

knee will be as weak as water. seek a vision from a prophet; But the

law will perish from the priest, And

1 ' They will also be girded with sackcloth; counsel from the elders.  
Horror will cover them; Shame will be on

every face, Baldness on all their heads. 27§The king will mourn, The  
prince will

be clothed with desolation, And the

1 '" hands of the common people will They will throw their silver into  
the

streets, And their gold will be like refuse; tremble. I will do to them  
according to

Their silver and their gold will not be their way, And according to  
what they

able to deliver them In the day of the deserve I will judge them; Then  
they

wrath of the LORD; They will not satisfy shall know that I am the  
LORD!" their souls, Nor fill their stomachs,

Because it became their stumbling block



of iniquity.

7So He brought me to the door of the

8And it came to pass in the sixth year, court; and when I looked, there was a

in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the hole in the wall.

month, as I sat in my house with the s Then He said to me, "Son of man, dig elders of Judah sitting before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me into the wall"; and when I dug into the

there. wall, there was a door.

2 'And He said to me, "Go in, and see the

Then I looked, and there was a likeness,

like the appearance of fire--from the wicked abominations which they are

appearance of His waist and downward, doing there." fire; and from His waist and upward, like

1 0

the appearance of brightness, like the So I went in and saw, and there--every

color of amber. sort of creeping thing, abominable

beasts, and all the idols of the house of

3He stretched out the form of a hand, Israel, portrayed all around on the walls.

and took me by a lock of my hair; and

the Spirit lifted me up between earth and 1 And there stood before them seventy heaven, and brought me in visions of men of the elders of the house of Israel,

God to Jerusalem, to the door of the and in their midst stood  
Jaazaniah the

north gate of the inner court, where the son of Shaphan. Each man  
had a

seat of the image of jealousy was, which censer in his hand, and a  
thick cloud of

provokes to jealousy. incense went up.

4 1 2 And behold, the glory of the God of

Then He said to me, "Son of man,

Israel was there, like the vision that I have you seen what the elders of  
the

saw in the plain. house of Israel do in the dark, every

man in the room of his idols? For they

5 say, "The LORD does not see us, the Then He said to me, "Son of  
man, lift

your eyes now toward the north." So I LORD has forsaken the land."  
lifted my eyes toward the north, and

there, north of the altar gate, was this 13And He said to me, "Turn  
again, and image of jealousy in the entrance. you will see greater  
abominations that

they are doing."

6Furthermore He said to me, "Son of man, do you see what they are  
doing, 1 4

So He brought me to the door of the

the great abominations that the house of north gate of the LORD's  
house; and to

Israel commits here, to make Me go far my dismay, women were  
sitting there

away from My sanctuary? Now turn weeping for Tammuz. again, you will see greater

abominations." <sup>1</sup> 5Then He said to me, "Have you seen

this, O son of man? Turn again, you will

see greater abominations than these."

<sup>1</sup> 4 6So He brought me into the inner court and the LORD said to him,  
"Go through

of the LORD's house; and there, at the the midst of the city, through the midst

door of the temple of the LORD, of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the

between the porch and the altar, were foreheads of the men who sigh and cry

about twenty-five men with their backs over all the abominations that are done

toward the temple of the LORD and their within it." faces toward the east, and they were

worshiping the sun toward the east. <sup>5</sup>To the others He said in my hearing,

<sup>1</sup> do not let your eye spare, nor have any

7And He said to me, "Have you seen "Go after him through the city and kill;

this, O son of man? Is it a trivial thing to pity. the house of Judah to commit the

abominations which they commit here? 6UtterIy slay old and young men, For they have filled the land with maidens and little children and women;

violence; then they have returned to but do not come near anyone on whom

provoke Me to anger. Indeed they put is the mark; and begin at My

sanctuary."

the branch to their nose. So they began with the elders who were  
before the temple.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore I also will act in fury. My eye will not spare nor will I have pity; and <sup>7</sup>Then He said to them, "Defile the though they cry in My ears with a loud temple, and fill the courts with the slain.

voice, I will not hear them." Go out!" And they went out and killed in  
the city.

<sup>9</sup>Then He called out in my hearing 'So it was, that while they were killing

with a loud voice, saying, "Let those who them, I was left alone; and I fell on my

have charge over the city draw near, face and cried out, and said, "Ah, Lord

each with a deadly weapon in his hand." GOD! Will You destroy all the remnant

of Israel in pouring out Your fury on

<sup>2</sup> Jerusalem?"

And suddenly six men came from the

direction of the upper gate, which faces <sup>9</sup>Then He said to me, "The iniquity of the north, each with his battle-ax in his hand. One man among them was clothed with house of Israel and Judah is

linen and had a writer's inkhorn at his exceedingly great, and the land is full of

side. They went in and stood beside the bloodshed, and the city full of perversity;

bronze altar. for they say, "The LORD has forsaken

the land, and the LORD does not see!

3 Now the glory of the God of Israel had <sup>1</sup> 0 And as for Me also, My eye will neither gone up from the cherub, where it had been, to the threshold of the temple. spare, nor will I have pity, but I will

And He called to the man clothed with recompense their deeds on their own

linen, who had the writer's inkhorn at his head." side;

17 1

Just then, the man clothed with linen, And the cherub stretched out his hand

who had the inkhorn at his side, from among the cherubim to the fire that

reported back and said, "I have done as was among the cherubim, and took

You commanded me." some of it and put it into the hands of

the man clothed with linen, who took it  
and went out.

1 0 And I looked, and there in the <sup>8</sup> The cherubim appeared to have the firmament that was above the head of form of a man's hand under their wings. the cherubim, there appeared

something like a sapphire stone, having

the appearance of the likeness of a ' And when I looked, there were four

throne. wheels by the cherubim, one wheel by

one cherub and another wheel by each

<sup>2</sup> other cherub; the wheels appeared to Then He spoke to the man clothed with

have the color of a beryl stone.

linen, and said, "Go in among the

wheels, under the cherub, fill your hands with coals for their appearance, all four looked with coals of fire from among the cherubim, and scatter them over the altar--as it were, a wheel in the middle

city." And he went in as I watched. of a wheel.

3Now the cherubim were standing on the threshold. 1When they went, they went toward any south side of the temple when the man of their four directions; they did not turn

went in, and the cloud filled the inner side when they went, but followed in

court. the direction the head was facing. They

did not turn aside when they went.

4Then the glory of the LORD went up 2And their whole body, with their back,

from the cherub, and paused over the threshold of the temple; and the house their hands, their wings, and the wheels

was filled with the cloud, and the court that the four had, were full of eyes all

was full of the brightness of the LORD's around. glory.

13As for the wheels, they were called in

5 my hearing, "Wheel." And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even in the outer

court, like the voice of Almighty God 1 4

Each one had four faces: the first face

when He speaks. was the face of a cherub, the second

face the face of a man, the third the face

of a lion, and the fourth the face of an Then it happened, when He

commanded the man clothed in linen, eagle. saying, "Take fire from among the

wheels, from among the cherubim," that <sup>1</sup> 5And the cherubim were lifted up. This he went in and stood beside the wheels. was the living creature I saw by the

River Chebar.

<sup>16</sup>When the cherubim went, the wheels Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and

went beside them; and when the Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of

cherubim lifted their wings to mount up the people. from the earth, the same wheels also

did not turn from beside them. <sup>2</sup> And He said to me: "Son of man, these

are the men who devise iniquity and

<sup>17</sup>

When the cherubim stood still, the give wicked counsel in this city, wheels stood still, and when one was

lifted up, the other lifted itself up, for the <sup>3</sup>who say, "The time is not near to build spirit of the living creature was in them. houses; this city is the caldron, and we

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup>Then the glory of the LORD departed are the meat.'

from the threshold of the temple and <sup>4</sup>Therefore prophesy against them, stood over the cherubim. prophesy, O son of man!"

1 ' And the cherubim lifted their wings and

5Then the Spirit of the LORD fell upon

mounted up from the earth in my sight. me, and said to me, "Speak!  
"Thus says

When they went out, the wheels were the LORD: "Thus you have said,  
O

beside them; and they stood at the door house of Israel; for I know the  
things

of the east gate of the LORD's house, that come into your mind. and  
the glory of the God of Israel was

above them. 6You have multiplied your slain in this

2 city, and you have filled its streets with 0This is the living creature I  
saw under

the slain."

the God of Israel by the River Chebar,

and I knew they were cherubim. 7

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

2 "Your slain whom you have laid in its 1Each one had four faces and  
each one

midst, they are the meat, and this city is

four wings, and the likeness of the the caldron; but I shall bring you  
out of

hands of a man was under their wings. the midst of it.

2 8 2 And the likeness of their faces was the You have feared the  
sword; and I will



same as the faces which I had seen by bring a sword upon you," says  
the Lord

the River Chebar, their appearance and GOD. their persons. They each  
went straight

forward. "And I will bring you out of its midst,

and deliver you into the hands of  
strangers, and execute judgments on

1 1 Then the Spirit lifted me up and you.

brought me to the East Gate of the OYou shall fall by the sword. I will  
judge

LORD's house, which faces eastward; 1 and there at the door of the  
gate were you at the border of Israel. Then you

twenty-five men, among whom I saw shall know that I am the LORD.

1 1 18And they will go there, and they will This city shall not be your  
caldron, nor

shall you be the meat in its midst. I will take away all its detestable  
things and

judge you at the border of Israel. all its abominations from there.

1 1 2

And you shall know that I am the ' Then I will give them one heart,  
and I

LORD; for you have not walked in My will put a new spirit within  
them, and

statutes nor executed My judgments, take the stony heart out of their  
flesh,

but have done according to the customs and give them a heart of  
flesh, of the Gentiles which are all around

you. ' 2 0

that they may walk in My statutes and

keep My judgments and do them; and

13 Now it happened, while I was they shall be My people, and I will be

prophesying, that Pelatiah the son of their God. Benaiah died. Then I  
fell on my face and

cried with a loud voice, and said, "Ah, 21

But as for those whose hearts follow

Lord GOD! Will You make a complete the desire for their detestable  
things and

end of the remnant of Israel?" their abominations, I will recompense

their deeds on their own heads," says

14 Again the word of the LORD came to the Lord GOD. me, saying,

2 So the cherubim lifted up their wings,

15 Son of man, your brethren, your

with the wheels beside them, and the

relatives, your countrymen, and all the glory of the God of Israel was  
high

house of Israel in its entirety, are those above them. about whom the  
inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, "Get far away 2 3

And the glory of the LORD went up

from the LORD; this land has been from the midst of the city and  
stood on

given to us as a possession.' the mountain, which is on the east side

of the city.

16 Therefore say, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Although I have cast them  
far off 2 4 Then the Spirit took me up and among the Gentiles, and  
although I brought me in a vision by the Spirit of

have scattered them among the God into Chaldea, to those in captivity.

countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary And the vision that I had seen went up

for them in the countries where they from me. have gone.'

2 5

1 So I spoke to those in captivity of all 7Therefore say, "Thus says the Lord

the things the LORD had shown me.

GOD: "I will gather you from the peoples,

assemble you from the countries where

you have been scattered, and I will give

you the land of Israel.' 1 2Now the word of the LORD came

to me, saying:

2 1 Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a 0Say to them, "Thus says the Lord rebellious house, which has eyes to see GOD: "This burden concerns the prince

but does not see, and ears to hear but in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel

does not hear; for they are a rebellious who are among them." house.

1 Say, "I am a sign to you. As I have

3"Therefore, son of man, prepare your done, so shall it be done to them; they

belongings for captivity, and go into shall be carried away into captivity.' captivity by day in their sight. You shall

go from your place into captivity to 1 2And the prince who is among them another place in their sight. It may be shall bear his belongings on his

that they will consider, though they are a shoulder at twilight and go

out. They

rebellious house. shall dig through the wall to carry them

out through it. He shall cover his face,

4 By day you shall bring out your so that he cannot see the ground  
with

belongings in their sight, as though his eyes. going into captivity; and  
at evening you

shall go in their sight, like those who go 13 will also spread My net  
over him, and into captivity. he shall be caught in My snare. I will

bring him to Babylon, to the land of the

5 Dig through the wall in their sight, and Chaldeans; yet he shall not  
see it,

carry your belongings out through it. though he shall die there.

6 1 In their sight you shall bear them on 4a will scatter to every wind  
all who are your shoulders and carry them out at around him to help  
him, and all his

twilight; you shall cover your face, so troops; and I will draw out the  
sword

that you cannot see the ground, for I after them. have made you a sign  
to the house of

Israel." 154"Then they shall know that I am the

LORD, when I scatter them among the

7 So I did as I was commanded. I brought nations and disperse them  
throughout

out my belongings by day, as though the countries. going into  
captivity, and at evening I dug

through the wall with my hand. I brought 16 But I will spare a few of  
their men from them out at twilight, and I bore them on the sword,  
from famine, and from

my shoulder in their sight. pestilence, that they may declare all

their abominations among the Gentiles

8And in the morning the word of the wherever they go. Then they shall know

LORD came to me, saying, that I am the LORD."

"Son of man, has not the house of 1 7Moreover the word of the LORD came Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, to me, saying, "What are you doing?"

1 2 "' Son of man, eat your bread with 6Again the word of the LORD came to quaking, and drink your water with me, saying, trembling and anxiety.

2 7 Son of man, look, the house of Israel

1 ' And say to the people of the land, is saying, "The vision that he sees is for

"Thus says the Lord GOD to the many days from now, and he inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the land prophesies of times far off.' of Israel: "They shall eat their bread with

anxiety, and drink their water with dread, 2 8Therefore say to them, "Thus says the so that her land may be emptied of all Lord GOD: "None of My words will be

who are in it, because of the violence of postponed any more, but the word

all those who dwell in it. which I speak will be done," says the

2

0Then the cities that are inhabited shall Lord GOD."

be laid waste, and the land shall

become desolate; and you shall know

that I am the LORD." 1 OAnd the word of the LORD came

to me, saying,

21 And the word of the LORD came to me, 2 saying, Son of man, prophesy against the

prophets of Israel who prophesy, and

2 say to those who prophesy out of their 2 Son of man, what is this proverb that

own heart, "Hear the word of the

you people have about the land of Israel,

LORD!"

which says, "The days are prolonged,

and every vision fails'? 3Thus says the Lord GOD: "Woe to the

2 foolish prophets, who follow their own 3

Tell them therefore, "Thus says the spirit and have seen nothing!

Lord GOD: "I will lay this proverb to rest,

and they shall no more use it as a 4 proverb in Israel." But say to them, "The O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in

days are at hand, and the fulfillment of the deserts.

every vision. 5You have not gone up into the gaps to 24 build a wall for the house of Israel to

For no more shall there be any false

vision or flattering divination within the stand in battle on the day of the LORD.

house of Israel.

6They have envisioned futility and false

25 divination, saying, "Thus says the

For I am the LORD. I speak, and the LORD!' But the LORD has not sent

word which I speak will come to pass; it

will no more be postponed; for in your them; yet they hope that the word may

days, O rebellious house, I will say the be confirmed.

word and perform it," says the Lord 7Have you not seen a futile vision, and GOD."

have you not spoken false divination?

You say, "The LORD says,' but I have of it. Then you shall know that I am the

not spoken." LORD.

81 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 54"Thus will I accomplish My wrath on "Because you have spoken nonsense the wall and on those who have

and envisioned lies, therefore I am plastered it with untempered mortar; and

indeed against you," says the Lord GOD. I will say to you, "The wall is no more,

nor those who plastered it,

"My hand will be against the prophets

1 6

who envision futility and who divine lies; that is, the prophets of Israel who

they shall not be in the assembly of My prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and

people, nor be written in the record of who see visions of peace for

her when

the house of Israel, nor shall they enter there is no peace," says the Lord GOD.

into the land of Israel. Then you shall

know that I am the Lord GOD. 17§'Likewise, son of man, set your face

1 who prophesy out of their own heart;

0 Because, indeed, because they have against the daughters of your people,

seduced My people, saying, "Peace!" prophesy against them, when there is no peace--and one builds

a wall, and they plaster it with 18and say, "Thus says the Lord GOD: untempered mortar-- "Woe to the women who sew magic

charms on their sleeves and make veils

11

say to those who plaster it with for the heads of people of every height

untempered mortar, that it will fall. There to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of

will be flooding rain, and you, O great My people, and keep yourselves alive?

hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind

shall tear it down. 1 ' And will you profane Me among My

people for handfuls of barley and for

12

Surely, when the wall has fallen, will it pieces of bread, killing people who

not be said to you, "Where is the mortar should not die, and keeping



people alive

with which you plastered it?" who should not live, by your lying to  
My

people who listen to lies?"

<sup>13</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will cause a stormy wind to  
break forth <sup>204</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: in My fury; and  
there shall be a flooding "Behold, I am against your magic

rain in My anger, and great hailstones in charms by which you hunt  
souls there

fury to consume it. like birds. I will tear them from your arms,

and let the souls go, the souls you hunt

<sup>14</sup> like birds.

so I will break down the wall you have

plastered with untempered mortar, and <sup>1a</sup> will also tear off your veils  
and deliver

bring it down to the ground, so that its <sup>2</sup> foundation will be uncovered;  
it will fall, My people out of your hand, and they

and you shall be consumed in the midst shall no longer be as prey in  
your hand.

Then you shall know that I am the <sup>6</sup> Therefore say to the house of  
Israel,

LORD. "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Repent, turn

away from your idols, and turn your

<sup>22</sup> Because with lies you have made the faces away from all your  
abominations.

heart of the righteous sad, whom I have

not <sup>7</sup> made sad; and you have For anyone of the house of Israel, or of  
strengthened the hands of the wicked, the strangers who dwell in

Israel, who

so that he does not turn from his wicked separates himself from Me and sets up

way to save his life. his idols in his heart and puts before him

what causes him to stumble into iniquity,

23Therefore you shall no longer envision then comes to a prophet to inquire of

futility nor practice divination; for I will him concerning Me, I the LORD will

deliver My people out of your hand, and answer him by Myself. you shall know that I am the LORD.\*"

81 will set My face against that man and make him a sign and a proverb, and I

1 will cut him off from the midst of My 4Now some of the elders of Israel

people. Then you shall know that I am

came to me and sat before me.

the LORD.

2And the word of the LORD came to me, "And if the prophet is induced to speak

saying,

anything, I the LORD have induced that

prophet, and I will stretch out My hand

3 " Son of man, these men have set up against him and destroy him from

their idols in their hearts, and put before among My people Israel. them that which causes them to stumble

into iniquity. Should I let Myself be 1 0 And they shall bear their iniquity; the inquired of at all by them?

punishment of the prophet shall be the

4 same as the punishment of the one who

Therefore speak to them, and say to inquired,  
them, "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Everyone of the house of Israel who 1 1 that the house of Israel may no longer sets up his idols in his heart, and puts stray from Me, nor be profaned anymore before him what causes him to stumble with all their transgressions, but that into iniquity, and then comes to the they may be My people and I may be prophet, I the LORD will answer him their God," says the Lord GOD." who comes, according to the multitude

of his idols, 1 2 The word of the LORD came again to s me, saying:  
that I may seize the house of Israel by

their heart, because they are all 1 3 Son of man, when a land sins against estranged from Me by their idols.'

Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will  
stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send  
famine on it, and pestilence--to cut off man and beast  
and cut off man and beast from it. from it?

1 2 42

Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, Yet behold, there shall be left in it a  
and Job, were in it, they would deliver remnant who will be brought

out, both

only themselves by their righteousness," sons and daughters; surely they will

says the Lord GOD. come out to you, and you will see their

ways and their doings. Then you will be

15§4f I cause wild beasts to pass through comforted concerning the disaster that I

the land, and they empty it, and make it have brought upon Jerusalem, all that I

so desolate that no man may pass have brought upon it. through because of the beasts,

2 3

And they will comfort you, when you

16 see their ways and their doings; and you

even though these three men were in

it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they shall know that I have done nothing

would without cause that I have done in it," deliver neither sons nor

daughters; only they would be delivered, says the Lord GOD. and the land would be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword on that land, and 1 5Then the word of the LORD came say, "Sword, go through the land,' and I to me, saying: cut off man and beast from it,

2 Son of man, how is the wood of the

1' even though these three men were in vine better than any other wood, the

it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, "they vine branch which is among the trees of

would deliver neither sons nor the forest? daughters, but only they themselves

would be delivered. U

s wood taken from it to make any

<sup>1</sup> object? Or can men make a peg from it

" Or if I send a pestilence into that land to hang any vessel on?

and pour out My fury on it in blood, and

cut off from it man and beast, <sup>4</sup>

Instead, it is thrown into the fire for fuel;

<sup>2</sup> the fire devours both ends of it, and its <sup>0</sup> even though Noah, Daniel, and Job middle is burned. Is it useful for any

were in it, as I live," says the Lord GOD, work? "they would deliver neither son nor

daughter; they would deliver only s

Indeed, when it was whole, no object

themselves by their righteousness."

could be made from it. How much less

<sup>2</sup> will it be useful for any work when the <sup>1</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: "How fire has devoured it, and it is burned?

much more it shall be when I send My

four severe judgments on Jerusalem-- <sup>6</sup> Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

the sword and famine and wild beasts

"Like the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest, which I have given to <sup>7</sup><sup>1</sup> made you thrive like a plant in the the fire for fuel, so I will give up the field; and you grew, matured, and

inhabitants of Jerusalem; became very beautiful. Your breasts

were formed, your hair grew, but you

7 were naked and bare. and I will set My face against them. They will go out from one fire, but

another fire shall devour them. Then you 8 When I passed by you again and shall know that I am the LORD, when I looked upon you, indeed your time was

set My face against them. the time of love; so I spread My wing

over you and covered your nakedness.

"Thus I will make the land desolate, Yes, I swore an oath to you and entered

because into a covenant with you, and you they have persisted in unfaithfulness,' says the Lord GOD." became Mine," says the Lord GOD.

"Then I washed you in water; yes, I

1 thoroughly washed off your blood, and I 6Again the word of the LORD came

anointed you with oil.

to me, saying,

10a clothed you in embroidered cloth and

2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know

gave you sandals of badger skin; I

her abominations, clothed you with fine linen and covered

you with silk.

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and say, "Thus says the Lord GOD to

Jerusalem: "Your birth and your nativity 1 1a adorned you with ornaments, put are from the land of Canaan; your father bracelets on your wrists, and a chain on

was an Amorite and your mother a your neck. Hittite.

1 2And I put a jewel in your nose,

4As for your nativity, on the day you earrings in your ears, and a beautiful

were born your navel cord was not cut, crown on your head. nor were you washed in water to

cleanse you; you were not rubbed with 13Thus you were adorned with gold and salt nor wrapped in swaddling cloths.

silver, and your clothing was of fine linen,

5 silk, and embroidered cloth. You ate

No eye pitied you, to do any of these pastry of fine flour, honey, and oil. You

things for you, to have compassion on were exceedingly beautiful, and you; but you were thrown out into the succeeded to royalty. open field, when you yourself were

loathed on the day you were born. 14 our fame went out among the nations 6 because of your beauty, for it was

And when I passed by you and saw perfect through My splendor which I had

you struggling in your own blood, I said bestowed on you," says the Lord GOD.

to you in your blood, "Live!' Yes, I said

to you in your blood, "Live!'

1 2 5 But you trusted in your own beauty, 34'Then it was so, after all your

played the harlot because of your fame, wickedness--"Woe, woe to you!" says

and poured out your harlotry on the Lord GOD--everyone passing by who would have it.

2 4

that you also built for yourself a shrine,

16

you took some of your garments and and made a high place for yourself in

adorned multicolored high places for every street. yourself, and played the harlot on them.

Such things should not happen, nor be. 2 5 ou built your high places at the head

of every road, and made your beauty to

17 ou have also taken your beautiful

be abhorred. You offered yourself to

jewelry from My gold and My silver, everyone who passed by, and multiplied

which I had given you, and made for your acts of harlotry. yourself male images and played the

harlot with them. 26 ou also committed harlotry with the

Egyptians, your very fleshly neighbors,

1' You took your embroidered garments and increased your acts of harlotry to

and covered them, and you set My oil provoke Me to anger. and My incense before them.

2 7 Behold, therefore, I stretched out My

19Also My food which I gave you--the hand against you, diminished your



pastry of fine flour, oil, and honey which allotment, and gave you up to the will of

I fed you--you set it before them as those who hate you, the daughters of

sweet incense; and so it was," says the the Philistines, who were ashamed of

Lord GOD. your lewd behavior.

2 2 0 Moreover you took your sons and 8 ou also played the harlot with the your daughters, whom you bore to Me, Assyrians, because you were insatiable;

and these you sacrificed to them to be indeed you played the harlot with them

devoured. Were your acts of harlotry a and still were not satisfied. small matter,

2 ' Moreover you multiplied your acts of

21 hat you have slain My children and

harlotry as far as the land of the trader,

offered them up to them by causing Chaldea; and even then you were not

them to pass through the fire? satisfied.

2 3 20 How degenerate is your heart!" says And in all your abominations and acts of harlotry you did not remember the the Lord GOD, "seeing you do all these

days of your youth, when you were things, the deeds of a brazen harlot. naked and bare, struggling in your blood.

31 'You erected your shrine at the head of every road, and built your high place in every street. Yet you were not like a 39 will also give you into their hand, and

harlot, because you scorned payment. they shall throw down your shrines and

break down your high places. They shall

32 also strip you of your clothes, take your You are an adulterous wife, who takes

strangers instead of her husband. beautiful jewelry, and leave you naked

and bare.

33Men make payment to all harlots, but 404 you made your payments to all your "They shall also bring up an assembly

lovers, and hired them to come to you against you, and they shall stone you

from all around for your harlotry. with stones and thrust you through with

their swords.

34 ou are the opposite of other women 4 1They shall burn your houses with fire, in your harlotry, because no one solicited you to be a harlot. In that you and execute judgments on you in the

gave payment but no payment was sight of many women; and I will make

given you, therefore you are the you cease playing the harlot, and you opposite." shall no longer hire lovers.

3 so I will lay to rest My fury toward you,

5 Now then, O harlot, hear the word of 4 2

the LORD! and My jealousy shall depart from you. I

will be quiet, and be angry no more.

36 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because

4 3 Because you did not remember the

your filthiness was poured out and your

nakedness uncovered in your harlotry days of your youth, but agitated  
Me with

with your lovers, and with all your all these things, surely I will also  
abominable idols, and because of the recompense your deeds on your  
own

blood of your children which you gave to head," says the Lord GOD.  
"And you

them, shall not commit lewdness in addition to

all your abominations.

37 surely, therefore, I will gather all your 44 lovers with whom you  
took pleasure, all Indeed everyone who quotes

those you loved, and all those you proverbs will use this proverb  
against

hated; I will gather them from all around you: "Like mother, like  
daughter!"

against you and will uncover your

nakedness to them, that they may see you are your mother's daughter, 4  
5

all your nakedness. loathing husband and children; and you

are the sister of your sisters, who

3' And I will judge you as women who loathed their husbands and  
children;

break wedlock or shed blood are your mother was a Hittite and your

judged; I will bring blood upon you in father an Amorite. fury and jealousy.

46 'Your elder sister is Samaria, who dwells with her daughters to the north of you; and your younger sister, who daughters, then I will also bring back the  
dwells to the south of you, is Sodom and captives of your captivity among them,  
her daughters.

54

that you may bear your own shame

47

you did not walk in their ways nor act and be disgraced by all that you did  
according to their abominations; but, as when you comforted them. if that were too little, you became more  
corrupt than they in all your ways. 5 When your sisters, Sodom and her

daughters, return to their former state,

48 As I live," says the Lord GOD,

and Samaria and her daughters return

"neither your sister Sodom nor her to their former state, then you and your

daughters have done as you and your daughters will return to your former state.

daughters have done.

56For your sister Sodom was not a

4' Look, this was the iniquity of your byword in your mouth in the days of

sister Sodom: She and her daughter your pride, had pride, fullness of

food, and

abundance of idleness; neither did she <sup>57</sup> before your wickedness was strengthen the hand of the poor and uncovered. It was like the time of the

needy. reproach of the daughters of Syria and

<sup>5</sup> daughters of the Philistines, who

0And they were haughty and committed all those around her, and of the

abomination before Me; therefore I took despise you everywhere. them away as I saw fit.

<sup>58</sup> ou have paid for your lewdness and

<sup>51</sup> 'Samaria did not commit half of your your abominations," says the LORD. sins; but you have multiplied your

abominations more than they, and have <sup>5'</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: "I will justified your sisters by all the deal with you as you have done, who

abominations which you have done. despised the oath by breaking the covenant.

<sup>52</sup>

v ou who judged your sisters, bear

your own shame also, because the sins <sup>6</sup> 0 Nevertheless I will remember My which you committed were more covenant with you in the days of your

abominable than theirs; they are more youth, and I will establish an everlasting

righteous than you. Yes, be disgraced covenant with you. also, and bear your own shame,

because you justified your sisters. <sup>6</sup> 1

Then you will remember your ways

5 and be ashamed, when you receive 3a When I bring back their captives, the

your older and your younger sisters; for I

captives of Sodom and her daughters, will give them to you for daughters, but

and the captives of Samaria and her not because of My covenant with you. 62

And I will establish My covenant with him, From the garden terrace where it

you. Then you shall know that I am the had been planted, That he might water it.

LORD,

6 waters, To bring forth branches, bear

3 hat you may remember and be 8It was planted in good soil by many

ashamed, and never open your mouth fruit, And become a majestic vine." anymore because of your shame, when

I provide you an atonement for all you "Say, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Will it

have done," says the Lord GOD." thrive? Will he not pull up its roots, Cut

off its fruit, And leave it to wither? All of

its spring leaves will wither, And no

1 great power or many people Will be 7And the word of the LORD came

needed to pluck it up by its roots.

to me, saying,

1 OBehold, it is planted, Will it thrive? Will

2 Son of man, pose a riddle, and speak a parable to the house of  
Israel, it not utterly wither when the east wind

touches it? It will wither in the garden

h terrace where it grew. ' and say, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "A

great eagle with large wings and long 11Moreover the word of the  
LORD came pinions, Full of feathers of various colors, to me, saying,  
Came to Lebanon And took from the

cedar the highest branch. 12 'Say now to the rebellious house: "Do 4  
you not know what these things mean?"

He cropped off its topmost young twig

Tell them, "Indeed the king of Babylon

And carried it to a land of trade; He set it

went to Jerusalem and took its king and

in a city of merchants.

princes, and led them with him to

5 Babylon.

Then he took some of the seed of the

land And planted it in a fertile field; He 1 3And he took the king's  
offspring, made

placed it by abundant waters And set it

a covenant with him, and put him under

like a willow tree.

oath. He also took away the mighty of

6 the land,

And it grew and became a spreading

vine of low stature; Its branches turned 1 4

that the kingdom might be brought low

toward him, But its roots were under it.

and not lift itself up, but that by keeping

So it became a vine, Brought forth

his covenant it might stand.

branches, And put forth shoots.

15But he rebelled against him by sending

7 But there was another great eagle with

his ambassadors to Egypt, that they

large wings and many feathers; And

might give him horses and many people.

behold, this vine bent its roots toward

Will he prosper? Will he who does such

him, And stretched its branches toward things escape? Can he break a

2 3On the mountain height of Israel I will covenant and still be  
delivered? plant it; and it will bring forth boughs,

and bear fruit, and be a majestic cedar.

16 As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'surely Under it will dwell birds of  
every sort; in

in the place where the king dwells who the shadow of its branches



they will

made him king, whose oath he despised dwell.

and whose covenant he broke--with him 4And all the trees of the field shall know

in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 2

that I, the LORD, have brought down the

17Nor will Pharaoh with his mighty army high tree and exalted the  
low tree, dried

and great company do anything in the up the green tree and made the dry tree

war, when they heap up a siege mound flourish; I, the LORD, have spoken and

and build a wall to cut off many persons. have done it."

18

Since he despised the oath by

breaking the covenant, and in fact gave 1 8The word of the LORD came to

his hand and still did all these things, he me again, saying, shall not escape."

1 proverb concerning the land of Israel,

9Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 2 What do you mean when you use this

"As I live, surely My oath which he saying: "The fathers have eaten sour

despised, and My covenant which he grapes, And the children's teeth

are set

broke, I will recompense on his own on edge"? head.

3

2 "As I live," says the Lord GOD, "you 0 will spread My net over him, and he

shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

shall be taken in My snare. I will bring

him to Babylon and try him there for the 4

Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of  
treason which he committed against Me.

the father As well as the soul of the son

2 is Mine; The soul who sins shall die. 1 All his fugitives with all his  
troops shall fall by the sword, and those who remain 5

But if a man is just And does what is  
shall be scattered to every wind; and

lawful and right;

you shall know that I, the LORD, have

spoken." 6

If he has not eaten on the mountains,

2 Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the

Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will take

house of Israel, Nor defiled his

also one of the highest branches of the neighbor's wife, Nor  
approached a

high cedar and set it out. I will crop off

woman during her impurity;

from the topmost of its young twigs a

tender one, and will plant it on a high <sup>7</sup> and prominent mountain. If he has not oppressed anyone, But

has restored to the debtor his pledge;

Has robbed no one by violence, But has given his bread to the hungry  
And violence, But has given his bread to the

covered the naked with clothing; hungry And covered the naked with  
clothing;

8If he has not exacted usury Nor taken

<sup>1</sup> 7

any increase, But has withdrawn his Who has withdrawn his hand  
from the

hand from iniquity And executed true poor And not received usury or  
increase,

judgment between man and man; But has executed My judgments And  
walked in My statutes-- He shall not die

'If he has walked in My statutes And for the iniquity of his father; He  
shall

kept My judgments faithfully-- He is just; surely live! He shall surely  
live!" Says the Lord GOD.

<sup>1</sup> " As for his father, Because he cruelly

<sup>10</sup>§§f he begets a son who is a robber Or a oppressed, Robbed his  
brother by

shedder of blood, Who does any of these violence, And did what is not  
good

things among his people, Behold, he shall die

for his iniquity.

11 And does none of those duties, But 1 has eaten on the mountains Or defiled " Yet you say, "Why should the son not

his neighbor's wife; bear the guilt of the father?' Because the

son has done what is lawful and right,

1 and has kept all My statutes and 2 he has oppressed the poor and

observed them, he shall surely live.

needy, Robbed by violence, Not

restored the pledge, Lifted his eyes to 2 0The soul who sins shall die. The son the idols, Or committed abomination; shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor

1 the father bear the guilt of the son. The 3 he has exacted usury Or taken

righteousness of the righteous shall be

increase-- Shall he then live? He shall

upon himself, and the wickedness of the

not live! If he has done any of these

wicked shall be upon himself.

abominations, He shall surely die; His

blood shall be upon him. 2 1 'But if a wicked man turns from all his

1 sins which he has committed, keeps all 4§§ , however, he begets a son Who

My statutes, and does what is lawful and

sees all the sins which his father has

right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

done, And considers but does not do

likewise; 2

None of the transgressions which he

1 has committed shall be remembered 5Who has not eaten on the mountains,

against him; because of the

Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the

righteousness which he has done, he

house of Israel, Nor defiled his

shall live.

neighbor's wife;

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6Has not oppressed anyone, Nor 23Do I have any pleasure at all that the

wicked should die?" says the Lord GOD,

withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by "and not that he should turn from his from all your transgressions, so that

ways and live? iniquity will not be your ruin.

24 But when a righteous man turns away 31

Cast away from you all the

from his righteousness and commits transgressions which you have iniquity, and does according to all the committed, and get yourselves a new

abominations that the wicked man does, heart and a new spirit. For why should

shall he live? All the righteousness you die, O house of Israel? which he has done shall not be

remembered; because of the <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and one who dies," says the Lord GOD.

the sin which he has committed, "Therefore turn and live!" because of them he shall die.

<sup>25</sup> Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is

<sup>1 9</sup> Moreover take up a lamentation

not fair.' Hear now, O house of Israel, is

it not My way which is fair, and your for the princes of Israel,

ways which are not fair? <sup>2</sup> and say: "What is your mother? A

<sup>26</sup>When a righteous man turns away lioness: She lay down among the lions;

from his righteousness, commits iniquity, Among the young lions she nourished

and dies in it, it is because of the iniquity her cubs. which he has done that he dies.

3

She brought up one of her cubs, And

<sup>27</sup> he became a young lion; He learned to

Again, when a wicked man turns away

from catch prey, And he devoured men. the wickedness which he

committed, and does what is lawful and <sup>4</sup> The nations also heard of him; He was right, he preserves himself alive.

trapped in their pit, And they brought

2 him with chains to the land of Egypt.

' Because he considers and turns away

from all the transgressions which he 5 When she saw that she waited,  
that committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. her hope was  
lost, She took another of

her cubs and made him a young lion.

2 ' Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is not 6 fair."He  
roved among the lions, And became O house of Israel, is it not My  
ways which are fair, and a young lion; He learned to catch prey;

your ways which are not fair? He devoured men.

3 7 O§ He knew their desolate places, And laid "The refore I will judge  
you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," waste their  
cities; The land with its

says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn fullness was desolated By the  
noise of

his roaring.

8 2 Then the nations set against him from Then the word of the LORD  
came to the provinces on every side, And spread me, saying, their net  
over him; He was trapped in

their pit. 3 "Son of man, speak to the elders of

Israel, and say to them, "Thus says the

"They put him in a cage with chains, Lord GOD: "Have you come to  
inquire of

And brought him to the king of Babylon; Me? As I live," says the Lord  
GOD, "I

They brought him in nets, That his voice will not be inquired of by  
you." should no longer be heard on the

mountains of Israel. 4 Will you judge them, son of man, will

you judge them? Then make known to

10 Your mother was like a vine in your them the abominations of  
their fathers.

bloodline, Planted by the waters, Fruitful

and full of branches Because of many 5 Say to them, "Thus says the Lord  
waters. GOD: "On the day when I chose Israel

and raised My hand in an oath to the

11 She had strong branches for scepters descendants of the house of  
Jacob, and

of rulers. She towered in stature above made Myself known to them in  
the land

the thick branches, And was seen in her of Egypt, I raised My hand in  
an oath to

height amid the dense foliage. them, saying, "I am the LORD your

God.'

12But she was plucked up in fury, She was cast down to the ground,  
And the 6On that day I raised My hand in an oath east wind dried her  
fruit. Her strong to them, to bring them out of the land of

branches were broken and withered; Egypt into a land that I had  
searched out

The fire consumed them. for them, "flowing with milk and honey,'

the glory of all lands.

13And now she is planted in the wilderness, In a dry and thirsty land.

7Then I said to them, "Each of you,

throw away the abominations which are

14Fire has come out from a rod of her before his eyes, and do not  
defile

branches And devoured her fruit, So yourselves with the idols of



Egypt. I am

that she has no strong branch-- a the LORD your God.'

scepter for ruling." This is a lamentation, 8But they rebelled against Me and would and has become a lamentation.

not obey Me. They did not all cast away

the abominations which were before

2 their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols Olt came to pass in the seventh

of Egypt. Then I said, "I will pour out My

year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day fury on them and fulfill My anger against

of the month, that certain of the elders of them in the midst of the land of Egypt.'

Israel came to inquire of the LORD, and

sat before me.

'But I acted for My name's sake, that it profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart

should not be profaned before the went after their idols. Gentiles among whom they were, in

whose sight I had made Myself known 17Nevertheless My eye spared them to them, to bring them out of the land of from destruction. I did not make an end

Egypt. of them in the wilderness.

11 O§ 'Ther efore I made them go out of the 8 But I said to their children in the land of Egypt and brought them into the wilderness, "Do not walk in the statutes

wilderness. of your fathers, nor observe their

1 their idols. 1And I gave them My statutes and judgments, nor defile yourselves with

showed them My judgments, "which, if a

man does, he shall live by them.' 1 ' I am the LORD your God: Walk in My

1 them; 2Moreover I also gave them My statutes, keep My judgments, and do

Sabbaths, to be a sign between them

and Me, that they might know that I am 20hallow My Sabbaths, and they will be a the LORD who sanctifies them. sign between Me and you, that you may

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3Yet the house of Israel rebelled know that I am the LORD your God.'

against Me in the wilderness; they did 2 1 'Notwithstanding, the children rebelled not walk in My statutes; they despised against Me; they did not walk in My

My judgments, "which, if a man does, he statutes, and were not careful to

shall live by them'; and they greatly observe My judgments, "which, if a man

defiled My Sabbaths. Then I said I does, he shall live by them'; but they

would pour out My fury on them in the profaned My Sabbaths. Then I said I

wilderness, to consume them. would pour out My fury on them and

fulfill My anger against them in the

14

But I acted for My name's sake, that it wilderness.

should not be profaned before the

Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought <sup>2</sup> Nevertheless I withdrew My hand and them out. acted for My name's sake, that it should

not be profaned in the sight of the

<sup>15</sup> So I also raised My hand in an oath to Gentiles, in whose sight I had brought

them in the wilderness, that I would not them out. bring them into the land which I had

given them, "flowing with milk and <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> Also I raised My hand in an oath to honey,' the glory of all lands, those in the wilderness, that I would

<sup>1</sup> disperse them throughout the countries,

<sup>6</sup> because they despised My judgments scatter them among the Gentiles and

and did not walk in My statutes, but <sup>24</sup> because they had not executed My <sup>31</sup> For when you offer your gifts and

judgments, but had despised My make your sons pass through the fire, statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and you defile yourselves with all your idols,

their eyes were fixed on their fathers' even to this day. So shall I be inquired

idols. of by you, O house of Israel? As I live,"

says the Lord GOD, "I will not be

<sup>25</sup> § inquired of by you. '

Therefore I also gave them up to statutes that were not good, and

judgments by which they could not live; <sup>32</sup> What you have in your mind shall

never be, when you say, "We will be like

26 the Gentiles, like the families in other

and I pronounced them unclean

because of their ritual gifts, in that they countries, serving wood and stone.' caused all their firstborn to pass through

the fire, that I might make them desolate 33 'As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely

and that they might know that I am the with a mighty hand, with an outstretched

LORD." arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule

over you.

27§ Therefore

, son of man, speak to the 4a will bring you out from the peoples

house of Israel, and say to them, "Thus 3 says the Lord GOD: "In this too your and gather you out of the countries

fathers have blasphemed Me, by being where you are scattered, with a mighty

unfaithful to Me. hand, with an outstretched arm, and

with fury poured out.

28When I brought them into the land concerning which I had raised My hand 35And I will bring you into the wilderness

in an oath to give them, and they saw all of the peoples, and there I will plead My

the high hills and all the thick trees, case with you face to face. there they offered their sacrifices and

provoked Me with their offerings. There 36 Just as I pleaded My case with your they also sent up their sweet aroma and fathers in the wilderness of the land of

poured out their drink offerings. Egypt, so I will plead My case with

you,"

says the Lord GOD.

2' Then I said to them, "What is this high

place to which you go?' So its name is 37 will make you pass under the rod, called Bamah to this day.'" and I will bring you into the bond of the

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0Therefore say to the house of Israel, covenant;

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you 38a will purge the rebels from among you, defiling yourselves in the manner of your and those who transgress against Me; I

fathers, and committing harlotry will bring them out of the country where according to their abominations? they dwell, but they shall not enter the

land of Israel. Then you will know that I  
am the LORD.

3 4 9 As for you, O house of Israel," thus 6 'Son of man, set your face toward the says the Lord GOD: "Go, serve every south; preach against the south and

one of you his idols--and hereafter--if prophesy against the forest land, the

you will not obey Me; but profane My South, holy name no more with your gifts and

your idols. 4 7and say to the forest of the South,

4 the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will kindle a

0For on My holy mountain, on the "Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says

mountain height of Israel," says the Lord fire in you, and it shall devour every

GOD, "there all the house of Israel, all of green tree and every dry tree in you; the

them in the land, shall serve Me; there I blazing flame shall not be quenched,

will accept them, and there I will require and all faces from the south to the north

your offerings and the firstfruits of your shall be scorched by it. sacrifices, together with all your holy

things. 4 8AII flesh shall see that I, the LORD,

4 quenched. ' 1 will accept you as a sweet aroma have kindled it; it shall not be

when I bring you out from the peoples

and gather you out of the countries 4 ' Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! They say where you have been scattered; and I of me, "Does he not speak parables?"

will be hallowed in you before the

Gentiles.

4 2 1 And the word of the LORD came 2 Then you shall know that I am the to me, saying, LORD, when I bring you into the land of

Israel, into the country for which I raised 2 Son of man, set your face toward My hand in an oath to give to your fathers. Jerusalem, preach against the holy

places, and prophesy against the land of

43And there you shall remember your Israel;

ways and all your doings with which you h and say to the land of

Israel, "Thus were defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of says the LORD: "Behold, I am against

all the evils that you have committed. you, and I will draw My sword out of its

sheath and cut off both righteous and

44Then you shall know that I am the wicked from you.

LORD, when I have dealt with you for 4 Because I will cut off both righteous My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your and wicked from you, therefore My

corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says sword shall go out of its sheath against

the Lord GOD." all flesh from south to north,

4 5

Furthermore the word of the LORD

came to me, saying, that all flesh may know that I, the LORD, scepter shall be no more," says the Lord

have drawn My sword out of its sheath; GOD. it shall not return anymore.'

14 'You therefore, son of man, prophesy,

6Sigh therefore, son of man, with a And strike your hands together. The

breaking heart, and sigh with bitterness third time let the sword do double

before their eyes. damage. It is the sword that slays, The

sword that slays the great men, That

7 enters their private chambers. And it shall be when they say to you, "Why are you sighing?' that you shall

answer, "Because of the news; when it 1 5a have set the point of the sword comes, every heart will melt, all hands against all their gates, That the heart

will be feeble, every spirit will faint, and may melt and many may stumble. Ah! It

all knees will be weak as water. Behold, is made bright; It is grasped for

it is coming and shall be brought to slaughter: pass,' says the Lord GOD."

16 'Swords at the ready! Thrust right! Set

8Again the word of the LORD came to your blade! Thrust left-- Wherever your

me, saying, edge is ordered!

"Son of man, prophesy and say, "Thus 17 also will beat My fists together, And I says the LORD!' Say: "A sword, a sword will cause My fury to rest; I, the LORD,

is sharpened And also polished! have spoken."

1 1 8 0Sharpened to make a dreadful

The word of the LORD came to me

slaughter, Polished to flash like again, saying: lightning! Should we then make mirth? It

despises the scepter of My son, As it 1 " And son of man, appoint for yourself does all wood. two ways for the sword of the king of

1 Babylon to go; both of them shall go 1And He has given it to be polished,

from the same land. Make a sign; put it



That it may be handled; This sword is at the head of the road to the city. sharpened, and it is polished To be

given into the hand of the slayer.' 20 Appoint a road for the sword to go to

1 Rabbah of the Ammonites, and to Judah, 2 Cry and wail, son of man; For it will be

into fortified Jerusalem.

against My people, Against all the

princes of Israel. Terrors including the 21

For the king of Babylon stands at the

sword will be against My people; parting of the road, at the fork of the two

Therefore strike your thigh. roads, to use divination: he shakes the

1 arrows, he consults the images, he 3 Because it is a testing, And what if the

looks at the liver.

sword despises even the scepter? The 2 2 n his right hand is the divination for

' While they see false visions for you,

Jerusalem: to set up battering rams, to While they divine a lie to you, To bring

call for a slaughter, to lift the voice with you on the necks of the wicked, the slain

shouting, to set battering rams against Whose day has come, Whose iniquity

the gates, to heap up a siege mound, shall end. and to build a wall.

30 Return it to its sheath. I will judge you

23 And it will be to them like a false In the place where you were  
created, In

divination in the eyes of those who have the land of your nativity.  
sworn oaths with them; but he will bring

their iniquity to remembrance, that they 31 will pour out My  
indignation on you; I

may be taken. will blow against you with the fire of My

wrath, And deliver you into the hands of

24 § Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: brutal men who are skillful to  
destroy.

"Because you have made your iniquity

to be remembered, in that your 32 ou shall be fuel for the fire; Your  
transgressions are uncovered, so that in blood shall be in the midst of  
the land.

all your doings your sins appear-- You shall not be remembered, For I  
the

because you have come to LORD have spoken." remembrance, you  
shall be taken in

hand.

2 22 Moreover the word of the LORD 5 Now to you, O profane,  
wicked prince

of Israel, whose day has come, whose came to me, saying, iniquity  
shall end,

2 Now, son of man, will you judge, will

26 hus says the Lord GOD: "Remove the you judge the bloody city?  
Yes, show

turban, and take off the crown; Nothing her all her abominations!

shall remain the same. Exalt the humble, 3Then say, "Thus says the Lord GOD:

and humble the exalted.

"The city sheds blood in her own midst,

27Overthrown, overthrown, I will make it that her time may come;  
and she makes

overthrown! It shall be no longer, Until idols within herself to defile herself.

He comes whose right it is, And I will 4 You have become guilty by the blood give it to Him.'

which you have shed, and have defiled

2 yourself with the idols which you have "' And you, son of man, prophesy and

say, "Thus says the Lord GOD made. You have caused your days to concerning draw near, and have come to the end of the Ammonites and

concerning their reproach,' and say: "A your years; therefore I have made you a

sword, a sword is drawn, Polished for reproach to the nations, and a mockery

slaughter, For consuming, for flashing-- to all countries.

5Those near and those far from you will shall deal with you? I, the LORD, have

mock you as infamous and full of tumult. spoken, and will do it.

61 Look, the princes of Israel: each one5 will scatter you among the nations, has used his power to shed blood in you. disperse you

throughout the countries,

and remove your filthiness completely

7 from you. In you they have made light of father and mother; in your midst they have

oppressed the stranger; in you they 1 6 ou shall defile yourself in the sight of have mistreated the fatherless and the the nations; then you shall know that I

widow. am the LORD. '

'You have despised My holy things and 1 7The word of the LORD came to me, profaned My Sabbaths. saying,

'In you are men who slander to cause 1 "' Son of man, the house of Israel has bloodshed; in you are those who eat on become dross to Me; they are all bronze,

the mountains; in your midst they tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a commit lewdness. furnace; they have become dross from

silver.

10 n you men uncover their fathers' nakedness; in you they violate women 1' Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: who are set apart during their impurity. "Because you have all become dross,

therefore behold, I will gather you into

11 the midst of Jerusalem.

One commits abomination with his neighbor's wife; another lewdly defiles

2 0

his daughter-in-law; and another in you As men gather silver, bronze, iron,

violates his sister, his father's daughter. lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace,

to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will

<sup>12</sup> n you they take bribes to shed blood; gather you in My anger and in My fury,

you take usury and increase; you have and I will leave you there and melt you.

made profit from your neighbors by

extortion, and have forgotten Me," says <sup>2</sup> 1 es, I will gather you and blow on you the Lord GOD. with the fire of My wrath, and you shall

be melted in its midst.

<sup>13</sup> Behold, therefore, I beat My fists at

<sup>22</sup>

the dishonest profit which you have As silver is melted in the midst of a

made, and at the bloodshed which has furnace, so shall you be melted in its

been in your midst. midst; then you shall know that I, the

LORD, have poured out My fury on

<sup>14</sup> you."

Can your heart endure, or can your

hands remain strong, in the days when I

<sup>23</sup> And the word of the LORD came to me, that I should not destroy it; but I found

saying, no one.

<sup>23</sup> 4 Son of man, say to her: "You are a 1 Therefore I have poured out My land that is not cleansed or rained on in indignation on them; I

have consumed

the day of indignation.' them with the fire of My wrath; and I

have recompensed their deeds on their  
own heads," says the Lord GOD.

The conspiracy of her prophets in her  
midst is like a roaring lion tearing the  
prey; they have devoured people; they  
have taken treasure and precious 2 3 The word of the LORD came  
things; they have made many widows in again to me, saying: her  
midst.

2

6Her priests have violated My law and 2 Son of man, there were two  
women,

The daughters of one mother.  
profaned My holy things; they have not

distinguished between the holy and 3They committed harlotry in  
Egypt, They

unholy, nor have they made known the

difference between the unclean and the committed harlotry in their  
youth; Their

breasts were there embraced, Their  
clean; and they have hidden their eyes

virgin bosom was there pressed.

from My Sabbaths, so that I am

profaned among them. <sup>4</sup> Their names: Oholah the elder and

<sup>2</sup> Oholibah her sister; They were Mine, <sup>7</sup> Her princes in her midst are like

And they bore sons and daughters. As  
wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood,

for their names, Samaria is Oholah, and  
to destroy people, and to get dishonest

Jerusalem is Oholibah.  
gain.

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<sup>8</sup> Her prophets plastered them with <sup>5</sup> Oholah played the harlot even  
though

she was Mine; And she lusted for her  
untempered mortar, seeing false visions,

lovers, the neighboring Assyrians,  
and divining lies for them, saying, "Thus

says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD <sup>6</sup> Who were clothed in purple,  
Captains

had not spoken.

and rulers, All of them desirable young

<sup>2</sup> men, Horsemen riding on horses. '

The people of the land have used

oppressions, committed robbery, and 7Thus she committed her harlotry with mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. them, All of them choice men of Assyria;

And with all for whom she lusted, With

30 all their idols, she defiled herself. So I sought for a man among them

who would make a waIII, an nd stand in the 8 gap before Me on behalf of the land, She has never given up her harlotry

brought from Egypt, For in her youth

they had lain with her, Pressed her virgin bosom, And poured out their with their immorality; So she was defiled

immorality upon her. by them, and alienated herself from

them.

""Therefore I have delivered her Into the

1 8

hand of her lovers, Into the hand of the She revealed her harlotry and Assyrians, For whom she lusted. uncovered her nakedness. Then I

alienated Myself from her, As I had

10 alienated Myself from her sister.

They uncovered her nakedness, Took away her sons and daughters, And slew

her with the sword; She became a 1 "" Yet she multiplied her harlotry In byword among women, For they had calling to remembrance the days of her

executed judgment on her. youth, When she had played the harlot

in the land of Egypt.

1 1 Now although her sister Oholibah saw this, she became more



corrupt in her <sup>20</sup>For she lusted for her paramours, lust than she, and in  
her harlotry more Whose flesh is like the flesh of donkeys,  
corrupt than her sister's harlotry. And whose issue is like the issue of  
horses.

<sup>12</sup>§

She lusted for the neighboring

<sup>2</sup> 1

Assyrians, Captains and rulers, Clothed Thus you called to  
remembrance the

most gorgeously, Horsemen riding on lewdness of your youth, When  
the

horses, All of them desirable young men. Egyptians pressed your  
bosom Because

of your youthful breasts.

<sup>13</sup>

Then I saw that she was defiled; Both

took the same way. <sup>24</sup>Therefore, Oholibah, thus says the

Lord GOD: "Behold, I will stir up your

<sup>14</sup> lovers against you, From whom you

But she increased her harlotry; She

looked at men portrayed on the wall, have alienated yourself, And I  
will bring

Images of Chaldeans portrayed in them against you from every side:

vermilion, <sup>3</sup>The Babylonians, All the Chaldeans,

2

<sup>15</sup> Pekod, Shoa, Koa, All the Assyrians

Girded with belts around their waists,  
Flowing turbans on their heads, All of with them, All of them  
desirable young  
them looking like captains, In the men, Governors and rulers, Captains  
manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, and men of renown, All of  
them riding on  
The land of their nativity. horses.

1 And they shall come against you With

6As soon as her eyes saw them, She 2 4

lusted for them And sent messengers to chariots, wagons, and war-  
horses, With

them in Chaldea. a horde of people. They shall array

against you Buckler, shield, and helmet

17§ all around. "I will delegate judgment to

"Then the Babylonians came to her,

into the bed of love, And they defiled her them, And they shall judge  
you wide one; You shall be laughed to scorn

according to their judgments. And held in derision; It contains much.

25 will set My jealousy against you, And 33You will be filled with  
drunkenness and

they shall deal furiously with you; They sorrow, The cup of horror and  
shall remove your nose and your ears, desolation, The cup of your  
sister

And your remnant shall fall by the Samaria. sword; They shall take  
your sons and

your daughters, And your remnant shall 34 ou shall drink and drain it,

You shall

be devoured by fire. break its shards, And tear at your own

breasts; For I have spoken,' Says the

26They shall also strip you of your Lord GOD.

clothes And take away your beautiful

jewelry. 354'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

"Because you have forgotten Me and

27§ 'Thu

s I will make you cease your cast Me behind your back, Therefore

lewdness and your harlotry Brought you shall bear the penalty Of  
your

from the land of Egypt, So that you will lewdness and your harlotry." "  
not lift your eyes to them, Nor remember

Egypt anymore.' 36The LORD also said to me: "Son of

man, will you judge Oholah and

2 8 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I

Oholibah? Then declare to them their

will deliver you into the hand of those abominations. you hate, into  
the hand of those from

whom you alienated yourself. 37 For they have committed adultery,  
and

blood is on their hands. They have

2 ' They will deal hatefully with you, take committed adultery with  
their idols, and

away all you have worked for, and leave even sacrificed their sons  
whom they

you naked and bare. The nakedness of bore to Me, passing them  
through the

your harlotry shall be uncovered, both fire, to devour them. your  
lewdness and your harlotry.

38 Moreover they have done this to Me:

30 will do these things to you because They have defiled My sanctuary  
on the

you have gone as a harlot after the same day and profaned My  
Sabbaths.

Gentiles, because you have become

defiled by their idols. 3' For after they had slain their children

for their idols, on the same day they

31

You have walked in the way of your came into My sanctuary to  
profane it;

sister; therefore I will put her cup in your and indeed thus they have  
done in the

hand.' midst of My house.

3 4 2§ 0 'Thu s says the Lord GOD: "You shall 'Furthermore you sent for  
men to

drink of your sister's cup, The deep and come from afar, to whom a  
messenger

was sent; and there they came. And you 4 8 Thus I will cause lewdness  
to cease washed yourself for them, painted your from the land, that all  
women may be

eyes, and adorned yourself with taught not to practice your lewdness.  
ornaments.

4 ' They shall repay you for your

You sat on a stately couch, with a lewdness, and you shall pay for your

table prepared before it, on which you idolatrous sins. Then you shall know

had set My incense and My oil. that I am the Lord GOD."

42The sound of a carefree multitude was with her, and Sabeans were brought 24Again, in the ninth year, in the

from the wilderness with men of the tenth month, on the tenth day of the

common sort, who put bracelets on their month, the word of the LORD came to

wrists and beautiful crowns on their me, saying, heads.

4 Then I said concerning her who had the day, this very day--the king of

3 2 Son of man, write down the name of

grown old in adulteries, "Will they Babylon started his siege against

commit harlotry with her now, and she Jerusalem this very day. with them?"

4 OAnd utter a parable to the rebellious 4Yet they went in to her, as men go in house, and say to them, "Thus says the

to a woman who plays the harlot; thus Lord GOD: "Put on a pot, set it on, And

they went in to Oholah and Oholibah, also pour water into it. the lewd women.

5But righteous men will judge them 4Gather pieces of meat in it, Every good

piece, The thigh and the shoulder. Fill it

after the manner of adulteresses, and with choice cuts; after the manner of women who shed

blood, because they are adulteresses, 5Take the choice of the flock. Also pile and blood is on their hands. fuel bones under it, Make it boil well,

4 And let the cuts simmer in it." 6 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Bring

up an assembly against them, give them 6 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: up to trouble and plunder. "Woe to the bloody city, To the pot

4 whose scum is in it, And whose scum is 7 The assembly shall stone them with not gone from it! Bring it out piece by stones and execute them with their piece, On which no lot has fallen. swords; they shall slay their sons and

their daughters, and burn their houses 7

For her blood is in her midst; She set it

with fire.

on top of a rock; She did not pour it on

the ground, To cover it with dust.

8 17

That it may raise up fury and take Sigh in silence, make no mourning for

vengeance, I have set her blood on top the dead; bind your turban on

your head,

of a rock, That it may not be covered." and put your sandals on your feet; do

not cover your lips, and do not eat man's

"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: bread of sorrow."

"Woe to the bloody city! I too will make

1 8

the pyre great. So I spoke to the people in the

morning, and at evening my wife died;

10 and the next morning I did as I was

Heap on the wood, Kindle the fire;

Cook the meat well, Mix in the spices, commanded. And let the cuts be burned up.

1 ' And the people said to me, "Will you

11§ not tell us what these things signify to us, 'Then

set the pot empty on the coals,

That it may become hot and its bronze that you behave so?"

may burn, That its filthiness may be 0Then I answered them, "The word of

melted in it, That its scum may be 2 consumed. the LORD came to me, saying,

1 2 21 She has grown weary with lies, And 'Speak to the house of Israel, "Thus her great scum has not gone from her. says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will

Let her scum be in the fire! profane My sanctuary, your arrogant

boast, the desire of your eyes, the

1 3 n your filthiness is lewdness. Because delight of your soul; and  
your sons and

I have cleansed you, and you were not daughters whom you left  
behind shall

cleansed, You will not be cleansed of fall by the sword.

your filthiness anymore, Till I have 2 And you shall do as I have done;  
you

caused My fury to rest upon you. 2

shall not cover your lips nor eat man's

14) the LORD, have spoken it; It shall bread of sorrow. come to pass,  
and I will do it; I will not

hold back, Nor will I spare, Nor will I 2 3 our turbans shall be on your  
heads relent; According to your ways And and your sandals on your  
feet; you shall

according to your deeds They will judge neither mourn nor weep, but  
you shall

you," Says the Lord GOD." pine away in your iniquities and mourn

with one another.

15 Also the word of the LORD came to

2 4

me, saying, Thus Ezekiel is a sign to you;

according to all that he has done you

16 Son of man, behold, I take away from shall do; and when this  
comes, you shall

you the desire of your eyes with one know that I am the Lord GOD."

stroke; yet you shall neither mourn nor



weep, nor shall your tears run down. 'And you, son of man 2 5 --will it not be in

the day when I take from them their stronghold, their joy and their glory, the 6 For thus says the Lord GOD:

desire of their eyes, and that on which "Because you clapped your hands,

they set their minds, their sons and their stamped your feet, and rejoiced in heart

daughters: with all your disdain for the land of Israel,

27 6 n that day one who escapes will

indeed, therefore, I will stretch out My

come to you to let you hear it with your hand against you, and give you as

ears; plunder to the nations; I will cut you off

from the peoples, and I will cause you to

27 perish from the countries; I will destroy

on that day your mouth will be opened

to him who has escaped; you shall you, and you shall know that I am the

speak and no longer be mute. Thus you LORD." will be a sign to them, and they shall

know that I am the LORD." 8 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because

Moab and Seir say, "Look! The house of

Judah is like all the nations,'

25The word of the LORD came to

me, saying, 'therefore, behold, I will clear the

territory of Moab of cities, of the cities on

2 its frontier, the glory of the country, Beth

Son of man, set your face against the

Jeshimoth, Baal Meon, and Kirjathaim.

Ammonites, and prophesy against them.

3Say to the Ammonites, "Hear the word a 1 0To the men of the East I  
will give it as possession, together with the

GOD: "Because you said, "Aha!" against not be remembered among the  
nations. My sanctuary when it was profaned, and of the Lord GOD!  
Thus says the Lord Ammonites, that the Ammonites may

against the land of Israel when it was 1 1And I will execute judgments  
upon desolate, and against the house of

Judah when they went into captivity, Moab, and they shall know that  
I am the

LORD."

4indeed, therefore, I will deliver you as a 24 possession to the men of  
the East, and 1 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because

they shall set their encampments among of what Edom did against the  
house of

you and make their dwellings among Judah by taking vengeance, and  
has

you; they shall eat your fruit, and they greatly offended by avenging  
itself on

shall drink your milk. them,"

13therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I

5And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels and Ammon a resting place for will also stretch out My hand against

flocks. Then you shall know that I am Edom, cut off man and beast from it,

the LORD." and make it desolate from Teman;

Dedan shall fall by the sword.

14 will lay My vengeance on Edom by

scrape her dust from her, and make her

the hand of My people Israel, that they like the top of a rock. may do in Edom according to My anger

and according to My fury; and they shall 5It shall be a place for spreading nets in know My vengeance," says the Lord the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,'

GOD. says the Lord GOD; "it shall become

plunder for the nations.

15§'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because

the Philistines dealt vengefully and took 6 Also her daughter villages which are in vengeance with a spiteful heart, to the fields shall be slain by the sword.

destroy because of the old hatred," Then they shall know that I am the

LORD.'

16 herefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I will stretch out My hand against the 7 For thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, Philistines, and I will cut off the I will bring against Tyre from the north

Cherethites and destroy the remnant of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king

the seacoast. of kings, with horses, with chariots, and

with horsemen, and an army with many

1 7 will execute great vengeance on people. them with furious rebukes; and they

shall know that I am the LORD, when I 8He will slay with the sword your lay My vengeance upon them. ' daughter villages in the fields; he will

heap up a siege mound against you,

build a wall against you, and raise a

26And it came to pass in the defense against you. eleventh year, on the first day of the

month, that the word of the LORD came 'He will direct his battering rams against

to me, saying, your walls, and with his axes he will

break down your towers.

2 Son of man, because Tyre has said 0Because of the abundance of his

against Jerusalem, "Aha! She is broken 1 who was the gateway of the peoples; horses, their dust will cover you; your

now she is turned over to me; I shall be walls will shake at the noise of the

filled; she is laid waste.' horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots,

when he enters your gates, as men

3"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: enter a city that has been breached.

"Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and 11with the hooves of his horses he will will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its trample all your streets; he will slay your

waves to come up. people by the sword, and your strong

pillars will fall to the ground.

4And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I  
will also <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>

They will plunder your riches and " For thus says the Lord GOD:  
"When I

pillage your merchandise; they will make you a desolate city, like  
cities that

break down your walls and destroy your are not inhabited, when I  
bring the deep

pleasant houses; they will lay your upon you, and great waters cover  
you,

stones, your timber, and your soil in the

midst of the water. <sup>2</sup> 0

then I will bring you down with those  
who descend into the Pit, to the people

<sup>13</sup> I will put an end to the sound of your of old, and I will make you  
dwell in the

songs, and the sound of your harps lowest part of the earth, in places  
shall be heard no more. desolate from antiquity, with those who

go down to the Pit, so that you may

<sup>14a</sup> I will make you like the top of a rock; never be inhabited; and I  
shall establish

you shall be a place for spreading nets, glory in the land of the living.

and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the <sup>1a</sup> I will make you a terror, and  
you shall

LORD have spoken,' says the Lord <sup>2</sup> GOD. be no more; though you are  
sought for,

you will never be found again,' says the

<sup>15</sup> § Lord GOD." '

Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre:

"Will the coastlands not shake at the

sound of your fall, when the wounded

cry, when slaughter is made in the midst <sup>2</sup> <sup>7</sup> The word of the LORD  
came

of you? again to me, saying,

<sup>16</sup> Then all the princes of the sea will

<sup>2</sup> Now, son of man, take up a

come down from their thrones, lay aside lamentation for Tyre, their robes, and take off their embroidered garments; they will clothe h themselves with trembling; they will sit and say to Tyre, "You who are situated

on the ground, tremble every moment, at the entrance of the sea, merchant of

the peoples on many coastlands, thus  
and be astonished at you.

says the Lord GOD: "O Tyre, you have

<sup>1</sup> said, "I am perfect in beauty." <sup>7</sup> And they will take up a lamentation for

you, and say to you: "How you have <sup>4</sup> Your borders are in the midst of the perished, O one inhabited by seafaring seas. Your builders have perfected your men, O renowned city, Who was strong beauty. at sea, She and her inhabitants, Who

caused their terror to be on all her <sup>5</sup>They made all your planks of fir trees inhabitants!

from Senir; They took a cedar from  
<sup>1</sup> Lebanon to make you a mast.

' Now the coastlands tremble on the

day of your fall; Yes, the coastlands by <sup>6</sup>Of oaks from Bashan they made your the sea are troubled at your departure."

oars; The company of Ashurites have inlaid your planks With ivory from the hand. They brought you ivory tusks and  
coasts of Cyprus. ebony as payment.

Fine embroidered linen from Egypt was Syria was your merchant  
because of

what you spread for your sail; Blue and the abundance of goods you  
made.

purple from the coasts of Elishah was They gave you for your wares  
emeralds,

what covered you. purple, embroidery, fine linen, corals,

and rubies.

8 Inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were your oarsmen; Your wise men,  
O Tyre, <sup>1</sup> 7

Judah and the land of Israel were your

were in you; They became your pilots. traders. They traded for your

merchandise wheat of Minnith, millet,

'Elders of Gebal and its wise men Were honey, oil, and balm. in you to  
caulk your seams; All the ships

of the sea And their oarsmen were in <sup>1</sup> ' Damascus was your merchant  
you To market your merchandise. because of the abundance of goods  
you

made, because of your many luxury

10§'T items, with the wine of Helbon and with hose from Persia,  
Lydia, and Libya

Were in your army as men of war; They white wool. hung shield and  
helmet in you; They

gave splendor to you. <sup>1</sup> Dan and Javan paid for your wares,

traversing back and forth. Wrought iron,

11 cassia, and cane were among your



Men of Arvad with your army were on

your walls all around, And the men of merchandise. Gammad were in  
your towers; They

hung their shields on your walls all Dedan was <sup>2</sup> 0 your merchant in  
around; They made your beauty perfect. saddlecloths for riding.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 2 'Tarshish was your merchant because <sup>1</sup> Arabia and all the princes  
of Kedar of your many luxury goods. They gave were your regular  
merchants. They

you silver, iron, tin, and lead for your traded with you in lambs, rams,  
and

goods. goats.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 32

Javan, Tubal, and Meshech were your The merchants of Sheba and  
Raamah

traders. They bartered human lives and were your merchants. They  
traded for

vessels of bronze for your merchandise. your wares the choicest  
spices, all kinds

of precious stones, and gold.

<sup>1</sup> 4

Those from the house of Togarmah

traded for your wares with horses, <sup>2</sup> 3 Haran, Canneh, Eden, the  
merchants steeds, and mules. of Sheba, Assyria, and Chilmad were

your merchants.

<sup>1</sup> 5 The men of Dedan were your traders; many isles were the market of  
your <sup>2</sup> 4 <sup>3</sup> 34 When your wares went out by sea,

These were your merchants in choice

items--in purple clothes, in embroidered You satisfied many people;  
You

garments, in chests of multicolored enriched the kings of the earth  
With your

apparel, in sturdy woven cords, which many luxury goods and your  
were in your marketplace. merchandise.

25§ 34 'The

ships of Tarshish were carriers of But you are broken by the seas in  
the

your merchandise. You were filled and depths of the waters; Your  
merchandise

very glorious in the midst of the seas. and the entire company will fall  
in your

midst.

26 our oarsmen brought you into many waters, But the east wind  
broke you in 35All the inhabitants of the isles will be the midst of the  
seas. astonished at you; Their kings will be

greatly afraid, And their countenance

27 Your riches, wares, and merchandise, will be troubled. Your  
mariners and pilots, Your caulkers

and merchandisers, All your men of war 36The merchants among the  
peoples will who are in you, And the entire company hiss at you; You  
will become a horror,

which is in your midst, Will fall into the and be no more forever. "  
midst of the seas on the day of your ruin.

28The common-land will shake at the

28 The word of the LORD came to

sound of the cry of your pilots. me again, saying,

2 " All who handle the oar, The mariners,

2 Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre,

All the pilots of the sea Will come down "Thus says the Lord GOD:  
"Because

from their ships and stand on the shore.

your heart is lifted up, And you say, "I

3 am a god, I sit in the seat of gods, In the 0They will make their  
voice heard

midst of the seas,' Yet you are a man,

because of you; They will cry bitterly and not a god, Though you set  
your

and cast dust on their heads; They will heart as the heart of a god roll  
about in ashes;

3 3(Behold, you are wiser than Daniel! 1 They will shave themselves  
completely There is no secret that can be hidden

bald because of you, Gird themselves from you! with sackcloth, And  
weep for you With

bitterness of heart and bitter wailing. 4

With your wisdom and your

32 n their wailing for you They will take understanding You have  
gained riches

for yourself, And gathered gold and

up a lamentation, And lament for you: silver into your treasuries;  
"What city is like Tyre, Destroyed in the

midst of the sea?

5 By your great wisdom in trade you have been prepared for you on the  
day you

increased your riches, And your heart is as was created. lifted up  
because of your riches),"

14 'You were the anointed cherub who

6 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: covers; I established you; You  
were on

"Because you have set your heart as the the holy mountain of God;  
You walked

heart of a god, back and forth in the midst of fiery

stones.

7 Behold, therefore, I will bring strangers 5 you were perfect in your  
ways from

against you, The most terrible of the 1 nations; And they shall draw  
their the day you were created, Till iniquity

swords against the beauty of your was found in you. wisdom, And  
defile your splendor.

1 6 'By the abundance of your trading You

"They shall throw you down into the Pit, became filled with violence  
within, And

And you shall die the death of the slain you sinned; Therefore I cast  
you as a

In the midst of the seas. profane thing Out of the mountain of

God; And I destroyed you, O covering

"Will you still say before him who slays cherub, From the midst of the

fiery

you, "I am a god"? But you shall be a stones.

man, and not a god, In the hand of him 7 Your heart was lifted up  
because of

who slays you. 1

your beauty; You corrupted your wisdom

10 for the sake of your splendor; I cast you

You shall die the death of the

uncircumcised By the hand of aliens; to the ground, I laid you before  
kings,

For I have spoken," says the Lord That they might gaze at you.  
GOD."

18 You defiled your sanctuaries By the

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came multitude of your iniquities,  
By the

to me, saying, iniquity of your trading; Therefore I

brought fire from your midst; It devoured

12 Son of man, take up a lamentation for you, And I turned you to  
ashes upon the

the king of Tyre, and say to him, "Thus earth In the sight of all who  
saw you.

says the Lord GOD: "You were the seal

of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect 1 ' All who knew you among  
the peoples

in beauty. are astonished at you; You have

become a horror, And shall be no more

1 3 ou were in Eden, the garden of God; forever. '

Every precious stone was your covering: 2 0Then the word of the LORD came to The sardius, topaz, and diamond, Beryl, onyx, and jasper, Sapphire, turquoise, me, saying, and emerald with gold. The workmanship of your timbrels and pipes 2 2 1 'Son of man, set your face toward Son of man, set your face against Sidon, and prophesy against her, Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy

against him, and against all Egypt.

22

and say, "Thus says the Lord GOD:

3

"Behold, I am against you, O Sidon; I Speak, and say, "Thus says the Lord

will be glorified in your midst; And they GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O

shall know that I am the LORD, When I Pharaoh king of Egypt, O great monster

execute judgments in her and am who lies in the midst of his rivers, Who

hallowed in her. has said, "My River is my own; I have

made it for myself.'

23For I will send pestilence upon her, And blood in her streets; The wounded 4But I will put hooks in your jaws, And shall be judged in her midst By the cause the fish of your rivers to stick to

sword against her on every side; Then your scales; I will bring you up out of the

they shall know that I am the LORD. midst of your rivers, And all the fish in

your rivers will stick to your scales.

24 And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn for the 5 1 will leave you in the wilderness, You house of Israel from among all who are and all the fish of your rivers; You shall

around them, who despise them. Then fall on the open field; You shall not be

they shall know that I am the Lord picked up or gathered. I have given you

GOD." as food To the beasts of the field And to

the birds of the heavens.

25§Thus says the Lord GOD: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from 6 Then all the inhabitants of Egypt Shall the peoples among whom they are know that I am the LORD, Because they

scattered, and am hallowed in them in have been a staff of reed to the house of

the sight of the Gentiles, then they will Israel. dwell in their own land which I gave to

My servant Jacob. 7When they took hold of you with the

2 shoulders; When they leaned on you,

6And they will dwell safely there, build hand, You broke and tore all their

houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they You broke and made all their backs

will dwell securely, when I execute quiver." judgments on all those around them

who despise them. Then they shall 8 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: know that I am the LORD their God. ' "Surely I will bring a sword upon you

and cut off from you man and beast.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth 'And the land of Egypt shall become

month, on the twelfth day of the month, desolate and waste; then they will know

the word of the LORD came to me, that I am the LORD, because he said,

saying, "The River is mine, and I have made it.' 10 Indeed, therefore, I am against you

first day of the month, that the word of

and against your rivers, and I will make the LORD came to me, saying, the land of Egypt utterly waste and

desolate, from Migdol to Syene, as far 18 Son of man, Nebuchadnezzar king of as the border of Ethiopia. Babylon caused his army to labor

strenuously against Tyre; every head

11 Neither foot of man shall pass through was made bald, and every shoulder

it nor foot of beast pass through it, and it rubbed raw; yet neither he nor his army

shall be uninhabited forty years. received wages from Tyre, for the labor

which they expended on it.

12a will make the land of Egypt desolate in the midst of the countries that are 1 ' Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: desolate; and among the cities that are "Surely I will give the land of Egypt to

laid waste, her cities shall be desolate Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; he

forty years; and I will scatter the shall take away her wealth, carry off her

Egyptians among the nations and spoil, and remove her pillage; and that

disperse them throughout the countries." will be the wages for his



army.

1 2 3 Yet, thus says the Lord GOD: "At the 0a have given him the land of Egypt for end of forty years I will gather the his labor, because they worked for Me,'

Egyptians from the peoples among says the Lord GOD. whom they were scattered.

2 1 In that day I will cause the horn of the  
14a will bring back the captives of Egypt

house of Israel to spring forth, and I will  
and cause them to return to the land of open your mouth to speak in their midst.

Pathros, to the land of their origin, and Then they shall know that I am the

there they shall be a lowly kingdom. LORD."

15 shall be the lowliest of kingdoms; it

shall never again exalt itself above the 3 OThe word of the LORD came to nations, for I will diminish them so that

me again, saying,  
they will not rule over the nations  
anymore. 2

Son of man, prophesy and say, "Thus

1 says the Lord GOD: "Wail, "Woe to the 6 No longer shall it be the confidence of day!' the house of Israel, but will remind them

of their iniquity when they turned to 3For the day is near, Even the day of the

follow them. Then they shall know that I

am the Lord GOD." LORD is near; It will be a day of clouds,

the time of the Gentiles.

17And it came to pass in the twenty-

4 The sword shall come upon Egypt, And

seventh year, in the first month, on the

great anguish shall be in Ethiopia, When

the slain fall in Egypt, And they take away her wealth, And her foundations By the hand of aliens. I, the LORD, have

are broken down. spoken."

51 Ethiopia, Libya, Lydia, all the mingled 34Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also people, Chub, and the men of the lands destroy the idols, And cause the images

who are allied, shall fall with them by the to cease from Noph; There shall no

sword." longer be princes from the land of

Egypt; I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

6 Thus says the LORD: "Those who uphold Egypt shall fall, And the pride of 1 4a will make Pathros desolate, Set fire her power shall come down. From to Zoan, And execute judgments in No.

Migdol to Syene Those within her shall

fall by the sword," Says the Lord GOD. 1 5a will pour My fury on Sin, the strength

of Egypt; I will cut off the multitude of No,

7 They shall be desolate in the midst of

the desolate countries, And her cities <sup>1</sup> 6 And set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall have shall be in the midst of the cities that are great pain, No shall be split open, And

laid waste. Noph shall be in distress daily.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> Then they will know that I am the LORD, <sup>7</sup> The young men of Aven and Pi Beseth When I have set a fire in Egypt And all shall fall by the sword, And these cities

her helpers are destroyed. shall go into captivity.

On that day messengers shall go forth <sup>1</sup> ' At Tehaphnehes the day shall also be

from Me in ships To make the careless darkened, When I break the yokes of

Ethiopians afraid, And great anguish Egypt there. And her arrogant strength

shall come upon them, As on the day of shall cease in her; As for her, a cloud

Egypt; For indeed it is coming!" shall cover her, And her daughters shall

go into captivity.

<sup>10</sup> § Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also

make a multitude of Egypt to cease By <sup>1</sup> ' Thus I will execute judgments on the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Egypt, Then they shall know that I am

Babylon. the LORD. '

<sup>11</sup> 0 And it came to pass in the eleventh

He and his people with him, the most 2

terrible of the nations, Shall be brought year, in the first month, on the seventh

to destroy the land; They shall draw day of the month, that the word of the

their swords against Egypt, And fill the LORD came to me, saying, land with the slain.

2 1 'Son of man, I have broken the arm of

12a will make the rivers dry, And sell the

Pharaoh king of Egypt; and see, it has

land into the hand of the wicked; I will not been bandaged for healing, nor a

make the land waste, and all that is in it, splint put on to bind it, to make it strong SIndeed Assyria was a cedar in Lebanon,

enough to hold a sword. With fine branches that shaded the

forest, And of high stature; And its top

22Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: was among the thick boughs.

"Surely I am against Pharaoh king of

Egypt, and will break his arms, both the 4The waters made it grow; Underground strong one and the one that was broken; waters gave it height, With their rivers

and I will make the sword fall out of his running around the place where it was

hand. planted, And sent out rivulets to all the

trees of the field.

23 will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them throughout 5 Therefore its height was exalted above the countries. all the trees of the field; Its boughs were

multiplied, And its branches became

24a will strengthen the arms of the king of long because of the abundance of water,

Babylon and put My sword in his hand; As it sent them out. but I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he

will groan before him with the groanings 6 All the birds of the heavens made their of a mortally wounded man. nests in its boughs; Under its branches

all the beasts of the field brought forth

25 Thus I will strengthen the arms of the their young; And in its shadow all great

king of Babylon, but the arms of nations made their home. Pharaoh shall fall down; they shall know

that I am the LORD, when I put My 7 Thus it was beautiful in greatness and sword into the hand of the king of in the length of its branches, Because its

Babylon and he stretches it out against roots reached to abundant waters. the land of Egypt.

8 The cedars in the garden of God could

26s will scatter the Egyptians among the

not hide it; The fir trees were not like its

nations and disperse them throughout boughs, And the chestnut trees were not

the countries. Then they shall know that like its branches; No tree in the garden

I am the LORD." of God was like it in beauty.

9 1 made it beautiful with a multitude of

3 1 branches, So that all the trees of Eden Now it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, on the envied it, That were in the garden of

first day of the month, that the word of God.'

the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>104</sup>"Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

<sup>2</sup> "Because you have increased in height, Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of

Egypt and to his multitude: "Whom are and it set its top among the thick boughs,

you like in your greatness? and its heart was lifted up in its height, <sup>11</sup>  
<sup>1</sup> herefore I will deliver it into the hand <sup>7</sup>

They also went down to hell with it,

of the mighty one of the nations, and he with those slain by the sword; and those

shall surely deal with it; I have driven it who were its strong arm dwelt in its

out for its wickedness. shadows among the nations.

<sup>11</sup> <sup>28</sup> And aliens, the most terrible of the "To which of the trees in Eden will you nations, have cut it down and left it; its then be likened in glory and greatness?

branches have fallen on the mountains Yet you shall be brought down with the

and in all the valleys; its boughs lie trees of Eden to the depths of the earth;

broken by all the rivers of the land; and you shall lie in the midst of the

all the peoples of the earth have gone uncircumcised, with those slain by the

from under its shadow and left it. sword. This is Pharaoh and all his

multitude,' says the Lord GOD."

1 3 On its ruin will remain all the birds of the heavens, And all the  
beasts of the

field will come to its branches-- 32 And it came to pass in the twelfth

1 year, in the twelfth month, on the first 4 So that no trees by the  
waters may

day of the month, that the word of the

ever again exalt themselves for their LORD came to me, saying,  
height, nor set their tops among the

thick boughs, that no tree which drinks 2 Son of man, take up a  
lamentation for water may ever be high enough to reach Pharaoh king  
of Egypt, and say to him:

up to them. "For they have all been "You are like a young lion among  
the

delivered to death, To the depths of the nations, And you are like a  
monster in

earth, Among the children of men who the seas, Bursting forth in your  
rivers,

go down to the Pit.' Troubling the waters with your feet, And

1 fouling their rivers.' 5§"Thus says the Lord GOD: "In the day

when it went down to hell, I caused 3"Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will  
mourning. I covered the deep because

therefore spread My net over you with a

of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great

company of many people, And they will

waters were held back. I caused draw you up in My net. Lebanon to  
mourn for it, and all the

trees of the field wilted because of it. 4

Then I will leave you on the land; I will

1 cast you out on the open fields, And 6a made the nations shake at  
the sound

cause to settle on you all the birds of the  
of its fall, when I cast it down to hell

heavens. And with you I will fill the  
together with those who descend into

beasts of the whole earth.  
the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the

choice and best of Lebanon, all that 51 will lay your flesh on the  
mountains, drink water, were comforted in the And fill the valleys  
with your carcass. depths of the earth.

61 I will also water the land with the flow 54When I make the land  
of Egypt of your blood, Even to the mountains; desolate, And the  
country is destitute of

And the riverbeds will be full of you. all that once filled it, When I  
strike all

who dwell in it, Then they shall know

7 that I am the LORD. When I put out your light, I will cover the  
heavens, and make its stars dark; I

will cover the sun with a cloud, And the "This 1 64 is the lamentation  
With which

moon shall not give her light. they shall lament her; The daughters of  
the nations shall lament her; They shall

'All the bright lights of the heavens I will lament for her, for Egypt,



And for all her

make dark over you, And bring darkness multitude,' Says the Lord GOD." upon your land,' Says the Lord GOD.

17

It came to pass also in the twelfth year,

"I will also trouble the hearts of many on the fifteenth day of the month, that

peoples, when I bring your destruction the word of the LORD came to me,

among the nations, into the countries saying: which you have not known.

18 Son of man, wail over the multitude of

10Yes, I will make many peoples Egypt, And cast them down to the astonished at you, and their kings shall depths of the earth, Her and the

be horribly afraid of you when I brandish daughters of the famous nations, With

My sword before them; and they shall those who go down to the Pit: tremble every moment, every man for

his own life, in the day of your 1 fall.' "" Whom do you surpass in beauty? Go

down, be placed with the

11 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "The uncircumcised.' sword of the king of Babylon shall come

upon you. 204'They shall fall in the midst of those

slain by the sword; She is delivered to

12By the swords of the mighty warriors, the sword, Drawing her and all her

all of them the most terrible of the multitudes. nations, I will cause

your multitude to fall.

"They shall plunder the pomp of Egypt, 2 1

The strong among the mighty Shall

And all its multitude shall be destroyed. speak to him out of the midst of hell

With those who help him: "They have

13Also I will destroy all its animals From gone down, They lie with the

beside its great waters; The foot of man uncircumcised, slain by the sword.' shall muddy them no more, Nor shall the

hooves of animals muddy them. 2 2 'Assyria is there, and all her company,

With their graves all around her, All of

14Then I will make their waters clear, them slain, fallen by the sword.

And make their rivers run like oil,' Says

the Lord GOD.

2 2 3Her graves are set in the recesses of

" There is Edom, Her kings and all her

the Pit, And her company is all around princes, Who despite their might Are laid

her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the beside those slain by the sword; They

sword, Who caused terror in the land of shall lie with the uncircumcised, And

the living. with those who go down to the Pit.

2 3 4§0 "Ther

e is Elam and all her multitude, There are the princes of the north, All

All around her grave, All of them slain, of them, and all the Sidonians,  
Who

fallen by the sword, Who have gone have gone down with the slain In  
shame

down uncircumcised to the lower parts at the terror which they  
caused by their

of the earth, Who caused their terror in might; They lie uncircumcised  
with those

the land of the living; Now they bear slain by the sword, And bear  
their

their shame with those who go down to shame with those who go  
down to the

the Pit. Pit.

23 5 14 They have set her bed in the midst of 'Pharaoh will see them  
And be

the slain, With all her multitude, With her comforted over all his  
multitude,

graves all around it, All of them Pharaoh and all his army, Slain by the  
uncircumcised, slain by the sword; sword," Says the Lord GOD.  
Though their terror was caused In the

land of the living, Yet they bear their 32 'For I have caused My terror  
in the shame With those who go down to the land of the living; And  
he shall be placed

Pit; It was put in the midst of the slain. in the midst of the  
uncircumcised With

those slain by the sword, Pharaoh and

26§"There are Meshech and Tubal and all all his multitude," Says the  
Lord GOD.

their multitudes, With all their graves

around it, All of them uncircumcised,

slain by the sword, Though they caused 3 3Again the word of the  
LORD came their terror in the land of the living.

to me, saying,

27They do not lie with the mighty Who are fallen of the  
uncircumcised, Who 2 Son of man, speak to the children of

your people, and say to them: "When I

have gone down to hell with their

bring the sword upon a land, and the

weapons of war; They have laid their

swords under their heads, But their people of the land take a man  
from their

iniquities will be on their bones, territory and make him their  
watchman,

Because of the terror of the mighty in

the land of the living. 3when he sees the sword coming upon

the land, if he blows the trumpet and

2 warns the people,

' Yes, you shall be broken in the midst

of the uncircumcised, And lie with those 4 then whoever hears the  
sound of the slain by the sword.

trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him  
away, your evil ways! For why should you die,

his blood shall be on his own head. O house of Israel?'

He heard the sound of the trumpet, but "Therefore you, O son of man, say to

did not take warning; his blood shall be the children of your people:  
"The

upon himself. But he who takes warning righteousness of the  
righteous man shall

will save his life. not deliver him in the day of his

transgression; as for the wickedness of

6 the wicked, he shall not fall because of it But if the watchman sees  
the sword

coming and does not blow the trumpet, in the day that he turns from  
his

and the people are not warned, and the wickedness; nor shall the  
righteous be

sword comes and takes any person able to live because of his

from among them, he is taken away in righteousness in the day that  
he sins.'

the watchman's hand.' 1 3 his iniquity; but his blood I will require at

When I say to the righteous that he

shall surely live, but he trusts in his own

7 righteousness and commits iniquity, So you, son of man: I have  
made you

a watchman for the house of Israel; none of his righteous works shall  
be

therefore you shall hear a word from My remembered; but because of  
the iniquity

mouth and warn them for Me. that he has committed, he shall die.

1 4Again, when I say to the wicked, "You

8When I say to the wicked, "O wicked man, you shall surely die!" and you do shall surely die,' if he turns from his sin

not speak to warn the wicked from his and does what is lawful and right, way, that wicked man shall die in his

iniquity; but his blood I will require at 1 5if the wicked restores the pledge, gives your hand. back what he has stolen, and walks in

the statutes of life without committing

'Nevertheless if you warn the wicked to iniquity, he shall surely live; he shall not

turn from his way, and he does not turn die. from his way, he shall die in his iniquity;

but you have delivered your soul. 16None of his sins which he has

committed shall be remembered against

10§Therefore you, O son of man, say to him; he has done what is lawful and

the house of Israel: "Thus you say, "If right; he shall surely live. our transgressions and our sins lie upon

us, and we pine away in them, how can 1 7 Yet the children of your people say, we then live?" "The way of the LORD is not fair.' But it

is their way which is not fair!

11 Say to them: "As I live,' says the Lord GOD, "I have no pleasure in the death 1 ' When the righteous turns from his of the wicked, but that the wicked turn righteousness and commits iniquity, he

from his way and live. Turn, turn from shall die because of it.

1 2 9But when the wicked turns from his 7 Say thus to them, "Thus says the Lord wickedness and does what is lawful and GOD: "As I live, surely those who are in

right, he shall live because of it. the ruins shall fall by the sword, and

the

one who is in the open field I will give to

20 the beasts to be devoured, and those

Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is

not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge who are in the strongholds and  
caves

every one of you according to his own shall die of the pestilence.

ways." 8For I will make the land most desolate,

2

21And it came to pass in the twelfth year her arrogant strength shall  
cease, and

of our captivity, in the tenth month, on the mountains of Israel shall  
be so

the fifth day of the month, that one who desolate that no one will pass  
through.

had escaped from Jerusalem came to

me and said, "The city has been 2 ' Then they shall know that I am the  
captured!" LORD, when I have made the land most

desolate because of all their

22 abominations which they have

Now the hand of the LORD had been

upon me the evening before the man committed."

came who had escaped. And He had

opened my mouth; so when he came to 'As 30 for you, son of man, the  
children of me in the morning, my mouth was your people are talking  
about you

opened, and I was no longer mute. beside the walls and in the doors of the

houses; and they speak to one another,

23Then the word of the LORD came to everyone saying to his brother,  
"Please

me, saying: come and hear what the word is that

comes from the LORD.'

24 Son of man, they who inhabit those ruins in the land of Israel are  
saying, 31So they come to you as people do,

"Abraham was only one, and he they sit before you as My people, and  
inherited the land. But we are many; the they hear your words, but  
they do not do

land has been given to us as a them; for with their mouth they show  
possession.' much love, but their hearts pursue their

own gain.

25§Therefore say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "You eat meat  
with blood, 32 ndeed you are to them as a very

you lift up your eyes toward your idols, lovely song of one who has a  
pleasant

and shed blood. Should you then voice and can play well on an  
possess the land? instrument; for they hear your words, but

they do not do them.

26 ou rely on your sword, you commit abominations, and you defile  
one 33And when this comes to pass--surely it

another's wives. Should you then will come--then they will know that  
a

possess the land?" prophet has been among them."

9therefore, O shepherds, hear the word



34And the word of the LORD came of the LORD!

to me, saying, <sup>10</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I

<sup>2</sup> am against the shepherds, and I will Son of man, prophesy against the

shepherds of Israel, prophesy and say require My flock at their hand; I will

to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD to cause them to cease feeding the sheep,

and the shepherds shall feed

the shepherds: "Woe to the shepherds

themselves no more; for I will deliver My

of Israel who feed themselves! Should

flock from their mouths, that they may

not the shepherds feed the flocks?

no longer be food for them."

3 You eat the fat and clothe yourselves <sup>1</sup> with the wool; you slaughter the fatlings, <sup>1</sup> 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed

I Myself will search for My sheep and

but you do not feed the flock.

seek them out.

<sup>4</sup>The weak you have not strengthened, <sup>2</sup> nor have you healed those who were <sup>1</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock on

sick, nor bound up the broken, nor the day he is among his scattered sheep,

so will I seek out My sheep and deliver

brought back what was driven away, nor

sought what was lost; but with force and them from all the places  
where they cruelty you have ruled them. were scattered on a cloudy  
and dark

day.

5So they were scattered because there 3And I will bring them out from  
the

1

was no shepherd; and they became

peoples and gather them from the

food for all the beasts of the field when

countries, and will bring them to their

they were scattered.

own land; I will feed them on the

6 mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in

My sheep wandered through all the all the inhabited places of the  
country.

mountains, and on every high hill; yes,

My flock was scattered over the whole 14 will feed them in good  
pasture, and face of the earth, and no one was their fold shall be on  
the high mountains seeking or searching for them." of Israel. There  
they shall lie down in a 7 good fold and feed in rich pasture on the

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the

mountains of Israel.

word of the LORD:

<sup>15</sup>a will feed My flock, and I will make

<sup>8</sup> As I live," says the Lord GOD, "surely

them lie down," says the Lord GOD.

because My flock became a prey, and

My flock became food for every beast of <sup>1</sup> <sup>6</sup> will seek what was lost  
and bring the field, because there was no

back what was driven away, bind up the  
shepherd, nor did My shepherds search

broken and strengthen what was sick;  
for My flock, but the shepherds fed  
themselves and did not feed My flock"--

but I will destroy the fat and the strong, <sup>2</sup> <sup>5</sup> will make a covenant of  
peace with and feed them in judgment." them, and cause wild beasts  
to cease

from the land; and they will dwell safely

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> And as for you, O My flock, thus says in the wilderness and sleep  
in the woods.

the Lord GOD: "Behold, I shall judge

between sheep and sheep, between <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>s will make them and the places  
all rams and goats. around My hill a blessing; and I will

cause showers to come down in their  
<sup>1</sup> season; there shall be showers of ' Is it too little for you to have eaten  
up

the good pasture, that you must tread blessing.

down with your feet the residue of your 7 Then the trees of the field shall yield

pasture--and to have drunk of the clear 2 waters, that you must foul the residue their fruit, and the earth shall yield her

with your feet? increase. They shall be safe in their

land; and they shall know that I am the

1 LORD, when I have broken the bands of ' And as for My flock, they eat what you

have trampled with your feet, and they their yoke and delivered them from the

drink what you have fouled with your hand of those who enslaved them. feet."

2 ' And they shall no longer be a prey for

20§ Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to the nations, nor shall beasts of the land

them: "Behold, I Myself will judge devour them; but they shall dwell safely,

between the fat and the lean sheep. and no one shall make them afraid.

2 ' I will raise up for them a garden of

1 Because you have pushed with side 2

and shoulder, butted all the weak ones renown, and they shall no longer be

with your horns, and scattered them consumed with hunger in the land, nor

abroad, bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore.

2 30 Thus they shall know that I, the LORD 2 herefore I will save My

flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will their God, am with them, and they, the

judge between sheep and sheep. house of Israel, are My people," says  
the Lord GOD."

<sup>23</sup> will establish one shepherd over

<sup>31</sup> You are My flock, the flock of My  
them, and he shall feed them--My  
servant David. He shall feed them and pasture; you are men, and I am  
your  
be their shepherd. God," says the Lord GOD.

<sup>24</sup>

And I, the LORD, will be their God,  
and My servant David a prince among <sup>3</sup> <sup>5</sup>Moreover the word of the  
LORD them; I, the LORD, have spoken. came to me, saying, <sup>21</sup> Son of  
man, set your face against <sup>1</sup>therefore, as I live," says the Lord Mount  
Seir and prophesy against it, GOD, "I will do according to your anger  
and according to the envy which you  
h showed in your hatred against them; and say to it, "Thus says the  
Lord  
GOD: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am and I will make Myself known  
among  
against you; I will stretch out My hand them when I judge you.

against you, And make you most <sup>2</sup>Then you shall know that I am the  
desolate; <sup>1</sup>

LORD. I have heard all your  
<sup>4</sup> blasphemies which you have spoken <sup>1</sup> shall lay your cities waste,

And you

shall be desolate. Then you shall know against the mountains of Israel, saying,

that I am the LORD. "They are desolate; they are given to us

to consume.'

<sup>5</sup> Because you have had an ancient <sup>3</sup> hatred, and have shed the blood of the <sup>1</sup> Thus with your mouth you have

children of Israel by the power of the boasted against Me and multiplied your

sword at the time of their calamity, when words against Me; I have heard them."

their iniquity came to an end,

<sup>1</sup> 44 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "The whole

<sup>6</sup> earth will rejoice when I make you therefore, as I live," says the Lord GOD,

"I will prepare you for blood, and blood desolate.

shall pursue you; since you have not <sup>5</sup>As you rejoiced because the

hated blood, therefore blood shall <sup>1</sup> pursue you. inheritance of the house of Israel was

desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be

<sup>7</sup> desolate, <sup>0</sup> Mount Seir, as well as all of Thus I will make Mount Seir most

desolate, and cut off from it the one who Edom--all of it! Then they shall know

leaves and the one who returns. that I am the LORD."

'And I will fill its mountains with the

slain; on your hills and in your valleys 3 6 And you, son of man,  
prophesy to

and in all your ravines those who are the mountains of Israel, and say,  
"O

slain by the sword shall fall. mountains of Israel, hear the word of the

LORD!

'I will make you perpetually desolate,

and your cities shall be uninhabited; 2Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Because the then you shall know that I am the LORD. enemy has said  
of you, "Aha! The

ancient heights have become our

1 O Because you have said, "These two possession, nations and these  
two countries shall be

mine, and we will possess them,' 3therefore prophesy, and say, "Thus

although the LORD was there, says the Lord GOD: "Because they

made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you  
became 10 will multiply men upon you, all the the possession of the  
rest of the nations, house of Israel, all of it; and the cities

and you are taken up by the lips of shall be inhabited and the ruins  
rebuilt.

talkers and slandered by the people"--

1 1a will multiply upon you man and beast;

4therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear and they shall increase and  
bear young;

the word of the Lord GOD! Thus says I will make you inhabited as in  
former

the Lord GOD to the mountains, the hills, times, and do better for you  
than at your

the rivers, the valleys, the desolate beginnings. Then you shall know that I

wastes, and the cities that have been am the LORD. forsaken, which became plunder and

mockery to the rest of the nations all <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> es, I will cause men to walk on you, around-- My people Israel; they shall take

possession of you, and you shall be

stherefore thus says the Lord GOD: their inheritance; no more shall you

"Surely I have spoken in My burning bereave them of children." jealousy against the rest of the nations

and against all Edom, who gave My land <sup>1</sup> <sup>34</sup> "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Because to themselves as a possession, with they say to you, "You devour men and

wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in bereave your nation of children,' order to plunder its open country."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>4</sup>ther efore you shall devour men no

<sup>6</sup> Therefore prophesy concerning the more, nor bereave your nation land of Israel, and say to the mountains, anymore," says the Lord GOD. the hills, the rivers, and the valleys,

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>

Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the

have spoken in My jealousy and My fury,

nations anymore, nor bear the reproach

because you have borne the shame of

of the peoples anymore, nor shall you

the nations."

cause your nation to stumble anymore,"

<sup>7</sup> says the Lord GOD."



Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "I

have raised My hand in an oath that <sup>16</sup>Moreover the word of the LORD came surely the nations that are around you

to me, saying:

shall bear their own shame.

<sup>1 7</sup> Son of man, when the house of Israel

<sup>8</sup>But you, O mountains of Israel, you dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by

shall shoot forth your branches and yield their own ways and deeds; to Me their

your fruit to My people Israel, for they

way was like the uncleanness of a

are about to come.

woman in her customary impurity.

For indeed I am for you, and I will turn <sup>1 8</sup>Therefore I poured out My fury on

to you, and you shall be tilted and sown. them for the blood they had shed on the

land, and for their idols with which they <sup>2 6</sup> will give you a new heart and put a had defiled it. new spirit within you; I will take the heart

of stone out of your flesh and give you a

<sup>19</sup> heart of flesh.

So I scattered them among the nations,

and they were dispersed throughout the <sup>7a</sup> will put My Spirit within

you and

countries; I judged them according to <sup>2</sup> their ways and their deeds.  
cause you to walk in My statutes, and

you will keep My judgments and do

<sup>20</sup> them.

When they came to the nations,  
wherever they went, they profaned My  
holy name--when they said of them, <sup>2'</sup> Then you shall dwell in the land  
that I "These are the people of the LORD, and gave to your fathers;  
you shall be My  
yet they have gone out of His land.' people, and I will be your God.

<sup>22</sup> 1

But I had concern for My holy name, ' I will deliver you from all  
your  
which the house of Israel had profaned uncleannesses. I will call for  
the grain  
among the nations wherever they went. and multiply it, and bring no  
famine  
upon you.

<sup>22</sup>§

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, <sup>30</sup>And I will multiply the fruit  
of your trees  
"Thus says the Lord GOD: "I do not do  
this for your sake, O house of Israel, but and the increase of your  
fields, so that  
for My holy name's sake, which you you need never again bear the  
reproach

have profaned among the nations of famine among the nations.  
wherever you went.

31

Then you will remember your evil ways

23

And I will sanctify My great name, and your deeds that were not  
good; and

which has been profaned among the you will loathe yourselves in  
your own

nations, which you have profaned in sight, for your iniquities and  
your

their midst; and the nations shall know abominations. that I am the  
LORD," says the Lord

GOD, "when I am hallowed in you 32Not for your sake do I do this,"  
says

before their eyes. the Lord GOD, "let it be known to you.

Be ashamed and confounded for your

24

For I will take you from among the own ways, O house of Israel!"

nations, gather you out of all countries,

and bring you into your own land. 334"Thus says the Lord GOD: "On  
the day

that I cleanse you from all your iniquities,

25

Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, I will also enable you to  
dwell in the

and you shall be clean; I will cleanse cities, and the ruins shall be  
rebuilt. you from all your filthiness and from all

your idols. <sup>34</sup>The desolate land shall be titled

instead of lying desolate in the sight of

all who pass by.

<sup>35</sup>So they will say, "This land that was <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these desolate has become like the garden of bones: "Surely I will cause breath to

Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and enter into you, and you shall live. ruined cities are now fortified and

inhabited.' <sup>6</sup>I will put sinews on you and bring flesh

upon you, cover you with skin and put

<sup>36</sup>

Then the nations which are left all breath in you; and you shall live. Then

around you shall know that I, the LORD, you shall know that I am the LORD. '

have rebuilt the ruined places and

planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded; have spoken it, and I will do it." and as I prophesied, there was a noise,

and suddenly a rattling; and the bones

<sup>37</sup><sup>8</sup>

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "I will also come together, bone to bone.

let the house of Israel inquire of Me to

do this for them: I will increase their men 'Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the

like a flock. flesh came upon them, and the skin

covered them over; but there was no

<sup>3</sup> Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, breath in them. like the flock

at Jerusalem on its feast

days, so shall the ruined cities be filled 9Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the with flocks of men. Then they shall know breath, prophecy, son of man, and say

that I am the LORD. ' to the breath, "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"Come from the four winds, O breath,  
and breathe on these slain, that they

37 may live." The hand of the LORD came upon

me and brought me out in the Spirit of 1 0So I prophesied as He commanded the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of me, and breath came into them, and

bones. they lived, and stood upon their feet, an

exceedingly great army.

2Then He caused me to pass by them all 1 around, and behold, there were very 1 Then He said to me, "Son of man,

many in the open valley; and indeed these bones are the whole house of

they were very dry. Israel. They indeed say, "Our bones are

dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves

OAnd He said to me, "Son of man, can are cut off!"

these bones live?" So I answered, "O 12Therefore prophecy and say to them, Lord GOD, You know."

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O

4 My people, I will open your graves and

Again He said to me, "Prophesy to

cause you to come up from your graves,  
these bones, and say to them, "O dry

and bring you into the land of Israel.  
bones, hear the word of the LORD!

13 Then you shall know that I am the children of Israel from among the  
LORD, when I have opened your graves, nations, wherever they have  
gone, and

O My people, and brought you up from will gather them from every  
side and

your graves. bring them into their own land;

1 2 4 will put My Spirit in you, and you shall 2

and I will make them one nation in the  
live, and I will place you in your own land, on the mountains of Israel;  
and

land. Then you shall know that I, the one king shall be king over them  
all;

LORD, have spoken it and performed it," they shall no longer be two  
nations, nor

says the LORD." shall they ever be divided into two  
kingdoms again.

15 Again the word of the LORD came to

2 3  
me, saying, They shall not defile themselves

anymore with their idols, nor with their  
16 As for you, son of man, take a stick detestable things, nor with any

for yourself and write on it: "For Judah transgressions; but I will deliver them

and for the children of Israel, his from all their dwelling places in which

companions.' Then take another stick they have sinned, and will cleanse them.

and write on it, "For Joseph, the stick of Then they shall be My people, and I will

Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, be their God. his companions.'

2 4 David My servant shall be king over

17Then join them one to another for them, and they shall all have one yourself into one stick, and they will shepherd; they shall also walk in My

become one in your hand. judgments and observe My statutes,

and do them.

1 8 And when the children of your people

2 5Then they shall dwell in the land that I

speak to you, saying, "Will you not show

us what you mean by these?'-- have given to Jacob My servant, where

your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell

1 there, they, their children, and their '

say to them, "Thus says the Lord children's children, forever; and My

GOD: "Surely I will take the stick of

servant David shall be their prince

Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim,

forever.

and the tribes of Israel, his companions;

and I will join them with it, with the stick 6Moreover I will make a covenant of

of Judah, and make them one stick, and 2 they will be one in My hand." peace with them, and it shall be an

everlasting covenant with them; I will

20And the sticks on which you write will establish them and multiply them, and I

be in your hand before their eyes. will set My sanctuary in their midst

forevermore.

21§Then say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the

27

My tabernacle also shall be with them; land of those brought back from the

indeed I will be their God, and they shall sword and gathered from many people

be My people. on the mountains of Israel, which had

long been desolate; they were brought

2 out of the nations, and now all of them ' The nations also will know that I, the

LORD, sanctify Israel, when My dwell safely. sanctuary is in their midst forevermore. ' You will ascend, coming like a storm,

covering the land like a cloud, you and

all your troops and many peoples with



38Now the word of the LORD came you."

to me, saying, <sup>1</sup> 04 "Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that <sup>2</sup> day it shall  
come to pass that thoughts

Son of man, set your face against Gog,  
will arise in your mind, and you will  
of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh,  
make an evil plan:

Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy

against him, <sup>1</sup> ou will say, I will go up against a

h land of unwallled villages; I will go to a and say, "Thus says the Lord  
GOD: peaceful people, who dwell safely, all of "Behold, I am against  
you, O Gog, the them dwelling without walls, and having prince of  
Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. neither bars nor gates' --

<sup>4</sup>1 will turn you around, put hooks into <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> to take plunder and to take booty, to  
your jaws, and lead you out, with all

stretch out your hand against the waste  
your army, horses, and horsemen, all

places that are again inhabited, and  
splendidly clothed, a great company

against a people gathered from the  
with bucklers and shields, all of them

nations, who have acquired livestock

handling swords.

and goods, who dwell in the midst of the

5 land.

Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with

them, all of them with shield and helmet; 13

Sheba, Dedan, the merchants of

6 Tarshish, and all their young lions will

Gomer and all its troops; the house of say to you, "Have you come to take

Togarmah from the far north and all its plunder? Have you gathered your army

troops--many people are with you. to take booty, to carry away silver and

gold, to take away livestock and goods,

7 Prepare yourself and be ready, you to take great plunder? and all your companies that are

gathered about you; and be a guard for 1 44 "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and them. say to Gog, "Thus says the Lord GOD:

"On that day when My people Israel

'After many days you will be visited. In dwell safely, will you not know it? the latter years you will come into the 1 2 5Then you will come from your place 2

And I will bring him to judgment with

out of the far north, you and many pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain

peoples with you, all of them riding on down on him, on his troops, and on the

horses, a great company and a mighty many peoples who are with him,

army. flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and

brimstone.

16

you will come up against My people 3Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify

Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It 2 will be in the latter days that I will bring Myself, and I will be known in the eyes

you against My land, so that the nations of many nations. Then they shall know

may know Me, when I am hallowed in that I am the LORD." you, O Gog, before their eyes."

17

Thus says the Lord GOD: "Are you he 39 And you, son of man, prophesy

of whom I have spoken in former days

against Gog, and say, "Thus says the

by My servants the prophets of Israel,

Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O

who prophesied for years in those days

Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and

that I would bring you against them?

Tubal;

18 And it will come to pass at the same

2 and I will turn you around and lead you  
time, when Gog comes against the land  
on, bringing you up from the far north,  
of Israel," says the Lord GOD, "that My  
and bring you against the mountains of  
fury will show in My face.  
Israel.

1 ' For in My jealousy and in the fire of My 3Then I will knock the bow  
out of your  
wrath I have spoken: "Surely in that day  
left hand, and cause the arrows to fall  
there shall be a great earthquake in the  
out of your right hand.  
land of Israel,

2  
Oso that the fish of the sea, the birds of 4 You shall fall upon the  
mountains of

Israel, you and all your troops and the  
the heavens, the beasts of the field, all peoples who are with you; I  
will give you  
creeping things that creep on the earth, to birds of prey of every sort  
and to the  
and all men who are on the face of the  
beasts of the field to be devoured.

earth shall shake at My presence. The

mountains shall be thrown down, the <sup>5</sup> steep places shall fall, and every wall You shall fall on the open field; for I

shall fall to the ground.' have spoken," says the Lord GOD.

2

1a will call for a sword against Gog <sup>6</sup> And I will send fire on Magog and on

those who live in security in the  
throughout all My mountains," says the

coastlands. Then they shall know that I  
Lord GOD. "Every man's sword will be  
am the LORD.

against his brother.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>144</sup> So I will make My holy name known in "They will set apart men  
regularly

the midst of My people Israel, and I will employed, with the help of a  
search

not let them profane My holy name party, to pass through the land  
and bury

anymore. Then the nations shall know those bodies remaining on the  
ground,

that I am the LORD, the Holy One in in order to cleanse it. At the end  
of

Israel. seven months they will make a search.

<sup>8</sup> <sup>1</sup> Surely it is coming, and it shall be <sup>5</sup> The search party will pass  
through the done," says the Lord GOD. "This is the land; and when  
anyone sees a man's

day of which I have spoken. bone, he shall set up a marker by it, till

the buriers have buried it in the Valley of

"Then those who dwell in the cities of Hamon Gog.

Israel will go out and set on fire and 6The name of the city will also be

burn the weapons, both the shields and 1 bucklers, the bows and arrows, the Hamonah. Thus they shall cleanse the

javelins and spears; and they will make land." fires with them for seven years.

17 'And as for you, son of man, thus says

10

They will not take wood from the field the Lord GOD, "Speak to every sort of

nor cut down any from the forests, bird and to every beast of the field:

because they will make fires with the "Assemble yourselves and come; weapons; and they will plunder those Gather together from all sides to My

who plundered them, and pillage those sacrificial meal Which I am sacrificing

who pillaged them," says the Lord GOD. for you, A great sacrificial meal on the

mountains of Israel, That you may eat

1 1 It will come to pass in that day that I flesh and drink blood.

will give Gog a burial place there in

Israel, the valley of those who pass by 18 ou shall eat the flesh of the mighty, east of the sea; and it will obstruct Drink the blood of the princes of the

travelers, because there they will bury earth, Of rams and lambs, Of

goats and

Gog and all his multitude. Therefore bulls, All of them fatlings of Bashan. they will call it the Valley of Hamon Gog.

1 ' You shall eat fat till you are full, And

12

For seven months the house of Israel drink blood till you are drunk,  
At My

will be burying them, in order to cleanse sacrificial meal Which I am  
sacrificing

the land. for you.

1 2 3 ndeed all the people of the land will 0 ou shall be filled at My  
table With be burying, and they will gain renown for horses and  
riders, With mighty men And

it on the day that I am glorified," says with all the men of war," says  
the Lord

the Lord GOD. GOD.

2 2 1 will set My glory among the nations;

' And I will not hide My face from them

all the nations shall see My judgment anymore; for I shall have poured  
out My

which I have executed, and My hand Spirit on the house of Israel,'  
says the

which I have laid on them. Lord GOD."

22

So the house of Israel shall know that I

am the LORD their God from that day 40In the twenty-fifth year of

our

forward. captivity, at the beginning of the year, on

2 fourteenth year after the city was

3The Gentiles shall know that the house the tenth day of the month,  
in the

of Israel went into captivity for their captured, on the very same day  
the

iniquity; because they were unfaithful to hand of the LORD was upon  
me; and

Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I He took me there. gave them  
into the hand of their

enemies, and they all fell by the sword. 2In the visions of God He took  
me into

2 the land of Israel and set me on a very 4According to their  
uncleanness and

high mountain; on it toward the south

according to their transgressions I have was something like the  
structure of a

dealt with them, and hidden My face city. from them."

2 3He took me there, and behold, there 5§ "Therefore thus says the  
Lord GOD: was a man whose appearance was like

"Now I will bring back the captives of the appearance of bronze. He  
had a line

Jacob, and have mercy on the whole of flax and a measuring rod in  
his hand,

house of Israel; and I will be jealous for and he stood in the gateway.



My holy name--

4 And the man said to me, "Son of man,

26 after they have borne their shame, and look with your eyes and hear with your

all their unfaithfulness in which they ears, and fix your mind on everything I

were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt show you; for you were brought here so

safely in their own land and no one that I might show them to you. Declare

made them afraid. to the house of Israel everything you

see."

27

When I have brought them back from

the peoples and gathered them out of 5Now there was a wall all around the their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed outside of the temple. In the man's hand in them in the sight of many nations, was a measuring rod six cubits long,

2 and he measured the width of the wall

8When they shall know that I am the each being a cubit and a handbreadth;

LORD their God, who sent them into structure, one rod; and the height, one

captivity among the nations, but also rod. brought them back to their land, and left

none of them captive any longer.

6 14

Then he went to the gateway which He measured the gateposts, sixty

faced east; and he went up its stairs and cubits high, and the court all around the

measured the threshold of the gateway, gateway extended to the gateway. which was one rod wide, and the other

threshold was one rod wide. <sup>1</sup> 5 From the front of the entrance gate to

the front of the vestibule of the inner

<sup>7</sup> Each gate chamber was one rod long gate was fifty cubits. and one rod wide; between the gate

chambers was a space of five cubits; <sup>1</sup> 6 There were beveled window frames in and the threshold of the gateway by the the gate chambers and in their

vestibule of the inside gate was one rod. intervening archways on the inside of

the gateway all around, and likewise in

<sup>8</sup> He also measured the vestibule of the the vestibules. There were windows all

inside gate, one rod. around on the inside. And on each

gatepost were palm trees.

"Then he measured the vestibule of the

gateway, eight cubits; and the gateposts, <sup>1</sup> 7

Then he brought me into the outer

two cubits. The vestibule of the gate court; and there were chambers and a

was on the inside. pavement made all around the court;

thirty chambers faced the pavement.

<sup>1</sup> 0 n the eastern gateway were three gate chambers on one side and three on <sup>1</sup> 8 The pavement was by the side of the the other; the three were all the same gateways, corresponding to the length

size; also the gateposts were of the of the gateways; this was the lower

same size on this side and that side. pavement.

11 He measured the width of the entrance

' Then he measured the width from the  
to the gateway, ten cubits; and the front of the lower gateway to the  
front of

length of the gate, thirteen cubits. the inner court exterior, one  
hundred

cubits toward the east and the north.

12 There was a space in front of the gate chambers, one cubit on this  
side and 20

On the outer court was also a gateway

one cubit on that side; the gate facing north, and he measured its  
length

chambers were six cubits on this side and its width. and six cubits on  
that side.

21

its gate chambers, three on this side

13

Then he measured the gateway from and three on that side, its  
gateposts and

the roof of one gate chamber to the roof its archways, had the same of  
the other; the width was twenty-five measurements as the first gate;  
its

cubits, as door faces door. length was fifty cubits and its width

twenty-five cubits.

22 Its windows and those of its archways, 0 There were archways all  
around, and also its palm trees, had the same twenty-five cubits long  
and five cubits

measurements as the gateway facing wide. east; it was ascended by seven steps,

and its archway was in front of it. 31 Its archways faced the outer court,

palm trees were on its gateposts, and

23

A gate of the inner court was opposite going up to it were eight steps.

the northern gateway, just as the

eastern gateway; and he measured from 32 And he brought me into the inner court gateway to gateway, one hundred cubits. facing east; he measured the gateway

2

4After that he brought me toward the according to these same measurements.

south, and there a gateway was facing 33 Also its gate chambers, its gateposts, south; and he measured its gateposts and its archways were according to

and archways according to these same these same measurements; and there

measurements. were windows in it and in its archways

all around; it was fifty cubits long and

25 There were windows in it and in its twenty-five cubits wide. archways all around like those windows;

its length was fifty cubits and its width 34Its archways faced the outer court, and

twenty-five cubits. palm trees were on its gateposts on this

side and on that side; and going up to it

26

Seven steps led up to it, and its were eight steps.

archway was in front of them; and it had

palm trees on its gateposts, one on this 35

Then he brought me to the north

side and one on that side. gateway and measured it according to

2

7There was also a gateway on the inner these same measurements--

court, facing south; and he measured 36 also its gate chambers, its gateposts, from gateway to gateway toward the and its archways. It had windows all

south, one hundred cubits. around; its length was fifty cubits and its

width twenty-five cubits.

2 ' Then he brought me to the inner court through the southern gateway; he 37Its gateposts faced the outer court,

measured the southern gateway palm trees were on its gateposts on this according to these same measurements. side and on that side, and going up to it

were eight steps.

2' Also its gate chambers, its gateposts,

and its archways were according to 38There was a chamber and its entrance these same measurements; there were by the gateposts of the gateway, where

windows in it and in its archways all they washed the burnt offering. around; it was fifty cubits long and

twenty-five cubits wide.

39 n the vestibule of the gateway were sons of Levi, who come near the LORD

two tables on this side and two tables on to minister to Him." that side, on which to slay the burnt

offering, the sin offering, and the 47

And he measured the court, one  
trespass offering. hundred cubits long and one hundred  
cubits wide, foursquare. The altar was in

40At the outer side of the vestibule, as front of the temple. one goes up  
to the entrance of the

northern gateway, were two tables; and 4 8

Then he brought me to the vestibule of  
on the other side of the vestibule of the the temple and measured the  
doorposts

gateway were two tables. of the vestibule, five cubits on this side

and five cubits on that side; and the

41

Four tables were on this side and four width of the gateway was  
three cubits

tables on that side, by the side of the on this side and three cubits on  
that side.

gateway, eight tables on which they

slaughtered the sacrifices. 4' The length of the vestibule was twenty

cubits, and the width eleven cubits; and

42

There were also four tables of hewn by the steps which led up to it  
there

stone for the burnt offering, one cubit were pillars by the doorposts,  
one on

and a half long, one cubit and a half this side and another on that  
side. wide, and one cubit high; on these they

laid the instruments with which they

slaughtered the burnt offering and the 41 Then he brought me into the sacrifice.

sanctuary and measured the doorposts,

4 six cubits wide on one side and six 3 inside were hooks, a handbreadth

cubits wide on the other side--the width wide, fastened all around; and the flesh

of the tabernacle.

of the sacrifices was on the tables.

4

4ou tside the inner gate were the 2 The width of the entryway was ten

cubits, and the side walls of the

chambers for the singers in the inner entrance were five cubits on this side

court, one facing south at the side of the and five cubits on the other side; and he

northern gateway, and the other facing measured its length, forty cubits, and its

north at the side of the southern width, twenty cubits. gateway.

45 3Also he went inside and measured the

Then he said to me, "This chamber

doorposts, two cubits; and the entrance,

which faces south is for the priests who

six cubits high; and the width of the

have charge of the temple.

entrance, seven cubits.

46The chamber which faces north is for

4 He measured the length, twenty cubits;

the priests who have charge of the altar;

and the width, twenty cubits, beyond the

these are the sons of Zadok, from the sanctuary; and he said to me,  
"This is and the width of the terrace was five

the Most Holy Place." cubits all around.

5 12

Next, he measured the wall of the The building that faced the  
separating

temple, six cubits. The width of each courtyard at its western end was  
side chamber all around the temple was seventy cubits wide; the wall  
of the

four cubits on every side. building was five cubits thick all around,

and its length ninety cubits.

6The side chambers were in three stories, one above the other, thirty 1  
3

So he measured the temple, one

chambers in each story; they rested on hundred cubits long; and the  
separating

ledges which were for the side courtyard with the building and its  
walls

chambers all around, that they might be was one hundred cubits long;  
supported, but not fastened to the wall

of the temple. 1 4also the width of the eastern face of



the temple, including the separating

7As one went up from story to story, the courtyard, was one hundred cubits. side chambers became wider all around,

because their supporting ledges in the 15He measured the length of the building wall of the temple ascended like steps; behind it, facing the separating therefore the width of the structure courtyard, with its galleries on the one

increased as one went up from the side and on the other side, one hundred

lowest story to the highest by way of the cubits, as well as the inner temple and

middle one. the porches of the court,

I also saw an elevation all around the 16their doorposts and the beveled

temple; it was the foundation of the side window frames. And the galleries all

chambers, a full rod, that is, six cubits around their three stories opposite the

high. threshold were paneled with wood from

the ground to the windows--the windows

"The thickness of the outer wall of the were covered--side chambers was five cubits, and so

also the remaining terrace by the place 17rom the space above the door, even of the side chambers of the temple. to the inner room, as well as outside,

and on every wall all around, inside and

10

And between it and the wall chambers outside, by measure.

was a width of twenty cubits all around

the temple on every side. <sup>18</sup>And it was made with cherubim and

<sup>1</sup> and cherub. Each cherub had two faces,

<sup>1</sup>The doors of the side chambers palm trees, a palm tree between cherub

opened on the terrace, one door toward

the north and another toward the south; <sup>1</sup> ' so that the face of a man was toward a

palm tree on one side, and the face of a young lion toward a palm tree on the courtyard, and which was opposite the

other side; thus it was made throughout building toward the north. the temple all around.

<sup>2</sup> Facing the length, which was one

<sup>20</sup>

From the floor to the space above the hundred cubits (the width was fifty

door, and on the wall of the sanctuary, cubits), was the north door. cherubim and palm trees were carved.

3

Opposite the inner court of twenty

<sup>21</sup>

The doorposts of the temple were cubits, and opposite the pavement of

square, as was the front of the the outer court, was gallery against sanctuary; their appearance was similar. gallery in three stories.

<sup>24</sup> 2

The altar was of wood, three cubits In front of the chambers, toward

the

high, and its length two cubits. Its inside, was a walk ten cubits wide,  
at a

corners, its length, and its sides were of distance of one cubit; and  
their doors

wood; and he said to me, "This is the faced north. table that is before  
the LORD."

5Now the upper chambers were shorter,

23The temple and the sanctuary had two because the galleries took  
away space

doors. from them more than from the lower and

middle stories of the building.

24

The doors had two panels apiece, two

6

folding panels: two panels for one door For they were in three stories  
and did

and two panels for the other door. not have pillars like the pillars of  
the

courts; therefore the upper level was

25Cherubim and palm trees were carved shortened more than the  
lower and

on the doors of the temple just as they middle levels from the ground  
up. were carved on the walls. A wooden

canopy was on the front of the vestibule 7And a wall which was  
outside ran outside. parallel to the chambers, at the front of

the chambers, toward the outer court; its

26There were beveled window frames length was fifty cubits.

and palm trees on one side and on the

other, on the sides of the vestibule--also 'The length of the chambers toward the

on the side chambers of the temple and outer court was fifty cubits, whereas that

on the canopies. facing the temple was one hundred  
cubits.

42Then he brought me out into the 9 At the lower chambers was the

entrance on the east side, as one goes  
outer court, by the way toward the north;

and he brought me into the chamber into them from the outer court. which was opposite the separating 11 0Also there were chambers in the 6He measured the east side with the thickness of the wall of the court toward measuring rod, five hundred rods by the

the east, opposite the separating measuring rod all around. courtyard and opposite the building.

1 7

He measured the north side, five

11

There was a walk in front of them also, hundred rods by the measuring rod all

and their appearance was like the around. chambers which were toward the north;

they were as long and as wide as the 1 8

He measured the south side, five

others, and all their exits and entrances hundred rods by the measuring rod. were according to plan.

1 ' He came around to the west side and

12 And corresponding to the doors of the measured five hundred rods  
by the

chambers that were facing south, as measuring rod. one enters them,  
there was a door in

front of the walk, the way directly in front 20He measured it on the  
four sides; it of the wall toward the east.

had a wall all around, five hundred

1 cubits long and five hundred wide, to 3 Then he said to me, "The  
north separate the holy areas from the

chambers and the south chambers, common. which are opposite the  
separating

courtyard, are the holy chambers where

the priests who approach the LORD

shall eat the most holy offerings. There 43Afterward he brought me  
to the

they shall lay the most holy offerings-- gate, the gate that faces toward  
the east.

the grain offering, the sin offering, and

the trespass offering--for the place is 2And behold, the glory of the God  
of holy. Israel came from the way of the east.

His voice was like the sound of many

14 waters; and the earth shone with His

When the priests enter them, they

shall not go out of the holy chamber into g/ the outer court; but there  
they shall

leave their garments in which they Alt was like the appearance of the  
vision

minister, for they are holy. They shall which I saw--like the vision  
which I saw

put on other garments; then they may when I came to destroy the city.  
The

approach that which is for the people." visions were like the vision  
which I saw

by the River Chebar; and I fell on my

15Now when he had finished measuring face.

the inner temple, he brought me out

through the gateway that faces toward 4 And the glory of the LORD  
came into the east, and measured it all around. the temple by way of  
the gate which

faces toward the east.

5 12

The Spirit lifted me up and brought me This is the law of the temple:  
The

into the inner court; and behold, the whole area surrounding the  
mountaintop

glory of the LORD filled the temple. is most holy. Behold, this is the  
law of

the temple.

6Then I heard Him speaking to me from the temple, while a man stood  
beside 7Thes 134e are the measurements of the

me. altar in cubits (the cubit is one cubit and

a handbreadth): the base one cubit high

7 and one cubit wide, with a rim all around And He said to me, "Son of  
man, this is

the place of My throne and the place of its edge of one span. This is  
the height

the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in of the altar: the midst of the children of Israel forever.

No more shall the house of Israel defile <sup>14</sup>

from the base on the ground to the

My holy name, they nor their kings, by lower ledge, two cubits; the width of the

their harlotry or with the carcasses of ledge, one cubit; from the smaller ledge

their kings on their high places. to the larger ledge, four cubits; and the

width of the ledge, one cubit.

<sup>8</sup>When they set their threshold by My

<sup>15</sup>

threshold, and their doorpost by My The altar hearth is four cubits high,

doorpost, with a wall between them and with four horns extending upward from

Me, they defiled My holy name by the the hearth. abominations which they committed;

therefore I have consumed them in My <sup>16</sup>The altar hearth is twelve cubits long, and twelve wide, square at its four corners;

Now let them put their harlotry and the <sup>17</sup>the ledge, fourteen cubits long and

carcasses of their kings far away from fourteen wide on its four sides, with a

Me, and I will dwell in their midst forever. rim of half a cubit around it; its base,

1 one cubit all around; and its steps face 0 Son of man, describe the temple to

toward the east."

the house of Israel, that they may be

ashamed of their iniquities; and let them 18And He said to me, "Son of man, thus measure the pattern. says the Lord GOD: "These are the

ordinances for the altar on the day when

11 And if they are ashamed of all that it is made, for sacrificing burnt offerings

they have done, make known to them on it, and for sprinkling blood on it. the design of the temple and its

arrangement, its exits and its entrances, 1' You shall give a young bull for a sin its entire design and all its ordinances, offering to the priests, the Levites, who

all its forms and all its laws. Write it are of the seed of Zadok, who approach

down in their sight, so that they may Me to minister to Me,' says the Lord

keep its whole design and all its GOD. ordinances, and perform them.

20You shall take some of its blood and put it on the four horns of the altar, on 44Then He brought me back to the

the four corners of the ledge, and on the

outer gate of the sanctuary which faces

rim around it; thus you shall cleanse it

toward the east, but it was shut.

and make atonement for it.

2 Then you shall also take the bull of the shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and



1 2And the LORD said to me, "This gate

sin offering, and burn it in the appointed

no man shall enter by it, because the  
place of the temple, outside the LORD God of Israel has entered by it;  
sanctuary. therefore it shall be shut.

22 3As for the prince, because he is the

On the second day you shall offer a  
kid of the goats without blemish for a sin prince, he may sit in it to eat  
bread

offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, before the LORD; he shall  
enter by way

as they cleansed it with the bull. of the vestibule of the gateway, and  
go

2 out the same way." 3 When you have finished cleansing it, you shall  
offer a young bull without 4

Also He brought me by way of the north  
blemish, and a ram from the flock

gate to the front of the temple; so I  
without blemish. looked, and behold, the glory of the

2 LORD filled the house of the LORD; and 4When you offer them  
before the LORD,

I fell on my face.  
the priests shall throw salt on them, and  
they will offer them up as a burnt 5 And the LORD said to me, "Son of

man, offering to the LORD. mark well, see with your eyes and hear

2 with your ears, all that I say to you 5Every day for seven days you shall

concerning all the ordinances of the

prepare a goat for a sin offering; they house of the LORD and all its laws. shall also prepare a young bull and a Mark well who may enter the house and

ram from the flock, both without blemish. all who go out from the sanctuary.

2 6 6 Seven days they shall make Now say to the rebellious, to the house atonement for the altar and purify it, and of Israel, "Thus says the Lord GOD: "0

so consecrate it. house of Israel, let Us have no more of

all your abominations.

27

When these days are over it shall be,

on the eighth day and thereafter, that 7When you brought in foreigners, the priests shall offer your burnt uncircumcised in heart and offerings and your peace offerings on uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My

the altar; and I will accept you,' says the sanctuary to defile it--My house--and

Lord GOD." when you offered My food, the fat and

the blood, then they broke My covenant

because of all your abominations.

8And you have not kept charge of My went astray from Me, they shall come

holy things, but you have set others to near Me to minister to Me; and they

keep charge of My sanctuary for you." shall stand before Me to offer to Me the

fat and the blood," says the Lord GOD.

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "No foreigner,

uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised "They 1 64 shall enter My sanctuary, and

in flesh, shall enter My sanctuary, they shall come near My table to

including any foreigner who is among minister to Me, and they shall keep My

the children of Israel. charge.

1 1 0 And the Levites who went far from Me, 7And it shall be, whenever they enter when Israel went astray, who strayed the gates of the inner court, that they

away from Me after their idols, they shall shall put on linen garments; no wool

bear their iniquity. shall come upon them while they

minister within the gates of the inner

11 et they shall be ministers in My court or within the house. sanctuary, as gatekeepers of the house

18

and ministers of the house; they shall They shall have linen turbans on their

slay the burnt offering and the sacrifice heads and linen trousers on their

for the people, and they shall stand bodies; they shall not clothe themselves

before them to minister to them. with anything that causes sweat.

11 2Because they ministered to them ' When they go out to the outer  
court, to

before their idols and caused the house the outer court to the people,  
they shall

of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I take off their garments in  
which they

have raised My hand in an oath against have ministered, leave them  
in the holy

them," says the Lord GOD, "that they chambers, and put on other  
garments;

shall bear their iniquity. and in their holy garments they shall not

sanctify the people.

13And they shall not come near Me to minister to Me as priest, nor  
come near 204They shall neither shave their heads, any of My holy  
things, nor into the Most nor let their hair grow long, but they

Holy Place; but they shall bear their shall keep their hair well  
trimmed. shame and their abominations which

they have committed. 2 1No priest shall drink wine when he

enters the inner court.

14

Nevertheless I will make them keep

charge of the temple, for all its work, 2 They shall not take as wife a  
widow or and for all that has to be done in it. a divorced woman, but  
take virgins of

1 or widows of priests. 5 But the priests, the Levites, the sons the  
descendants of the house of Israel,

of Zadok, who kept charge of My

sanctuary when the children of Israel <sup>2</sup> 31 3 And they shall teach My people the The priests shall not eat anything, bird difference between the holy and the or beast, that died naturally or was torn

unholy, and cause them to discern by wild beasts. between the unclean and the clean.

24 n controversy they shall stand as

45 Moreover, when you divide the

judges, and judge it according to My land by lot into inheritance, you shall set

judgments. They shall keep My laws

apart a district for the LORD, a holy

and My statutes in all My appointed

section of the land; its length shall be

meetings, and they shall hallow My

twenty-five thousand cubits, and the

Sabbaths.

width ten thousand. It shall be holy

2 throughout its territory all around. 5§ 'They shall not defile themselves by coming near a dead person. Only for 2

Of this there shall be a square plot for

father or mother, for son or daughter, for

the sanctuary, five hundred by five

brother or unmarried sister may they

hundred rods, with fifty cubits around it

defile themselves.

for an open space.

26

After he is cleansed, they shall count 3

So this is the district you shall measure:

seven days for him.

twenty-five thousand cubits long and ten

2 thousand wide; in it shall be the 7And on the day that he goes to the

sanctuary, the Most Holy Place.

sanctuary to minister in the sanctuary,

he must offer his sin offering in the inner 4

It shall be a holy section of the land,

court," says the Lord GOD. belonging to the priests, the ministers of

2 the sanctuary, who come near to 8§ It shall be, in regard to their  
minister to the LORD; it shall be a place

inheritance, that I am their inheritance. for their houses and a holy  
place for the

You shall give them no possession in sanctuary. Israel, for I am their  
possession.

2 long and ten thousand wide shall belong

9They shall eat the grain offering, the 5An area twenty-five thousand  
cubits

sin offering, and the trespass offering; to the Levites, the ministers of  
the

every dedicated thing in Israel shall be temple; they shall have twenty theirs. chambers as a possession.

36 0 The best of all firstfruits of any kind, You shall appoint as the property of and every sacrifice of any kind from all the city an area five thousand cubits

your sacrifices, shall be the priest's; also wide and twenty-five thousand long,

you shall give to the priest the first of adjacent to the district of the holy

your ground meal, to cause a blessing section; it shall belong to the whole

to rest on your house. house of Israel.

7 The prince shall have a section on one A kor is a homer or ten baths, for ten

side and the other of the holy district baths are a homer. and the city's property; and bordering on

the holy district and the city's property, 15And one lamb shall be given from a extending westward on the west side flock of two hundred, from the rich

and eastward on the east side, the pastures of Israel. These shall be for

length shall be side by side with one of grain offerings, burnt offerings, and

the tribal portions, from the west border peace offerings, to make atonement for

to the east border. them," says the Lord GOD.

81 64 The land shall be his possession in 'All the people of the land shall give Israel; and My princes shall no more this offering for the prince in Israel. oppress My people, but they shall give

the rest of the land to the house of Israel, 17Then it shall be the

prince's part to according to their tribes."

give burnt offerings, grain offerings, and

drink offerings, at the feasts, the New

"Thus says the Lord GOD: "Enough, O Moons, the Sabbaths, and at all the

princes of Israel! Remove violence and appointed seasons of the house of

plundering, execute justice and Israel. He shall prepare the sin offering, righteousness, and stop dispossessing the grain offering, the burnt offering, and

My people," says the Lord GOD. the peace offerings to make atonement

for the house of Israel."

<sup>10</sup> You shall have honest scales, an

honest ephah, and an honest bath. <sup>184</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD: "In the first

month, on the first day of the month, you

<sup>11</sup>

The ephah and the bath shall be of the shall take a young bull without blemish

same measure, so that the bath and cleanse the sanctuary. contains one-tenth of a homer, and the

ephah one-tenth of a homer; their <sup>1</sup> ' The priest shall take some of the blood measure shall be according to the of the sin offering and put it on the

homer. doorposts of the temple, on the four

corners of the ledge of the altar, and on

<sup>12</sup>

The shekel shall be twenty gerahs; the gateposts of the gate of the



inner

twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, and court. fifteen shekels shall be your mina.

2 0

And so you shall do on the seventh

13§'This is the offering which you shall day of the month for everyone who has

offer: you shall give one-sixth of an sinned unintentionally or in ignorance.

ephah from a homer of wheat, and one- Thus you shall make atonement for the

sixth of an ephah from a homer of barley. temple.

1 2 4 The ordinance concerning oil, the bath1 In the first month, on the fourteenth of oil, is one-tenth of a bath from a kor. day of the month, you shall observe the

Passover, a feast of seven days; 3Likewise the people of the land shall unleavened bread shall be eaten. worship at the entrance to this gateway

before the LORD on the Sabbaths and

22 the New Moons.

And on that day the prince shall

prepare for himself and for all the people

of the land a bull for a sin offering. 4The burnt offering that the prince offers

to the LORD on the Sabbath day shall

23 be six lambs without blemish, and a ram

On the seven days of the feast he

shall prepare a burnt offering to the without blemish; LORD, seven bulls and seven rams

without blemish, daily for seven days, and the grain offering shall be one and a kid of the goats daily for a sin ephah for a ram, and the grain offering

offering. for the lambs, as much as he wants to

give, as well as a hin of oil with every

24 ephah.

And he shall prepare a grain offering

of one ephah for each bull and one

ephah for each ram, together with a hin 6On the day of the New Moon it shall be of oil for each ephah. a young bull without blemish, six lambs,

and a ram; they shall be without blemish.

2 5 'In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, at the feast, he shall 7He shall prepare a grain offering of an do likewise for seven days, according to ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as

the sin offering, the burnt offering, the much as he wants to give for the lambs,

grain offering, and the oil." and a hin of oil with every ephah.

8 When the prince enters, he shall go in

46 Thus says the Lord GOD: "The by way of the vestibule of the gateway,

gateway of the inner court that faces and go out the same way. toward the east shall be shut the six

working days; but on the Sabbath it shall "But when the people of the land come

be opened, and on the day of the New before the LORD on the appointed feast

Moon it shall be opened. days, whoever enters by way of the

north gate to worship shall go out by

2 way of the south gate; and whoever

The prince shall enter by way of the

enters by way of the south gate shall go

vestibule of the gateway from the

out by way of the north gate. He shall

outside, and stand by the gatepost. The

not return by way of the gate through

priests shall prepare his burnt offering

which he came, but shall go out through

and his peace offerings. He shall

the opposite gate.

worship at the threshold of the gate.

Then he shall go out, but the gate shall 1 0The prince shall then be in  
their midst. not be shut until evening.

When they go in, he shall go in; and

when they go out, he shall go out.

11 1 At the festivals and the appointed feast 8Moreover the prince  
shall not take any days the grain offering shall be an of the people's  
inheritance by evicting

ephah for a bull, an ephah for a ram, as them from their property; he  
shall

much as he wants to give for the lambs, provide an inheritance for his  
sons from

and a hin of oil with every ephah. his own property, so that none of

My

people may be scattered from his

<sup>12</sup> Now when the prince makes a property." voluntary burnt offering  
or voluntary

peace offering to the LORD, the gate <sup>1</sup> Now he brought me through  
the that faces toward the east shall then be entrance, which was at the  
side of the

opened for him; and he shall prepare his gate, into the holy chambers  
of the

burnt offering and his peace offerings as priests which face toward the  
north; and

he did on the Sabbath day. Then he there a place was situated at their  
shall go out, and after he goes out the extreme western end. gate shall  
be shut.

<sup>2</sup> 0

And he said to me, "This is the place

<sup>13</sup> You shall daily make a burnt offering where the priests shall boil  
the trespass

to the LORD of a lamb of the first year offering and the sin offering,  
and where

without blemish; you shall prepare it they shall bake the grain  
offering, so

every morning. that they do not bring them out into the

outer court to sanctify the people."

<sup>14</sup> And you shall prepare a grain offering

<sup>2</sup> 1

with it every morning, a sixth of an Then he brought me out into the  
outer

ephah, and a third of a hin of oil to court and caused me to pass by

the four

moisten the fine flour. This grain offering corners of the court; and in fact, in every

is a perpetual ordinance, to be made corner of the court there was another

regularly to the LORD. court.

12 5 Thus they shall prepare the lamb, the 2 n the four corners of the court were grain offering, and the oil, as a regular enclosed courts, forty cubits long and

burnt offering every morning." thirty wide; all four corners were the same size.

16 § Thus says the Lord GOD: "If the prince gives a gift of some of his There was a row of building stones all 2 3

inheritance to any of his sons, it shall around in them, all around the four of

belong to his sons; it is their possession them; and cooking hearths were made

by inheritance. under the rows of stones all around.

12 7 But if he gives a gift of some of his 4 And he said to me, "These are the inheritance to one of his servants, it kitchens where the ministers of the

shall be his until the year of liberty, after temple shall boil the sacrifices of the

which it shall return to the prince. But his people." inheritance shall belong to his sons; it

shall become theirs.

8 Then he said to me: "This water flows

47Then he brought me back to the toward the eastern region, goes  
down

into the valley, and enters the sea.

door of the temple; and there was water,

When it reaches the sea, its waters are  
flowing from under the threshold of the  
healed.

temple toward the east, for the front of

the temple faced east; the water was

flowing from under the right side of the 'And it shall be that every  
living thing

temple, south of the altar. that moves, wherever the rivers go, will

live. There will be a very great multitude

2 of fish, because these waters go there;

He brought me out by way of the north

for they will be healed, and everything  
gate, and led me around on the outside

will live wherever the river goes.

to the outer gateway that faces east;

and there was water, running out on the 10It shall be that fishermen  
will stand by right side.

it from En Gedi to En Eglaim; they will

OAnd when the man went out to the east be places for spreading their  
nets. Their

fish will be of the same kinds as the fish

with the line in his hand, he measured

of the Great Sea, exceedingly many.

one thousand cubits, and he brought me

through the waters; the water came up <sup>1</sup> But its swamps and marshes  
will not to my ankles.

be healed; they will be given over to salt.

<sup>4</sup>Again he measured one thousand and <sup>2</sup>Along the bank of the river,  
on this

1

brought me through the waters; the

water came up to my knees. Again he side and that, will grow all  
kinds of trees

measured one thousand and brought used for food; their leaves will  
not wither,

me through; the water came up to my and their fruit will not fail.  
They will bear

waist. fruit every month, because their water

flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will

<sup>5</sup> be for food, and their leaves for

Again he measured one thousand, and

medicine."

it was a river that I could not cross; for

the water was too deep, water in which <sup>13</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD:  
"These are one must swim, a river that could not be crossed. the  
borders by which you shall divide

the land as an inheritance among the

6 twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have

He said to me, "Son of man, have you

two portions.

seen this?" Then he brought me and

returned me to the bank of the river. 1 4 ou shall inherit it equally  
with one 7 another; for I raised My hand in an oath

When I returned, there, along the bank

to give it to your fathers, and this land

of the river, were very many trees on

shall fall to you as your inheritance.

one side and the other.

15§This shall be the border of the land on the children of Israel; they  
shall have an

the north: from the Great Sea, by the inheritance with you among the  
tribes of

road to Hethlon, as one goes to Zedad, Israel.

1 2 3 6Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim (which is And it shall be that in  
whatever tribe

between the border of Damascus and the stranger dwells, there you  
shall give

the border of Hamath), to Hazar him his inheritance," says the Lord  
GOD.

Hatticon (which is on the border of

Hauran).



<sup>1</sup> 48 Now these are the names of the 7Thus the boundary shall be from the

tribes: From the northern border along

Sea to Hazar Enan, the border of

the road to Hethlon at the entrance of

Damascus; and as for the north,

Hamath, to Hazar Enan, the border of

northward, it is the border of Hamath.

Damascus northward, in the direction of

This is the north side.

Hamath, there shall be one section for

<sup>1</sup> Dan from its east to its west side;

" On the east side you shall mark out

the border from between Hauran and <sup>2</sup>

by the border of Dan, from the east side

Damascus, and between Gilead and the

to the west, one section for Asher;

land of Israel, along the Jordan, and

along the eastern side of the sea. This is <sup>3</sup>by the border of Asher, from the east the east side. side to the west, one section for

<sup>1</sup> Naphtali; " The

south side, toward the South,

shall be from Tamar to the waters of <sup>4</sup> Meribah by Kadesh, along the brook to by the border of Naphtali, from the east

the Great Sea. This is the south side, side to the west, one section for toward the South. Manasseh;

<sup>2 s</sup> 0§"The west side shall be the Great Sea, by the border of Manasseh, from the

from the southern boundary until one east side to the west, one section for

comes to a point opposite Hamath. This Ephraim; is the west side.

<sup>6</sup> by the border of Ephraim, from the east

<sup>21§</sup> side to the west, one section for '

Thus you shall divide this land among yourselves according to the tribes of Reuben; Israel.

<sup>7</sup> by the border of Reuben, from the east

<sup>22</sup> shall be that you will divide it by lot side to the west, one section for Judah;

as an inheritance for yourselves, and for

the strangers who dwell among you and <sup>8</sup>by the border of Judah, from the east who bear children among you. They side to the west, shall be the district

shall be to you as native-born among which you shall set apart, twenty-five

thousand cubits in width, and in length the same as one of the other portions, by the city, for dwellings and common-

from the east side to the west, with the land; and the city shall be in the center.

sanctuary in the center.

<sup>16</sup>These shall be its measurements: the

""The district that you shall set apart for north side four thousand five hundred

the LORD shall be twenty-five thousand cubits, the south side four thousand five

cubits in length and ten thousand in hundred, the east side four thousand

width. five hundred, and the west side four

thousand five hundred.

<sup>10</sup>To these--to the priests--the holy district shall belong: on the north twenty- <sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup>The common-land of the city shall be: five thousand cubits in length, on the to the north two hundred and fifty cubits,

west ten thousand in width, on the east to the south two hundred and fifty, to the

ten thousand in width, and on the south east two hundred and fifty, and to the

twenty-five thousand in length. The west two hundred and fifty. sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the

center. <sup>18</sup>The rest of the length, alongside the

<sup>1</sup> thousand cubits to the east and ten

<sup>1</sup> shall be for the priests of the sons of district of the holy section, shall be ten

Zadok, who are sanctified, who have thousand to the west. It shall be kept My charge, who did not go astray adjacent to the district of the holy

when the children of Israel went astray, section, and its produce shall be food for

as the Levites went astray. the workers of the city.

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And this district of land that is set apart ' The workers of the city,  
from all the

shall be to them a thing most holy by the tribes of Israel, shall  
cultivate it. border of the Levites.

20The entire district shall be twenty-five

13 Opposite the border of the priests, the

thousand cubits by twenty-five thousand

Levites shall have an area twenty-five cubits, foursquare. You shall set  
apart

thousand cubits in length and ten the holy district with the property of  
the

thousand in width; its entire length shall city. be twenty-five thousand  
and its width

ten thousand. 214The rest shall belong to the prince, on

one side and on the other of the holy

14

And they shall not sell or exchange district and of the city's  
property, next to

any of it; they may not alienate this best the twenty-five thousand  
cubits of the

part of the land, for it is holy to the holy district as far as the eastern  
border,

LORD. and westward next to the twenty-five

thousand as far as the western border,

15§ adjacent to the tribal portions; it shall 'The five thousand cubits in

width that

remain, along the edge of the twenty- belong to the prince. It shall be the holy

five thousand, shall be for general use district, and the sanctuary of the temple

shall be in the center.

2 2 Moreover, apart from the possession ' This is the land which you shall divide

of the Levites and the possession of the by lot as an inheritance among the

city which are in the midst of what tribes of Israel, and these are their

belongs to the prince, the area between portions," says the Lord GOD. the border of Judah and the border of

Benjamin shall belong to the prince. 304 These are the exits of the city. On the

2 hundred cubits 3 As for the rest of the tribes, from the north side, measuring four thousand five

east side to the west, Benjamin shall

have one section; 31 (the gates of the city shall be named

after the tribes of Israel), the three gates

24

by the border of Benjamin, from the northward: one gate for Reuben, one

east side to the west, Simeon shall have gate for Judah, and one gate for Levi;

one section;

32 n the east side, four thousand five

25by the border of Simeon, from the east hundred cubits, three gates:  
one gate

side to the west, Issachar shall have for Joseph, one gate for Benjamin,  
and

one section; one gate for Dan;

26by the border of Issachar, from the ti on the south side, measuring  
four

east side to the west, Zebulun shall thousand five hundred cubits,  
three

have one section; gates: one gate for Simeon, one gate for

Issachar, and one gate for Zebulun;

27

by the border of Zebulun, from the

east side to the west, Gad shall have 34 n the west side, four thousand  
five

one section; hundred cubits with their three gates:

one gate for Gad, one gate for Asher,

2 and one gate for Naphtali. ' by the border of Gad, on the south

side, toward the South, the border shall 5All the way around shall be  
eighteen

be from Tamar to the waters of Meribah 3 by Kadesh, along the brook  
to the Great thousand cubits; and the name of the

Sea. city from that day shall be: THE LORD

IS THERE."

# Prophet Daniel

7To them the chief of the eunuchs gave names: he gave Daniel the name

1 Belteshazzar; to Hananiah, Shadrach; to In the third year of the reign of

Mishael, Meshach; and to Azariah,

Jehoiakim king of Judah, Abed-Nego. Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came

to Jerusalem and besieged it. 8

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he

2 would not defile himself with the portion

And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of of the king's delicacies, nor with the

Judah into his hand, with some of the wine which he drank; therefore he

articles of the house of God, which he requested of the chief of the eunuchs

carried into the land of Shinar to the that he might not defile himself. house of his god; and he brought the

articles into the treasure house of his 9Now God had brought Daniel into the god. favor and goodwill of the chief of the

3Then the king instructed Ashpenaz, the eunuchs.

master of his eunuchs, to bring some of <sup>1</sup> 0 And the chief of the eunuchs said to the children of Israel and some of the Daniel, "I fear my lord the king, who has king's descendants and some of the appointed your food and drink. For why nobles, should he see your faces looking worse <sup>4</sup> than the young men who are your age?

young men in whom there was no

Then you would endanger my head

blemish, but good-looking, gifted in all before the king." wisdom, possessing knowledge and

quick to understand, who had ability to <sup>1</sup> serve in the king's palace, and whom So Daniel said to the steward whom

they might teach the language and the chief of the eunuchs had set over

literature of the Chaldeans. Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah,

<sup>1</sup> 24 'Please test your servants for ten days,

<sup>5</sup> And the king appointed for them a daily provision of the king's delicacies and of and let them give us vegetables to eat

the wine which he drank, and three and water to drink.

years of training for them, so that at the <sup>3</sup> Then let our appearance be examined

end of that time they might serve before <sup>1</sup> the king. before you, and the appearance of the

young men who eat the portion of the

<sup>6</sup> king's delicacies; and as you see fit, so

Now from among those of the sons of

Judah were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, deal with your servants." and Azariah.



So he consented with them in this Then the king gave the command  
to

matter, and tested them ten days. call the magicians, the astrologers,  
the

sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the

15And at the end of ten days their king his dreams. So they came and  
features appeared better and fatter in stood before the king. flesh than  
all the young men who ate the

portion of the king's 3 delicacies. And the king said to them, "I have  
had

a dream, and my spirit is anxious to

16 know the dream."

Thus the steward took away their

portion of delicacies and the wine that

they were to drink, and gave them 4Then the Chaldeans spoke to the  
king vegetables. in Aramaic, "O king, live forever! Tell

your servants the dream, and we will

17As for these four young men, God give the interpretation."

gave them knowledge and skill in all

literature and wisdom; and Daniel had 5The king answered and said to  
the understanding in all visions and dreams. Chaldeans, "My decision  
is firm: if you

do not make known the dream to me,

1 and its interpretation, you shall be cut in ' Now at the end of the  
days, when the

king had said that they should be pieces, and your houses shall be  
made

brought in, the chief of the eunuchs an ash heap. brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar.

6 However, if you tell the dream and its

1 interpretation, you shall receive from me ' Then the king interviewed them, and

among them all none was found like gifts, rewards, and great honor.

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah; Therefore tell me the dream and its

therefore they served before the king. interpretation."

27 They answered again and said, "Let the OAnd in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king king tell his servants the dream, and we

examined them, he found them ten will give its interpretation." times better than all the magicians and

astrologers who were in all his realm. 8The king answered and said, "I know

for certain that you would gain time,

21 because you see that my decision is

Thus Daniel continued until the first  
year of King Cyrus. firm:

if you do not make known the dream to

2Now in the second year of me, there is only one decree for you!

For you have agreed to speak lying and

Nebuchadnezzar's reign, corrupt words before me till the time has Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his changed. Therefore tell me the dream,

spirit was so troubled that his sleep left

him.

and I shall know that you can give me its <sup>18</sup>that they might seek  
mercies from the interpretation." God of heaven concerning this  
secret,

so that Daniel and his companions

<sup>10</sup>The Chaldeans answered the king, might not perish with the rest of  
the wise

and said, "There is not a man on earth men of Babylon. who can tell  
the king's matter; therefore

no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked <sup>1</sup> ' Then the secret was revealed  
to such things of any magician, astrologer, Daniel in a night vision. So  
Daniel

or Chaldean. blessed the God of heaven.

<sup>1 2</sup> <sup>1</sup> is a difficult thing that the king <sup>0</sup>Daniel answered and said:  
"Blessed requests, and there is no other who can be the name of God  
forever and ever,

tell it to the king except the gods, whose For wisdom and might are  
His. dwelling is not with flesh."

<sup>21</sup>

And He changes the times and the

<sup>12</sup> For this reason the king was angry and seasons; He removes kings  
and raises

very furious, and gave the command to up kings; He gives wisdom to  
the wise

destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And knowledge to those who  
have

understanding.

<sup>13</sup>So the decree went out, and they began killing the wise men; and

they 2 He reveals deep and secret things; He sought Daniel and his companions, to know what is in the darkness, And light

kill them. dwells with Him.

1 2 4 3 thank You and praise You, O God of

Then with counsel and wisdom Daniel

answered Arioch, the captain of the my fathers; You have given me wisdom

king's guard, who had gone out to kill and might, And have now made known

the wise men of Babylon; to me what we asked of You, For You

have made known to us the king's

15he answered and said to Arioch the demand."

king's captain, "Why is the decree from 4Therefore Daniel went to Arioch,

the king so urgent?" Then Arioch made 2 the decision known to Daniel. whom the king had appointed to destroy

the wise men of Babylon. He went and

16 said thus to him: "Do not destroy the

So Daniel went in and asked the king

to give him time, that he might tell the wise men of Babylon; take me before

king the interpretation. the king, and I will tell the king the

interpretation."

17 Then Daniel went to his house, and 2 made the decision known to Hananiah, 5Then Arioch quickly brought Daniel

Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, before the king, and said thus to him, "I

have found a man of the captives of Judah, who will make known to the king fl its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron the interpretation." and partly of clay.

26The king answered and said to Daniel, 34You watched while a stone was cut out

whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are without hands, which struck the image

you able to make known to me the on its feet of iron and clay, and broke

dream which I have seen, and its them in pieces. interpretation?"

3 5

2 silver, and the gold were crushed

7Daniel answered in the presence of Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the

the king, and said, "The secret which the together, and became like chaff from the

king has demanded, the wise men, the summer threshing floors; the wind

astrologers, the magicians, and the carried them away so that no trace of

soothsayers cannot declare to the king. them was found. And the stone that

struck the image became a great

28But there is a God in heaven who mountain and filled the whole earth.

reveals secrets, and He has made

known to King Nebuchadnezzar what "This is the dream. Now we  
will tell the

will be in the latter days. Your dream, interpretation of it before the  
king. and the visions of your head upon your

bed, were these: 3 7 ou, O king, are a king of kings. For

the God of heaven has given you a

2 ' As for you, O king, thoughts came to kingdom, power, strength, and  
glory;

your mind while on your bed, about what

would come to pass after this; and He 38 and wherever the children of  
men who reveals secrets has made known to dwell, or the beasts of  
the field and the

you what will be. birds of the heaven, He has given them

30But as for me, this secret has not been into your hand, and has  
made you ruler

over them all--you are this head of gold.

revealed to me because I have more

wisdom than anyone living, but for our 3' But after you shall arise  
another

sakes who make known the kingdom inferior to yours; then another,  
interpretation to the king, and that you a third kingdom of bronze,  
which shall

may know the thoughts of your heart. rule over all the earth.

3 4 1 You, O king, were watching; and 0And the fourth kingdom shall  
be as behold, a great image! This great image, strong as iron,  
inasmuch as iron breaks

whose splendor was excellent, stood in pieces and shatters everything;  
and

before you; and its form was awesome. like iron that crushes, that kingdom will

3 image's head was of fine gold, its 2This break in pieces and crush all the others.

chest and arms of silver, its belly and 4 1Whereas you saw the feet and toes, thighs of bronze, partly of potter's clay and partly of iron,

the kingdom shall be divided; yet the 4 8Then the king promoted Daniel and strength of the iron shall be in it, just as gave him many great gifts; and he made

you saw the iron mixed with ceramic him ruler over the whole province of

clay. Babylon, and chief administrator over all

the wise men of Babylon.

4 2

And as the toes of the feet were partly

of iron and partly of clay, so the kingdom 4' Also Daniel petitioned the king, and he shall be partly strong and partly fragile. set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

Nego over the affairs of the province of

43As you saw iron mixed with ceramic Babylon; but Daniel sat in the gate of

clay, they will mingle with the seed of the king. men; but they will not adhere to one

another, just as iron does not mix with

clay. 3Nebuchadnezzar the king made an

4 image of gold, whose height was sixty

4And in the days of these kings the God cubits and its width six cubits. He set it

of heaven will set up a kingdom which up in the plain of Dura, in the province of

shall never be destroyed; and the Babylon. kingdom shall not be left to other

people; it shall break in pieces and <sup>2</sup> And King Nebuchadnezzar sent word to consume all these kingdoms, and it shall gather together the satraps, the stand forever. administrators, the governors, the

<sup>4</sup> counselors, the treasurers, the judges, <sup>5</sup> nasmuch as you saw that the stone

the magistrates, and all the officials of

was cut out of the mountain without the provinces, to come to the dedication

hands, and that it broke in pieces the of the image which King iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and Nebuchadnezzar had set up. the gold--the great God has made

known to the king what will come to <sup>3</sup>

So the satraps, the administrators, the

pass after this. The dream is certain, governors, the counselors, the and its interpretation is sure." treasurers, the judges, the magistrates,

<sup>4</sup> and all the officials of the provinces

<sup>6</sup> Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell on his gathered together for the dedication of

face, prostrate before Daniel, and the image that King Nebuchadnezzar commanded that they should present an had set up; and they stood before the

offering and incense to him. image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up.

<sup>47</sup>The king answered Daniel, and said,



"Truly your God is the God of gods, the commanded, O peoples,  
nations, and

Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, languages, since you could  
reveal this secret."

sthat at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, tyre, and  
psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you 13Then  
Nebuchadnezzar, in rage and shall fall down and worship the gold  
fury, gave the command to bring

image that King Nebuchadnezzar has Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-  
Nego.

set up; So they brought these men before the

king.

6and whoever does not fall down and

1 4

worship shall be cast immediately into Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying  
to

the midst of a burning fiery furnace." them, "Is it true, Shadrach,  
Meshach,

and Abed-Nego, that you do not serve

7 my gods or worship the gold image So at that time, when all the  
people

heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, which I have set up? and  
tyre, in symphony with all kinds of

15

music, all the people, nations, and Now if you are ready at the time  
you

languages fell down and worshiped the hear the sound of the horn,  
flute, harp,

gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar lyre, and psaltery, in

symphony with all

had set up. kinds of music, and you fall down and

worship the image which I have made,

8 good! But if you do not worship, you Therefore at that time certain

Chaldeans came forward and accused shall be cast immediately into  
the midst

the Jews. of a burning fiery furnace. And who is

the god who will deliver you from my  
hands?"

"They spoke and said to King

Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! 1 6Shadrach, Meshach, and  
Abed-Nego 10 answered and said to the king, "O

You, O king, have made a decree that

Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to  
everyone who hears the sound of the

answer you in this matter.

horn, flute, harp, tyre, and psaltery, in

symphony with all kinds of music, shall 17 that is the case, our God  
whom we fall down and worship the gold image;

serve is able to deliver us from the

11 burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver

and whoever does not fall down and

us from your hand, O king.

worship shall be cast into the midst of a

burning fiery furnace. <sup>1</sup> 8But if not, let it be known to you, O <sup>12</sup> king,  
that we do not serve your gods,

There are certain Jews whom you

nor will we worship the gold image

have set over the affairs of the province

which you have set up."

of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and

Abed-Nego; these men, O king, have <sup>1</sup> ' Then Nebuchadnezzar was full  
of fury, not paid due regard to you. They do not serve your gods or  
worship the gold and the expression on his face changed

image which you have set up." toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

Nego. He spoke and commanded that

they heat the furnace seven times more

than it was usually heated.

<sup>22</sup> 0And he commanded certain mighty <sup>7</sup>

And the satraps, administrators,

men of valor who were in his army to governors, and the king's  
counselors

bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed- gathered together, and they saw  
these

Nego, and cast them into the burning men on whose bodies the fire  
had no

fiery furnace. power; the hair of their head was not

singed nor were their garments affected,

<sup>21</sup> and the smell of fire was not on them.

Then these men were bound in their

coats, their trousers, their turbans, and

their other garments, and were cast into <sup>2</sup> 8Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, the midst of the burning fiery furnace. "Blessed be the God of Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His

<sup>22</sup>Therefore, because the king's Angel and delivered His servants who command was urgent, and the furnace trusted in Him, and they have frustrated

exceedingly hot, the flame of the fire the king's word, and yielded their bodies,

killed those men who took up Shadrach, that they should not serve nor worship

Meshach, and Abed-Nego. any god except their own God!

<sup>22</sup> <sup>3</sup> ' Therefore I make a decree that any And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, fell down people, nation, or language which

bound into the midst of the burning fiery speaks anything amiss against the God

furnace. of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego

shall be cut in pieces, and their houses

<sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar was shall be made an ash heap; because

there is no other God who can deliver

astonished; and he rose in haste and

like this."

spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we

not cast three men bound into the midst 3 0Then the king promoted Shadrach, of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the

province of Babylon.

25 'Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire;

and they are not hurt, and the form of 4Nebuchadnezzar the king, To all

the fourth is like the Son of God." peoples, nations, and languages that

dwell in all the earth: Peace be

26

Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the multiplied to you.

mouth of the burning fiery furnace and

spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, 21 thought it good to declare the signs and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most and wonders that the Most High God

High God, come out, and come here." has worked for me. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

Nego came from the midst of the fire. 3How great are His signs, And how

mighty His wonders! His kingdom is an

everlasting kingdom, And His dominion Its leaves were lovely, Its fruit  
is from generation to generation. abundant, And in it was food for all.  
The

beasts of the field found shade under it,

4 The birds of the heavens dwelt in its 1, Nebuchadnezzar, was at rest  
in my

house, and flourishing in my palace. branches, And all flesh was fed  
from it.

5 1 3 saw in the visions of my head while

1 saw a dream which made me afraid,

and the thoughts on my bed and the on my bed, and there was a  
watcher, a

visions of my head troubled me. holy one, coming down from heaven.

1 4He cried aloud and said thus: "Chop

6Therefore I issued a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon  
before me, down the tree and cut off its branches,

that they might make known to me the Strip off its leaves and scatter  
its fruit.

interpretation of the dream. Let the beasts get out from under it, And

the birds from its branches.

7Then the magicians, the astrologers, 5 the Chaldeans, and the  
soothsayers 1 Nevertheless leave the stump and

came in, and I told them the dream; but roots in the earth, Bound with

a band of

they did not make known to me its iron and bronze, In the tender  
grass of

interpretation. the field. Let it be wet with the dew of

heaven, And let him graze with the

8 beasts On the grass of the earth.

But at last Daniel came before me (his

name is Belteshazzar, according to the <sup>16</sup>Let his heart be changed  
from that of a name of my god; in him is the Spirit of the Holy God),  
and I told the dream man, Let him be given the heart of a

before him, saying: beast, And let seven times pass over

him.

because I know that the Spirit of the "Belteshazzar, chief of the  
magicians, <sup>174</sup>This decision is by the decree of the Holy God is in  
you, and no secret watchers, And the sentence by the word

troubles you, explain to me the visions of the holy ones, In order that  
the living

of my dream that I have seen, and its may know That the Most High  
rules in

interpretation. the kingdom of men, Gives it to

whomever He will, And sets over it the

<sup>108</sup>lowest of men.' 'T

hese were the visions of my head

while on my bed: I was looking, and <sup>184</sup>'This dream I, King  
Nebuchadnezzar, behold, A tree in the midst of the earth, And its

height was great. have seen. Now you, Belteshazzar,

declare its interpretation, since all the

11 wise men of my kingdom are not able to

The tree grew and became strong; Its

height reached to the heavens, And it make known to me the interpretation;

but you are able, for the Spirit of the

could be seen to the ends of all the

Holy God is in you."

earth.

19Then Daniel, whose name was like oxen. They shall wet you with the

Belteshazzar, was astonished for a time, dew of heaven, and seven times shall

and his thoughts troubled him. So the pass over you, till you know that the

king spoke, and said, "Belteshazzar, do Most High rules in the kingdom of men,

not let the dream or its interpretation and gives it to whomever He chooses.

trouble you." Belteshazzar answered

and said, "My lord, may the dream 2 6 'And inasmuch as they gave the concern those who hate you, and its command to leave the stump and roots

interpretation concern your enemies! of the tree, your kingdom shall be

2 that Heaven rules.



0§"The tree that you saw, which grew assured to you, after you come to know

and became strong, whose height

reached to the heavens and which could 2 7Therefore, O king, let my advice be seen by all the earth, acceptable to you; break off your sins by

being righteous, and your iniquities by

21

whose leaves were lovely and its fruit showing mercy to the poor.  
Perhaps

abundant, in which was food for all, there may be a lengthening of your

under which the beasts of the field dwelt, prosperity." and in whose branches the birds of the

heaven had their home-- 2 ' All this came upon King

Nebuchadnezzar.

22it is you, O king, who have grown and become strong; for your greatness has 2 ' At the end of the twelve months he grown and reaches to the heavens, and was walking about the royal palace of

your dominion to the end of the earth. Babylon.

2 3 3 And inasmuch as the king saw a 0The king spoke, saying, "Is not this watcher, a holy one, coming down from great Babylon, that I have built for a

heaven and saying, "Chop down the royal dwelling by my mighty power and

tree and destroy it, but leave its stump for the honor of my majesty?" and roots in the earth, bound with a

band of iron and bronze in the tender 31

While the word was still in the king's

grass of the field; let it be wet with the mouth, a voice fell from heaven: "King

dew of heaven, and let him graze with Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken:

the beasts of the field, till seven times the kingdom has departed from you!

pass over him';

32

2 And they shall drive you from men, 4 his is the interpretation, O king, and

and your dwelling shall be with the  
this is the decree of the Most High,

beasts of the field. They shall make you  
which has come upon my lord the king:

eat grass like oxen; and seven times

2 shall pass over you, until you know that 5They shall drive you from men, your

the Most High rules in the kingdom of  
dwelling shall be with the beasts of the  
field, and they shall make you eat grass men, and gives it to  
whomever He drank wine in the presence of the  
chooses." thousand.

33That very hour the word was fulfilled 2While he tasted the wine, Belshazzar concerning Nebuchadnezzar; he was gave the command to bring the gold and

driven from men and ate grass like silver vessels which his father

oxen; his body was wet with the dew of Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the

heaven till his hair had grown like temple which had been in Jerusalem,

eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' that the king and his lords, his wives,

claws. and his concubines might drink from

them.

34And at the end of the time I,

Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to 3Then they brought the gold vessels that

heaven, and my understanding returned had been taken from the temple of the

to me; and I blessed the Most High and house of God which had been in

praised and honored Him who lives Jerusalem; and the king and his lords,

forever: For His dominion is an his wives, and his concubines drank

everlasting dominion, And His kingdom from them. is from generation to generation.

4 They drank wine, and praised the gods

35All the inhabitants of the earth are of gold and silver, bronze and iron,

reputed as nothing; He does according wood and stone. to His will in the army of heaven And

among the inhabitants of the earth. No s In the same hour the fingers of a man's one can restrain His hand Or say to Him, hand appeared and wrote opposite the

"What have You done?" lampstand on the plaster of the wall of

the king's palace; and the king saw the

36At the same time my reason returned part of the hand that wrote.

to me, and for the glory of my kingdom,

my honor and splendor returned to me. 6Then the king's countenance changed,

My counselors and nobles resorted to and his thoughts troubled him, so that

me, I was restored to my kingdom, and the joints of his hips were loosened and

excellent majesty was added to me. his knees knocked against each other.

37 7 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and The king cried aloud to bring in the

extol and honor the King of heaven, all astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the

of whose works are truth, and His ways soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to

justice. And those who walk in pride He the wise men of Babylon, "Whoever

is able to put down. reads this writing, and tells me its

interpretation, shall be clothed with

purple and have a chain of gold around

5Belshazzar the king made a great his neck; and he shall be the third ruler

in the kingdom."

feast for a thousand of his lords, and 8 1 Now all the king's wise men came, but 5Now the wise men, the astrologers, they could not read the writing, or make have been brought in before me, that

known to the king its interpretation. they should read this writing and make

known to me its interpretation, but they

"Then King Belshazzar was greatly could not give the interpretation of the

troubled, his countenance was changed, thing.

and his lords were astonished. 6And I have heard of you, that you can

1

10 give interpretations and explain enigmas.

The queen, because of the words of

the king and his lords, came to the Now if you can read the writing and

banquet hall. The queen spoke, saying, make known to me its interpretation, you

"O king, live forever! Do not let your shall be clothed with purple and have a

thoughts trouble you, nor let your chain of gold around your neck, and

countenance change. shall be the third ruler in the kingdom."

11 7 1Then Daniel answered, and said There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the Spirit of the Holy God. And before the king, "Let your gifts be for

in the days of your father, light and yourself, and give your rewards to understanding and wisdom, like the another; yet I will read the writing to the

wisdom of the gods, were found in him; king, and make known to him the

and King Nebuchadnezzar your father-- interpretation. your father the king--made him chief of

the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, <sup>1</sup> ' O king, the Most High God gave and soothsayers. Nebuchadnezzar your father a kingdom

and majesty, glory and honor.

<sup>12</sup> nasmuch as an excellent spirit, knowledge, understanding, interpreting <sup>1</sup> ' And because of the majesty that He dreams, solving riddles, and explaining gave him, all peoples, nations, and

enigmas were found in this Daniel, languages trembled and feared before

whom the king named Belteshazzar, him. Whomever he wished, he now let Daniel be called, and he will give executed; whomever he wished, he kept

the interpretation." alive; whomever he wished, he set up;

and whomever he wished, he put down.

<sup>13</sup>

Then Daniel was brought in before the

<sup>2</sup> 0

king. The king spoke, and said to Daniel, But when his heart was lifted up, and

"Are you that Daniel who is one of the his spirit was hardened in pride, he was

captives from Judah, whom my father deposed from his kingly throne, and

the king brought from Judah? they took his glory from him.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 4 have heard of you, that the Spirit of <sup>1</sup>

Then he was driven from the sons of

God is in you, and that light and men, his heart was made like the beasts,

understanding and excellent wisdom are and his dwelling was with

the wild

found in you. donkeys. They fed him with grass like

oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that  
the that he should be the third ruler in the

Most High God rules in the kingdom of kingdom. men, and appoints  
over it whomever He

chooses. 30That very night Belshazzar, king of the

Chaldeans, was slain.

22 But you his son, Belshazzar, have not

humbled your heart, although you knew 31 And Darius the Mede  
received the all this. kingdom, being about sixty-two years

2

3And you have lifted yourself up against old.

the Lord of heaven. They have brought

the vessels of His house before you, 6It pleased Darius to set over the  
and you and your lords, your wives and

your concubines, have drunk wine from kingdom one hundred and  
twenty

them. And you have praised the gods of satraps, to be over the whole  
kingdom;

silver and gold, bronze and iron, wood 2 and over these, three  
governors, of and stone, which do not see or hear or know; and the  
God who holds your whom Daniel was one, that the satraps

breath in His hand and owns all your might give account to them, so  
that the

ways, you have not glorified. king would suffer no loss.

2 3Then this Daniel distinguished himself 4Then the fingers of the

hand were sent

from Him, and this writing was written. above the governors and satraps,

because an excellent spirit was in him;

25 And this is the inscription that was and the king gave thought to setting him

written: over the whole realm. MENE, MENE, TEKEL,

UPHARSIN. 4 So the governors and satraps sought to

26 This is the interpretation of each word. find some charge against Daniel

MENE: God has numbered your concerning the kingdom; but they could

kingdom, and finished it; find no charge or fault, because he was

faithful; nor was there any error or fault

2 found in him. 7 TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; 5

Then these men said, "We shall not

2 find any charge against this Daniel 8 PERES: Your kingdom has been

unless we find it against him concerning

divided, and given to the Medes and the law of his God." Persians."

2

9 Then Belshazzar gave the command, 6 So these governors and satraps

thronged before the king, and said thus



and they clothed Daniel with purple and to him: "King Darius, live forever! put a chain of gold around his neck, and

made a proclamation concerning him 7All the governors of the kingdom, the regard for you, O king, or for the decree

administrators and satraps, the that you have signed, but makes his counselors and advisors, have petition three times a day." consulted together to establish a royal

statute and to make a firm decree, that 1 4

And the king, when he heard these

whoever petitions any god or man for words, was greatly displeased with

thirty days, except you, O king, shall be himself, and set his heart on Daniel to

cast into the den of lions. deliver him; and he labored till the going

down of the sun to deliver him.

8Now, O king, establish the decree and

sign the writing, so that it cannot be 1 5Then these men approached the king, changed, according to the law of the and said to the king, "Know, O king, that

Medes and Persians, which does not it is the law of the Medes and Persians

alter." that no decree or statute which the king

establishes may be changed."

"Therefore King Darius signed the

written decree. 16

So the king gave the command, and  
they brought Daniel and cast him into

Now when Daniel knew that the writing the den of lions. But the king spoke,

was signed, he went home. And in his saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you

upper room, with his windows open serve continually, He will deliver you."

toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his

knees three times that day, and prayed <sup>1</sup> 7Then a stone was brought and laid on and gave thanks before his God, as was the mouth of the den, and the king

his custom since early days. sealed it with his own signet ring and

with the signets of his lords, that the

<sup>11</sup>

Then these men assembled and found purpose concerning Daniel might not be

Daniel praying and making supplication changed. before his God.

<sup>18</sup>Now the king went to his palace and

<sup>12</sup>

And they went before the king, and spent the night fasting; and no spoke concerning the king's decree: musicians were brought before him.

"Have you not signed a decree that Also his sleep went from him. every man who petitions any god or

man within thirty days, except you, O <sup>1</sup> Then the king arose very early in the king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" morning and went in haste to the den of

The king answered and said, "The thing lions. is true, according to the law of the

Medes and Persians, which does not <sup>2</sup> 0And when he came to the den, he alter."

cried out with a lamenting voice to

1 Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, 3 So they answered and said before the "Daniel, servant of the living God, has

king, "That Daniel, who is one of the

captives from Judah, does not show due your God, whom you serve continually, on earth, Who has delivered Daniel from

been able to deliver you from the lions?" the power of the lions.

2 2 18

Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, so this Daniel prospered in the reign

live forever! of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the

Persian.

22

My God sent His angel and shut the

lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt

me, because I was found innocent 7In the first year of Belshazzar king of

before Him; and also, O king, I have

Babylon, Daniel had a dream and

done no wrong before you." visions of his head while on his bed.

2 Then he wrote down the dream, telling 3 Now the king was exceedingly glad for the main facts.

him, and commanded that they should

take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel 2

Daniel spoke, saying, "I saw in my  
was taken up out of the den, and no  
vision by night, and behold, the four  
injury whatever was found on him,  
winds of heaven were stirring up the  
because he believed in his God.  
Great Sea.

24 3And four great beasts came up from the  
And the king gave the command, and  
they brought those men who had  
sea, each different from the other.  
accused Daniel, and they cast them into  
the den of lions--them, their children, 4 and The first was like a lion,  
and had their wives; and the lions  
eagle's wings. I watched till its wings  
overpowered them, and broke all their  
bones in pieces before they ever came were plucked off; and it was  
lifted up  
to the bottom of the den. from the earth and made to stand on  
two feet like a man, and a man's heart

2 was given to it. 5Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples,

nations, and languages that dwell in all 5 And suddenly another  
beast, a second, the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. like a bear. It

was raised up on one side,

2 and had three ribs in its mouth between 6 make a decree that in every dominion

its teeth. And they said thus to it: "Arise,

of my kingdom men must tremble and devour much flesh!' fear before the God of Daniel. For He is

the living God, And steadfast forever; 6 After this I looked, and there was His kingdom is the one which shall not another, like a leopard, which had on its be destroyed, And His dominion shall back four wings of a bird. The beast also endure to the end. had four heads, and dominion was given

2 to it. 7He delivers and rescues, And He works signs and wonders In heaven and 7

After this I saw in the night visions,

and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong.

It had huge came to the Ancient of Days, And they

iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in brought Him near before Him. pieces, and trampling the residue with

its feet. It was different from all the 4 1Then to Him was given dominion and beasts that were before it, and it had ten glory and a kingdom, That all peoples,

horns. nations, and languages should serve

Him. His dominion is an everlasting

81 was considering the horns, and there dominion, Which shall not pass away,

was another horn, a little one, coming And His kingdom the one Which shall

up among them, before whom three of not be destroyed. the first  
horns were plucked out by the

roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes <sup>1</sup> 54a Daniel, was grieved in  
my spirit like the eyes of a man, and a mouth within my body, and the  
visions of my

speaking pompous words. head troubled me.

"I watched till thrones were put in place, <sup>1</sup> 6a came near to one of  
those who stood

And the Ancient of Days was seated; by, and asked him the truth of all  
this.

His garment was white as snow, And So he told me and made known  
to me

the hair of His head was like pure wool. the interpretation of these  
things: His throne was a fiery flame, Its wheels

a burning fire; <sup>1</sup>74"Those great beasts, which are four,

<sup>1</sup> are four kings which arise out of the 0A fiery stream issued And  
came forth

earth.

from before Him. A thousand thousands

ministered to Him; Ten thousand times <sup>1</sup> 8But the saints of the Most  
High shall ten thousand stood before Him. The receive the kingdom,  
and possess the court was seated, And the books were kingdom  
forever, even forever and ever.' opened.

<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> watched then because of the sound <sup>1</sup> " Then I wished to know the  
truth about

the fourth beast, which was different  
of the pompous words which the horn  
from all the others, exceedingly dreadful,  
was speaking; I watched till the beast  
with its teeth of iron and its nails of  
was slain, and its body destroyed and  
bronze, which devoured, broke in pieces,  
given to the burning flame. and trampled the residue with its feet;

12As for the rest of the beasts, they had 20  
and the ten horns that were on its  
their dominion taken away, yet their  
head, and the other horn which came up,  
lives were prolonged for a season and a  
before which three fell, namely, that  
time.

horn which had eyes and a mouth which  
1 spoke pompous words, whose 3 was watching in the night visions,  
appearance was greater than his fellows.

And behold, One like the Son of Man,  
Coming with the clouds of heaven! He 21 was watching; and the same  
horn  
me, and my countenance changed; but I  
was making war against the saints, and kept the matter in my heart."

prevailing against them,

22 until the Ancient of Days came, and a 8In the third year of the reign of King

judgment was made in favor of the

Belshazzar a vision appeared to me--to

saints of the Most High, and the time

me, Daniel--after the one that appeared

came for the saints to possess the

to me the first time.

kingdom.

2 'Thus he said: "The fourth beast shall 3§ 2 1 saw in the vision, and it so happened

while I was looking, that I was in

be A fourth kingdom on earth, Which

Shushan, the citadel, which is in the

shall be different from all other province of Elam; and I saw in the vision

kingdoms, And shall devour the whole

that I was by the River Ulai.

earth, Trample it and break it in pieces.

2 3Then I lifted my eyes and saw, and

4

The ten horns are ten kings Who shall



there, standing beside the river, was a

arise from this kingdom. And another ram which had two horns, and the two

shall rise after them; He shall be horns were high; but one was higher different from the first ones, And shall than the other, and the higher one came

subdue three kings. up last.

25He shall speak pompous words

41 saw the ram pushing westward,

against the Most High, Shall persecute northward, and southward, so that no

the saints of the Most High, And shall animal could withstand him; nor was

intend to change times and law. Then there any that could deliver from his

the saints shall be given into his hand hand, but he did according to his will

For a time and times and half a time. and became great.

26 But the court shall be seated, And

5And as I was considering, suddenly a

they shall take away his dominion, To male goat came from the west, across

consume and destroy it forever. the surface of the whole earth, without

2 touching the ground; and the goat had a

7 Then the kingdom and dominion, And notable horn between his

eyes.

the greatness of the kingdoms under the

whole heaven, Shall be given to the 6 Then he came to the ram that had two people, the saints of the Most High. His horns, which I had seen standing beside

kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And the river, and ran at him with furious

all dominions shall serve and obey Him.' power.

28§ 'This is the end of the account. As for

7 And I saw him confronting the ram; he

me, Daniel, my thoughts greatly troubled was moved with rage against him,

attacked the ram, and broke his two

horns. There was no power in the ram to And he said to me, "For two thousand

withstand him, but he cast him down to three hundred days; then the sanctuary

the ground and trampled him; and there shall be cleansed." was no one that could deliver the ram

from his hand. 1 5Then it happened, when I, Daniel, had

seen the vision and was seeking the

8Therefore the male goat grew very meaning, that suddenly there stood

great; but when he became strong, the before me one having the appearance

large horn was broken, and in place of it of a man. four notable ones came up toward the

four winds of heaven. 1 6And I heard a man's voice between the

banks of the Ulai, who called, and said,

'And out of one of them came a little "Gabriel, make this man understand the

horn which grew exceedingly great vision." toward the south, toward the east, and

toward the Glorious Land. 1 7So he came near where I stood, and

when he came I was afraid and fell on

10

And it grew up to the host of heaven; my face; but he said to me, "Understand,

and it cast down some of the host and son of man, that the vision refers to the

some of the stars to the ground, and time of the end." trampled them.

18Now, as he was speaking with me, I

1He even exalted himself as high as the was in a deep sleep with my  
face to the

Prince of the host; and by him the daily ground; but he touched me,  
and stood

sacrifices were taken away, and the me upright. place of His sanctuary  
was cast down.

1 ' And he said, "Look, I am making

12Because of transgression, an army known to you what shall happen  
in the

was given over to the horn to oppose latter time of the indignation;  
for at the

the daily sacrifices; and he cast truth appointed time the end shall be.  
down to the ground. He did all this and

prospered. 20The ram which you saw, having the

1 and Persia. 3Then I heard a holy one speaking; and two horns--they  
are the kings of Media

another holy one said to that certain one

who was speaking, "How long will the 21And the male goat is the  
kingdom of vision be, concerning the daily sacrifices Greece. The large  
horn that is between

and the transgression of desolation, the its eyes is the first king. giving  
of both the sanctuary and the

host to be trampled underfoot?" 2

As for the broken horn and the four  
that stood up in its place, four kingdoms  
shall arise out of that nation, but not with

its power.

23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, 3Then I set my face toward  
the Lord God

When the transgressors have reached to make request by prayer and  
their fullness, A king shall arise, Having supplications, with fasting,  
sackcloth,

fierce features, Who understands and ashes. sinister schemes.

4 And I prayed to the LORD my God, and

24 His power shall be mighty, but not by made confession, and said,  
"O Lord,

his own power; He shall destroy fearfully, great and awesome God,  
who keeps

And shall prosper and thrive; He shall His covenant and mercy with  
those who

destroy the mighty, and also the holy love Him, and with those who  
keep His

people. commandments,

2 s 5§ we have sinned and committed iniquity, "Through his cunning  
He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he we have done  
wickedly and rebelled,

shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall even by departing from Your  
precepts

destroy many in their prosperity. He and Your judgments. shall even  
rise against the Prince of

princes; But he shall be broken without 6 Neither have we heeded  
Your servants human means. the prophets, who spoke in Your name

to our kings and our princes, to our

26 And the vision of the evenings and fathers and all the people of the  
land.

mornings Which was told is true;

Therefore seal up the vision, For it 7O Lord, righteousness belongs to You, refers to many days in the future." but to us shame of face, as it is this day-

-to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants

27

And I, Daniel, fainted and was sick for of Jerusalem and all Israel, those near

days; afterward I arose and went about and those far off in all the countries to

the king's business. I was astonished by which You have driven them, because

the vision, but no one understood it. of the unfaithfulness which they have

committed against You.

9In the first year of Darius the son of 8 O Lord, to us belongs shame of face,

to our kings, our princes, and our fathers,

Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes,

because we have sinned against You.

who was made king over the realm of

the Chaldeans--

"To the Lord our God belong mercy and

2 forgiveness, though we have rebelled

in the first year of his reign I, Daniel,

against Him.

understood by the books the number of

the years specified by the word of the LORD We have not obeyed the voice of the LORD through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years LORD our God, to walk in His laws,

in the desolations of Jerusalem. which He set before us by His servants  
the prophets.

11 17

Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your Now therefore, our God, hear the

law, and has departed so as not to obey prayer of Your servant, and his

Your voice; therefore the curse and the supplications, and for the Lord's sake

oath written in the Law of Moses the cause Your face to shine on Your servant of God have been poured out on sanctuary, which is desolate. us, because we have sinned against

Him. 180 my God, incline Your ear and hear;

1 and the city which is called by Your

2And He has confirmed His words, open Your eyes and see our desolations,

which He spoke against us and against name; for we do not present our

our judges who judged us, by bringing supplications before You because of our

upon us a great disaster; for under the righteous deeds, but because of Your

whole heaven such has never been great mercies. done as what has been done to

Jerusalem. <sup>1</sup> ' O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive! O Lord,

listen and act! Do not delay for Your

<sup>13</sup> As it is written in the Law of Moses, all

own sake, my God, for Your city and

this disaster has come upon us; yet we Your people are called by Your name."

have not made our prayer before the

LORD our God, that we might turn from <sup>2</sup> 0Now while I was speaking, praying, our iniquities and understand Your truth. and confessing my sin and the sin of my

<sup>1</sup> supplication before the LORD my God

<sup>4</sup>Therefore the LORD has kept the people Israel, and presenting my

disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the holy mountain of my God, for the LORD our God is righteous in all

the works which He does, though we <sup>2</sup>1yes, while I was speaking in prayer, have not obeyed His voice. the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in

<sup>1</sup> caused to fly swiftly, reached me about

<sup>5</sup>And now, O Lord our God, who the vision at the beginning, being

brought Your people out of the land of the time of the evening offering. Egypt with a mighty hand, and made

Yourself a name, as it is this day--we <sup>2</sup> And he informed me, and talked with have sinned, we have done wickedly! me, and said, "O Daniel, I have now

<sup>1</sup> understand. <sup>6</sup> O Lord, according to all Your come forth to give you skill to



righteousness, I pray, let Your anger

and Your fury be turned away from Your <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>At the beginning of your  
supplications city Jerusalem, Your holy mountain; the command went  
out, and I have

because for our sins, and for the come to tell you, for you are greatly  
iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and beloved; therefore consider  
the matter,

Your people are a reproach to all those and understand the vision:  
around us.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> Seventy weeks are determined For

In those days I, Daniel, was mourning

your people and for your holy city, To three full weeks. finish the  
transgression, To make an

end of sins, To make reconciliation for I I ate no pleasant food, no  
meat or wine iniquity, To bring in everlasting came into my mouth,  
nor did I anoint righteousness, To seal up vision and myself at all, till  
three whole weeks were

prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy. fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup> <sup>5</sup> Know therefore and understand, That

Now on the twenty-fourth day of the

from the going forth of the command To first month, as I was by the  
side of the

restore and build Jerusalem Until great river, that is, the Tigris,  
Messiah the Prince, There shall be

seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The <sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> I lifted my eyes and looked, and behold,

street shall be built again, and the wall,

a certain man clothed in linen, whose

Even in troublesome times.

waist was girded with gold of Uphaz!

26 And after the sixty-two weeks

His body was like beryl, his face like the  
Messiah shall be cut off, but not for

appearance of lightning, his eyes like  
Himself; And the people of the prince

torches of fire, his arms and feet like  
who is to come Shall destroy the city

burnished bronze in color, and the  
and the sanctuary. The end of it shall be

sound of his words like the voice of a  
with a flood, And till the end of the war

multitude.  
desolations are determined.

2 Then he shall confirm a covenant with 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw  
the vision, for

the men who were with me did not see  
many for one week; But in the middle of

the vision; but a great terror fell upon  
the week He shall bring an end to

them, so that they fled to hide  
sacrifice and offering. And on the wing

themselves.

of abominations shall be one who

makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is this great vision, and no strength poured out on the desolate." remained in me; for my vigor was turned

to frailty in me, and I retained no strength.

1 O In the third year of Cyrus king of

Persia a message was revealed to 'Yet I heard the sound of his words; and

Daniel, whose name was called while I heard the sound of his words I

Belteshazzar. The message was true, was in a deep sleep on my face, with my

but the appointed time was long; and he face to the ground. understood the message, and had

understanding of the vision. 1 O Suddenly, a hand touched me, which

made me tremble on my knees and on the palms of my hands.

11 18 Then again, the one having the And he said to me, "O Daniel, man

greatly beloved, understand the words likeness of a man touched me and

that I speak to you, and stand upright, strengthened me. for I have now been sent to you." While

he was speaking this word to me, I 1 ' And he said, "O man greatly beloved, stood trembling. fear not! Peace be to you; be strong,

1 me I was strengthened, and said, "Let

2Then he said to me, "Do not fear, yes, be strong!" So when he spoke to

Daniel, for from the first day that you set my lord speak, for you have your heart to understand, and to humble strengthened me." yourself before your God, your words

were heard; and I have come because 2 0Then he said, "Do you know why I of your words. have come to you? And now I must

return to fight with the prince of Persia;

13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia and when I have gone forth, indeed the

withstood me twenty-one days; and prince of Greece will come. behold, Michael, one of the chief princes,

came to help me, for I had been left 2 1But I will tell you what is noted in the alone there with the kings of Persia. Scripture of Truth. (No one upholds me

against these, except Michael your

14Now I have come to make you prince.

understand what will happen to your

people in the latter days, for the vision

refers to many days yet to come." 1 1 Also in the first year of Darius the

1 Mede, I, even I, stood up to confirm and 5When he had spoken such words to

strengthen him.)

me, I turned my face toward the ground

and became speechless. 2

And now I will tell you the truth: Behold,

1 three more kings will arise in Persia, and 6And suddenly, one having  
the likeness

the fourth shall be far richer than them

of the sons of men touched my lips; then all; by his strength, through  
his riches,

I opened my mouth and spoke, saying he shall stir up all against the  
realm of

to him who stood before me, "My lord, Greece. because of the vision  
my sorrows have

overwhelmed me, and I have retained 3Then a mighty king shall arise,  
who

no strength.

shall rule with great dominion, and do

1 according to his will. 7For how can this servant of my lord talk with  
you, my lord? As for me, no 4

And when he has arisen, his kingdom  
strength remains in me now, nor is any

shall be broken up and divided toward  
breath left in me."

the four winds of heaven, but not among

his posterity nor according to his

dominion with which he ruled; for his kingdom shall be uprooted,  
even for 'And the king of the South shall be 11

others besides these. moved with rage, and go out and fight

with him, with the king of the North, who

5 shall muster a great multitude; but the king of the South shall

become strong, as well as one of his multitude shall be given into the hand of

princes; and he shall gain power over his enemy.

him and have dominion. His dominion 2When he has taken away the multitude,

shall be a great dominion. 1

his heart will be lifted up; and he will

6 cast down tens of thousands, but he will And at the end of some years they shall

join forces, for the daughter of the king not prevail. of the South shall go to the king of the

13

North to make an agreement; but she For the king of the North will return

shall not retain the power of her and muster a multitude greater than the

authority, and neither he nor his former, and shall certainly come at the

authority shall stand; but she shall be end of some years with a great army

given up, with those who brought her, and much equipment. and with him who begot her, and with

him who strengthened her in those 14 Now in those times many shall rise up times. against the king of the South. Also,

violent men of your people shall exalt

7But from a branch of her roots one shall themselves in fulfillment of the vision,

arise in his place, who shall come with but they shall fall. an army,  
enter the fortress of the king of

the North, and deal with them and <sup>1</sup>5So the king of the North shall  
come prevail. and build a siege mound, and take a

fortified city; and the forces of the South

<sup>8</sup> And he shall also carry their gods shall not withstand him. Even his  
choice

captive to Egypt, with their princes and troops shall have no strength  
to resist.

their precious articles of silver and gold;

and he shall continue more years than <sup>16</sup>But he who comes against  
him shall the king of the North. do according to his own will, and no  
one

shall stand against him. He shall stand

"Also the king of the North shall come in the Glorious Land with  
destruction in

to the kingdom of the king of the South, his power. but shall return to  
his own land.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>7</sup> He shall also set his face to enter with

<sup>10</sup>However his sons shall stir up strife, the strength of his whole  
kingdom, and

and assemble a multitude of great upright ones with him; thus shall he  
do.

forces; and one shall certainly come and And he shall give him the  
daughter of

overwhelm and pass through; then he women to destroy it; but she  
shall not

shall return to his fortress and stir up stand with him, or be for him.  
strife.

<sup>1</sup>' After this he shall turn his face to the South shall be stirred up to  
battle with a

coastlands, and shall take many. But a very great and mighty army;  
but he shall

ruler shall bring the reproach against not stand, for they shall devise  
plans

them to an end; and with the reproach against him. removed, he shall  
turn back on him.

2 6 es, those who eat of the portion of

1' Then he shall turn his face toward the his delicacies shall destroy  
him; his

fortress of his own land; but he shall army shall be swept away, and  
many

stumble and fall, and not be found. shall fall down slain.

2 2 0§ shall arise in his place one who 'There 7Both these kings' hearts  
shall be bent imposes taxes on the glorious kingdom; on evil, and they  
shall speak lies at the

but within a few days he shall be same table; but it shall not prosper,  
for

destroyed, but not in anger or in battle. the end will still be at the  
appointed time.

2 2 1 And in his place shall arise a vile ' While returning to his land  
with great person, to whom they will not give the riches, his heart  
shall be moved against

honor of royalty; but he shall come in the holy covenant; so he shall  
do

peaceably, and seize the kingdom by damage and return to his own  
land. intrigue.

2 "' At the appointed time he shall return

22wiih the force of a flood they shall be



and go toward the south; but it shall not

swept away from before him and be like the former or the latter.  
broken, and also the prince of the

covenant. 30 For ships from Cyprus shall come

2 grieved, and return in rage against the

3 And after the league is made with him against him; therefore he shall  
be

he shall act deceitfully, for he shall come holy covenant, and do  
damage. "So he

up and become strong with a small shall return and show regard for  
those

number of people. who forsake the holy covenant.

24 31 And forces shall be mustered by him,

He shall enter peaceably, even into

the richest places of the province; and and they shall defile the  
sanctuary

he shall do what his fathers have not fortress; then they shall take  
away the

done, nor his forefathers: he shall daily sacrifices, and place there the

disperse among them the plunder, spoil, abomination of desolation.  
and riches; and he shall devise his plans

against the strongholds, but only for a 32 Those who do wickedly  
against the time. covenant he shall corrupt with flattery;

2 be strong, and carry out great exploits.

5 He shall stir up his power and his but the people who know their

God shall

courage against the king of the South

with a great army. And the king of the 33And those of the people who  
whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and

understand shall instruct many; yet for with many ships; and he shall  
enter the

many days they shall fall by sword and countries, overwhelm them,  
and pass

flame, by captivity and plundering. through.

34 41

Now when they fall, they shall be He shall also enter the Glorious  
Land,

aided with a little help; but many shall and many countries shall be  
overthrown;

join with them by intrigue. but these shall escape from his hand:

Edom, Moab, and the prominent people

35And some of those of understanding of Ammon.

shall fall, to refine them, purify them, 2He shall stretch out his hand  
against

and make them white, until the time of 4 the end; because it is still for  
the the countries, and the land of Egypt

appointed time. shall not escape.

3 4 6§ "The 3He shall have power over the n the king shall do  
according to

his own will: he shall exalt and magnify treasures of gold and silver,

and over all

himself above every god, shall speak the precious things of Egypt; also the

blasphemies against the God of gods, Libyans and Ethiopians shall follow at

and shall prosper till the wrath has been his heels. accomplished; for what has been

determined shall be done. 44But news from the east and the north

37He shall regard neither the God of his shall trouble him; therefore he shall go

out with great fury to destroy and

fathers nor the desire of women, nor annihilate many. regard any god; for he shall exalt

himself above them all. 4 5And he shall plant the tents of his

38But in their place he shall honor a god palace between the seas and the

glorious holy mountain; yet he shall

of fortresses; and a god which his come to his end, and no one will help

fathers did not know he shall honor with him. gold and silver, with precious stones

and pleasant things.

1 2 At that time Michael shall stand

3' Thus he shall act against the strongest

up, The great prince who stands watch

fortresses with a foreign god, which he over the sons of your people;

And there

shall acknowledge, and advance its

shall be a time of trouble, Such as never  
glory; and he shall cause them to rule

was since there was a nation, Even to  
over many, and divide the land for gain.

that time. And at that time your people

4 shall be delivered, Every one who is O§§At the time of the end the  
king of the

found written in the book.

South shall attack him; and the king of

the North shall come against him like a 2And many of those who sleep  
in the completely shattered, all these things

dust of the earth shall awake, Some to shall be finished. everlasting  
life, Some to shame and

everlasting contempt. 8Although I heard, I did not understand.

Then I said, "My lord, what shall be the

3Those who are wise shall shine Like end of these things?" the  
brightness of the firmament, And

those who turn many to righteousness 'And he said, "Go your way,  
Daniel, for

Like the stars forever and ever. the words are closed up and sealed till  
the time of the end.

4 But you, Daniel, shut up the words,

and seal the book until the time of the 1 0Many shall be purified, made  
white, end; many shall run to and fro, and and refined, but the wicked  
shall do

knowledge shall increase." wickedly; and none of the wicked shall

understand, but the wise shall

5Then I, Daniel, looked; and there stood understand. two others,  
one on this riverbank and

the other on that riverbank. 1 1 'And from the time that the daily

sacrifice is taken away, and the

6And one said to the man clothed in abomination of desolation is set  
up,

linen, who was above the waters of the there shall be one thousand  
two

river, "How long shall the fulfillment of hundred and ninety days.  
these wonders be?"

1 2Blessed is he who waits, and comes to

7Then I heard the man clothed in linen, the one thousand three  
hundred and

who was above the waters of the river, thirty-five days. when he held  
up his right hand and his

left hand to heaven, and swore by Him 1 3 But you, go your way till  
the end; for who lives forever, that it shall be for a you shall rest, and  
will arise to your

time, times, and half a time; and when inheritance at the end of the  
days." the power of the holy people has been

# Prophet Haggai

pleasure in it and be glorified," says the

1 LORD. In the second year of King Darius, in

the sixth month, on the first day of the 9 You looked for much, but indeed it month, the word of the LORD came by came to little; and when you brought it Haggai the prophet to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and home, I blew it away. Why?" says the

to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the LORD of hosts. "Because of My house

high priest, saying, that is in ruins, while every one of you

runs to his own house.

2 Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, 0Therefore the heavens above you

saying: "This people says, "The time has 1 not come, the time that the LORD's withhold the dew, and the earth

house should be built. ' withholds its fruit.

3Then the word of the LORD came by 11For I called for a drought on the land

Haggai the prophet, saying, and the mountains, on the grain and the

new wine and the oil, on whatever the

4 ground brings forth, on men and

1s it time for you yourselves to dwell in

livestock, and on all the labor of your  
your paneled houses, and this temple to  
hands."

lie in ruins?"

1 2Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,  
5Now therefore, thus says the LORD of  
and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the  
hosts: "Consider your ways!

high priest, with all the remnant of the  
6 people, obeyed the voice of the LORD

You have sown much, and bring in their God, and the words of  
Haggai the  
little; You eat, but do not have enough; prophet, as the LORD their  
God had

You drink, but you are not filled with sent him; and the people feared  
the

drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one presence of the LORD. is  
warm; And he who earns wages,

Earns wages to put into a bag with 13Then Haggai, the LORD's  
messenger, holes."

spoke the LORD's message to the  
7 people, saying, "I am with you, says the  
Thus says the LORD of hosts: LORD."

"Consider your ways!

'Go up to the mountains and bring wood Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel,

and build the temple, that I may take governor of Judah, and the spirit of

Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high

priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked and I will fill this temple with glory,' says

on the house of the LORD of hosts, their the LORD of hosts. God,

8 The silver is Mine, and the gold is

15 n the twenty-fourth day of the sixth Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. month, in the second year of King

Darius. "The glory of this latter temple shall be

greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. "And in this place I will give

2In the seventh month, on the twenty- peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

first of the month, the word of the LORD 1 0On the twenty-fourth day of the ninth came by Haggai the prophet, saying:

month, in the second year of Darius, the

2 word of the LORD came by Haggai the Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of

Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to prophet, saying,

Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high 1 18"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Now, priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: ask the priests concerning the law,

saying,



3” Who is left among you who saw this <sup>124</sup> f one carries holy meat in the fold of temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is his garment, and with the edge he

this not in your eyes as nothing? touches bread or stew, wine or oil, or  
any food, will it become holy? ’ Then

<sup>4</sup> the priests answered and said, "No." Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,’ says

the LORD; "and be strong, Joshua, son <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>And Haggai said, "If one who is of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,’ says unclean because of a dead body

the LORD, "and work; for I am with you,’ touches any of these, will it be

says the LORD of hosts. unclean?" So the priests answered and

said, "It shall be unclean."

<sup>5</sup> According to the word that I <sup>4</sup>Then Haggai answered and said, "So covenanted with you when you came <sup>1</sup> out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains is this people, and so is this nation

among you; do not before Me,’ says the LORD, "and so is fear!”

every work of their hands; and what they

<sup>6</sup> offer there is unclean. For thus says the LORD of hosts: "Once more (it is a little while) I will

shake heaven and earth, the sea and <sup>15</sup> ’And now, carefully consider from this

dry land; day forward: from before stone was laid

upon stone in the temple of the LORD--

<sup>7</sup>and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>6</sup>since those days, when one came to a <sup>0</sup>And again the word of the LORD came heap of twenty ephahs, there were but to

Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of

ten; when one came to the wine vat to the month, saying, draw out fifty baths from the press, there

were but twenty. 1 2 'Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of

Judah, saying: "I will shake heaven and

1 7 struck you with blight and mildew and

earth.

hail in all the labors of your hands; yet

you did not turn to Me,' says the LORD. 2 2a will overthrow the throne of

kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of

1 8 Consider now from this day forward, the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow

from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth the chariots And those who ride in them;

month, from the day that the foundation The horses and their riders shall come

of the LORD's temple was laid--consider down, Every one by the sword of his

it: brother.

1 2 ' Is the seed still in the barn? As yet the 3 In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, vine, the fig tree, the pomegranate, and "I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant,

the olive tree have not yielded fruit. But the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD,

from this day I will bless you.'" "and will make you like a signet ring; for

I have chosen you,' says the LORD of

hosts."

# Prophet Zechariah

8 I saw by night, and behold, a man riding on a red horse, and it stood  
1 among the myrtle trees in the hollow; In the eighth month of the  
second

and behind him were horses: red, sorrel,

year of Darius, the word of the LORD and white. came to Zechariah  
the son of Berechiah,

the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, "Then I said, "My lord, what are  
these?"

2 So the angel who talked with me said to

The LORD has been very angry with

me, "I will show you what they are."

your fathers.

3 Therefore say to them, "Thus says the myrtle trees answered and  
said, "These 1 0 And the man who stood among the

LORD of hosts: "Return to Me," says the are the ones whom the LORD  
has sent

LORD of hosts, "and I will return to you," to walk to and fro  
throughout the earth."

says the LORD of hosts.

4 So they answered the Angel of the

Do not be like your fathers, to whom  
LORD, who stood among the myrtle  
the former prophets preached, saying,  
trees, and said, "We have walked to and  
"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Turn  
fro throughout the earth, and behold, all  
now from your evil ways and your evil  
the earth is resting quietly."  
deeds." But they did not hear nor heed

Me," says the LORD. <sup>1</sup> 2Then the Angel of the LORD answered <sup>5</sup> and  
said, "O LORD of hosts, how long

Your fathers, where are they? And the  
will You not have mercy on Jerusalem  
prophets, do they live forever?

and on the cities of Judah, against  
<sup>6</sup> which You were angry these seventy  
Yet surely My words and My statutes, years?"

Which I commanded My servants the  
prophets, Did they not overtake your <sup>1</sup> 3And the LORD answered the  
angel fathers? "So they returned and said: who talked to me, with  
good and

"Just as the LORD of hosts determined comforting words. to do to us,  
According to our ways and

according to our deeds, So He has dealt <sup>14</sup> So the angel who spoke with  
me said with us. " to me, "Proclaim, saying, "Thus says the <sup>7</sup> LORD of

hosts: "I am zealous for

On the twenty-fourth day of the Jerusalem And for Zion with great zeal.

eleventh month, which is the month

Shebat, in the second year of Darius, <sup>1</sup> 5a am exceedingly angry with the the word of the LORD came to nations at ease; For I was a little angry, Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son And they helped--but with evil intent." of Iddo the prophet:

<sup>16</sup>§"Therefore thus says the LORD: "I am <sup>3</sup>And there was the angel who talked

returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My with me, going out; and another angel

house shall be built in it," says the was coming out to meet him, LORD of hosts, "And a surveyor's line

shall be stretched out over Jerusalem." <sup>4</sup> who said to him, "Run, speak to this

<sup>1</sup> inhabited as towns without walls,

<sup>7</sup> Again proclaim, saying, "Thus says young man, saying: "Jerusalem shall be

the LORD of hosts: "My cities shall because of the multitude of men and

again spread out through prosperity; livestock in it. The LORD will again comfort Zion, And

will again choose Jerusalem." <sup>5</sup>For I,' says the LORD, "will be a wall of  
fire all around her, and I will be the glory

<sup>1</sup> ' Then I raised my eyes and looked, and in her midst." there were four horns.

<sup>6</sup> Up, up! Flee from the land of the

1 ' And I said to the angel who talked with north," says the LORD; "for I have

me, "What are these?" So he answered spread you abroad like the four winds of

me, "These are the horns that have heaven," says the LORD. scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem."

7 Up, Zion! Escape, you who dwell with

20Then the LORD showed me four the daughter of Babylon." craftsmen.

8For thus says the LORD of hosts: "He

21

And I said, "What are these coming to sent Me after glory, to the nations which

do?" So he said, "These are the horns plunder you; for he who touches you

that scattered Judah, so that no one touches the apple of His eye. could lift up his head; but the craftsmen

are coming to terrify them, to cast out 'For surely I will shake My hand against

the horns of the nations that lifted up them, and they shall become spoil for

their horn against the land of Judah to their servants. Then you will know that

scatter it." the LORD of hosts has sent Me.

1 0 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion!

2Then I raised my eyes and looked, For behold, I am coming and I will dwell

and behold, a man with a measuring line in your midst," says the

LORD. in his hand.

1 1 Many nations shall be joined to the

2 LORD in that day, and they shall So I said, "Where are you going?"  
And

he said to me, "To measure Jerusalem, become My people. And I will  
dwell in

to see what is its width and what is its your midst. Then you will  
know that the

length." LORD of hosts has sent Me to you. 12

And the LORD will take possession of judge My house, And likewise  
have

Judah as His inheritance in the Holy charge of My courts; I will give  
you

Land, and will again choose Jerusalem. places to walk Among these  
who stand

here.

13

Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD,

for He is aroused from His holy 8 Hear, O Joshua, the high priest, You  
habitation!" and your companions who sit before you,

For they are a wondrous sign; For

behold, I am bringing forth My Servant

3Then he showed me Joshua the high the BRANCH.

priest standing before the Angel of the 'For behold, the stone That I  
have laid

LORD, and Satan standing at his right

before Joshua: Upon the stone are



hand to oppose him.

seven eyes. Behold, I will engrave its

2 inscription,' Says the LORD of hosts,

And the LORD said to Satan, "The "And I will remove the iniquity of that

LORD rebuke you, Satan! The LORD land in one day. who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you!

Is this not a brand plucked from the 10 n that day,' says the LORD of hosts, fire?" "Everyone will invite his neighbor Under

3Now Joshua was clothed with filthy his vine and under his fig tree." garments, and was standing before the

Angel.

4Now the angel who talked with me

4 came back and wakened me, as a man Then He answered and spoke to those

who stood before Him, saying, "Take who is wakened out of his sleep. away the filthy garments from him." And

to him He said, "See, I have removed 2And he said to me, "What do you see?" your iniquity from you, and I will clothe So I said, "I am looking, and there is a

you with rich robes." lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on

top of it, and on the stand seven lamps

5 with seven pipes to the seven lamps. And I said, "Let them put a clean turban

on his head." So they put a clean turban 3Two olive trees are by it, one at the

on his head, and they put the clothes on

him. And the Angel of the LORD stood right of the bowl and the other at its left."

by.

4 So I answered and spoke to the angel

6Then the Angel of the LORD who talked with me, saying, "What are admonished Joshua, saying, these, my lord?"

7 5 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "If you Then the angel who talked with me will walk in My ways, And if you will answered and said to me, "Do you not

keep My command, Then you shall also

know what these are?" And I said, "No, So he said, "These are the two  
my lord." anointed ones, who stand beside the

Lord of the whole earth."

6So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to  
Zerubbabel:

"Not by might nor by power, but by My 5Then I turned and raised my  
eyes,

Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. and saw there a flying scroll.

7 Who are you, O great mountain?

2 And he said to me, "What do you see?"

Before Zerubbabel you shall become a So I answered, "I see a flying  
scroll. Its

plain! And he shall bring forth the length is twenty cubits and its  
width ten

capstone With shouts of "Grace, grace cubits." 10 It!""

'Moreover the word of the LORD came 3Then he said to me, "This is  
the curse

that goes out over the face of the whole

to me, saying: earth: "Every thief shall be expelled,'

according to this side of the scroll; and,

""The hands of Zerubbabel Have laid "Every perjurer shall be expelled,'

the foundation of this temple; His hands according to that side of it."  
shall also finish it. Then you will know

That the LORD of hosts has sent Me to <sup>4</sup> I will send out the curse," says the you. LORD of hosts; "It shall enter the house

<sup>1</sup> of the thief And the house of the one

0 For who has despised the day of small who swears falsely by My name. It shall

things? For these seven rejoice to see remain in the midst of his house And

The plumb line in the hand of consume it, with its timber and stones."

Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the

LORD, Which scan to and fro <sup>5</sup>Then the angel who talked with me throughout the whole earth." came out and said to me, "Lift your eyes

<sup>1</sup> forth." <sup>1</sup>Then I answered and said to him, now, and see what this is that goes

"What are these two olive trees--at the

right of the lampstand and at its left?" <sup>6</sup>So I asked, "What is it?" And he said, <sup>1</sup> "It is a basket that is going forth." He

2 And I further answered and said to him, also said, "This is their resemblance

"What are these two olive branches that throughout the earth: drip into the receptacles of the two gold

pipes from which the golden oil drains?" <sup>7</sup>Here is a lead disc lifted up, and this is

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3Then he answered me and said, "Do a woman sitting inside the basket";

you not know what these are?" And I <sup>8</sup>then he said, "This is Wickedness!" And said, "No, my lord." he thrust her down into the basket, and

threw the lead cover over its mouth.

"Then I raised my eyes and looked, and 7Then the strong steeds went out, eager there were two women, coming with the to go, that they might walk to and fro

wind in their wings; for they had wings throughout the earth. And He said, "Go,

like the wings of a stork, and they lifted walk to and fro throughout the earth." So

up the basket between earth and they walked to and fro throughout the

heaven. earth.

1 8 0And He called to me, and spoke to me, So I said to the angel who talked with me, "Where are they carrying the saying, "See, those who go toward the

basket?" north country have given rest to My

Spirit in the north country."

11And he said to me, "To build a house for it in the land of Shinar; when it is 9Then the word of the LORD came to ready, the basket will be set there on its me, saying: base."

1 0 Receive the gift from the captives-- from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who

6Then I turned and raised my eyes have come from Babylon--and go the

same day and enter the house of Josiah

and looked, and behold, four chariots

the son of Zephaniah.

were coming from between two

mountains, and the mountains were 1 1Take the silver and gold, make an mountains of bronze.

elaborate crown, and set it on the head

2 of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the

With the first chariot were red horses,

high priest.

with the second chariot black horses,

3with the third chariot white horses, and 1 2Then speak to him,  
saying, "Thus says

the LORD of hosts, saying: "Behold, the

with the fourth chariot dappled horses--

Man whose name is the BRANCH! From

strong steeds.

His place He shall branch out, And He

4 shall build the temple of the LORD;

Then I answered and said to the angel

who talked with me, "What are these, 13Yes, He shall build the temple  
of the my lord?"

LORD. He shall bear the glory, And

5 shall sit and rule on His throne; So He

And the angel answered and said to me, shall be a priest on His  
throne, And the

"These are four spirits of heaven, who counsel of peace shall be  
between them

go out from their station before the Lord both." of all the earth.

6The one with the black horses is going a memorial in the temple of the LORD

to the north country, the white are going for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen

after them, and the dappled are going

the son of Zephaniah.

toward the south country."

1 8 5Even those from afar shall come and Then the word of the LORD came to

build the temple of the LORD. Then you Zechariah, saying, shall know that the LORD of hosts has

sent Me to you. And this shall come to 9 Thus says the LORD of hosts: pass if you diligently obey the voice of "Execute true justice, Show mercy and

the LORD your God." compassion Everyone to his brother.

1 0

Do not oppress the widow or the

7Now in the fourth year of King Darius fatherless, The alien or the poor. Let

it came to pass that the word of the none of you plan evil in his heart Against

LORD came to Zechariah, on the fourth his brother.'

day of the ninth month, Chislew,

1 But they refused to heed, shrugged

2 their shoulders, and stopped their ears when the people sent Sherezer, with

Regem-Melech and his men, to the so that they could not hear. house  
of God, to pray before the LORD,

1 2 es, they made their hearts like flint,

h refusing to hear the law and the words and to ask the priests who  
were in the

house of the LORD of hosts, and the which the LORD of hosts had sent  
by

prophets, saying, "Should I weep in the His Spirit through the former  
prophets.

fifth month and fast as I have done for Thus great wrath came from  
the LORD

so many years?" of hosts.

1 3Therefore it happened, that just as He

4 Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, proclaimed  
and they would not hear, so

they called out and I would not listen,"

5 says the LORD of hosts. Say to all the people of the land, and

to the priests: "When you fasted and 14 'But I scattered them with a  
whirlwind mourned in the fifth and seventh months during those  
seventy years, did you among all the nations which they had

really fast for Me--for Me? not known. Thus the land became

desolate after them, so that no one

6 passed through or returned; for they

When you eat and when you drink, do

you not eat and drink for yourselves? made the pleasant land  
desolate."



7Should you not have obeyed the words which the LORD proclaimed  
through the 8Again the word of the LORD of hosts

former prophets when Jerusalem and came, saying, the cities around  
it were inhabited and

prosperous, and the South and the 2 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I  
am Lowland were inhabited?" zealous for Zion with great zeal; With

great fervor I am zealous for her.'

3"Thus says the LORD: "I will return to 11But now I will not treat the  
remnant of Zion, And dwell in the midst of this people as in the  
former days,' says

Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be called the LORD of hosts. the City of  
Truth, The Mountain of the

LORD of hosts, The Holy Mountain.' 1 2 'For the seed shall be  
prosperous, The

vine shall give its fruit, The ground shall

4 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Old give her increase, And the heavens  
men and old women shall again sit In shall give their dew-- I will  
cause the

the streets of Jerusalem, Each one with remnant of this people To  
possess all

his staff in his hand Because of great these. age.

1 3And it shall come to pass That just as

5The streets of the city Shall be full of you were a curse among the  
nations, O

boys and girls Playing in its streets.' house of Judah and house of  
Israel, So I

will save you, and you shall be a

6 blessing. Do not fear, Let your hands be Thus says the LORD of hosts:  
"If it is

marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of strong.' this people in these days, Will it also be

marvelous in My eyes?' Says the LORD 14 'For thus says the LORD of hosts: of hosts. "Just as I determined to punish you

When your fathers provoked Me to

7 wrath,' Says the LORD of hosts, "And I Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Behold,

I will save My people from the land of would not relent, the east And from the land of the west;

1 5

So again in these days I am

8 determined to do good To Jerusalem I will bring them back, And they shall

dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. They and to the house of Judah. Do not fear.

shall be My people And I will be their

God, In truth and righteousness.' 1 6 These are the things you shall do:

Speak each man the truth to his

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Let neighbor; Give judgment in your gates

your hands be strong, You who have for truth, justice, and peace; been hearing in these days These

words by the mouth of the prophets, 17

Let none of you think evil in your heart

Who spoke in the day the foundation against your neighbor; And do not love a

was laid For the house of the LORD of false oath. For all these are things that I

hosts, That the temple might be built. hate,' Says the LORD."

11 0For before these days There were no

' Then the word of the LORD of hosts

wages for man nor any hire for beast; came to me, saying, There was no peace from the enemy for

whoever went out or came in; For I set 1 "' Thus says the LORD of hosts: "The all men, everyone, against his neighbor. fast of the fourth month, The fast of the

fifth, The fast of the seventh, And the 4Behold, the LORD will cast her out; He fast of the tenth, Shall be joy and will destroy her power in the sea, And

gladness and cheerful feasts For the she will be devoured by fire. house of Judah. Therefore love truth

and peace.' 5Ashkelon shall see it and fear; Gaza

also shall be very sorrowful; And Ekron,

20§'Thus says the LORD of hosts: for He dried up her expectation. The "Peoples shall yet come, Inhabitants of king shall perish from Gaza, And

many cities; Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

26 1The inhabitants of one city shall go to A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod,

another, saying, "Let us continue to go And I will cut off the pride of the

and pray before the LORD, And seek Philistines. the LORD of hosts. I myself will go

also." 7 1 will take away the blood from his

mouth, And the abominations from

22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations between his teeth. But he who remains,

Shall come to seek the LORD of hosts even he shall be for our God,  
And shall

in Jerusalem, And to pray before the be like a leader in Judah, And  
Ekron like

LORD.' a Jebusite.

28 3§ 'Thu s says the LORD of hosts: "In 1 will camp around My house  
Because those days ten men from every of the army, Because of him  
who

language of the nations shall grasp the passes by and him who returns.  
No

sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, "Let us more shall an oppressor pass  
through

go with you, for we have heard that God them, For now I have seen  
with My eyes.

is with you. '

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold,

9 your King is coming to you; He is just The burden of the word of the  
LORD

and having salvation, Lowly and riding

Against the land of Hadrach, And

Damascus its resting place (For the on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a  
donkey.

eyes of men And all the tribes of Israel 10a will cut off the chariot from  
Ephraim Are on the LORD);

And the horse from Jerusalem; The

2 battle bow shall be cut off. He shall



And His arrow will go forth like lightning. him the tent peg, From him the battle

The Lord GOD will blow the trumpet, bow, From him every ruler together. And go with whirlwinds from the south.

<sup>1</sup> tread down their enemies In the mire of

<sup>5</sup>The LORD of hosts will defend them; <sup>5</sup>They shall be like mighty men, Who

They shall devour and subdue with the streets in the battle. They shall fight

slingstones. They shall drink and roar as because the LORD is with them, And

if with wine; They shall be filled with the riders on horses shall be put to

blood like basins, Like the corners of the shame. altar.

<sup>6</sup> I will strengthen the house of Judah,

<sup>16</sup>The LORD their God will save them in And I will save the house of Joseph. I

that day, As the flock of His people. For will bring them back, Because I have

they shall be like the jewels of a crown, mercy on them. They shall be as though

Lifted like a banner over His land-- I had not cast them aside; For I am the

LORD their God, And I will hear them.

<sup>17</sup>For how great is its goodness And how great its beauty! Grain shall make the <sup>7</sup>Those of Ephraim shall be like a mighty young men thrive, And new wine the man, And their heart shall rejoice as if

young women. with wine. Yes, their children shall see it

and be glad; Their heart shall rejoice in

the LORD.

1 O Ask the LORD for rain In the time s 1 will whistle for them and  
gather them, of the latter rain. The LORD will make For I will redeem  
them; And they shall flashing clouds; He will give them increase as  
they once increased. showers of rain, Grass in the field for

everyone.

"I will sow them among the peoples,

2 And they shall remember Me in far

For the idols speak delusion; The

countries; They shall live, together with

diviners envision lies, And tell false

their children, And they shall return.

dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore

the people wend their way like sheep;

10 will also bring them back from the

king. They shall attack the land, and I

land of Egypt, And gather them from will not deliver them from their  
hand."

Assyria. I will bring them into the land of

Gilead and Lebanon, Until no more 7 So I fed the flock for slaughter, in  
room is found for them. particular the poor of the flock. I took for

myself two staffs: the one I called

11

He shall pass through the sea with Beauty, and the other I called  
Bonds;

affliction, And strike the waves of the and I fed the flock. sea: All the

depths of the River shall dry

up. Then the pride of Assyria shall be <sup>s</sup> 1 dismissed the three  
shepherds in one brought down, And the scepter of Egypt month. My  
soul loathed them, and their

shall depart. soul also abhorred me.

<sup>12</sup> So I will strengthen them in the LORD, "Then I said, "I will not feed  
you. Let

And they shall walk up and down in His what is dying die, and what is  
perishing

name," Says the LORD. perish. Let those that are left eat each

other's flesh."

<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> Open your doors, O Lebanon,<sup>0</sup> And I took my staff, Beauty,  
and cut it

That fire may devour your cedars. in two, that I might break the  
covenant

which I had made with all the peoples.

<sup>2</sup> Wail, O cypress, for the cedar has <sup>1</sup> fallen, Because the mighty trees  
are <sup>1</sup> So it was broken on that day. Thus the

ruined. Wail, O oaks of Bashan, For the poor of the flock, who were  
watching me,

thick forest has come down. knew that it was the word of the LORD.

<sup>3</sup> There is the sound of wailing <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> Then I said to them, "If it is  
agreeable shepherds! For their glory is in ruins. to you, give me my  
wages; and if not,

There is the sound of roaring lions! For refrain." So they weighed out



for my

the pride of the Jordan is in ruins. wages thirty pieces of silver.

41 3And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to

Thus says the LORD my God, "Feed

the flock for slaughter, the potter"--that princely price they set

on me. So I took the thirty pieces of

s silver and threw them into the house of whose owners slaughter  
them and feel

no guilt; those who sell them say, the LORD for the potter.

"Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich"; 41 and their shepherds do not  
pity them. Then I cut in two my other staff, Bonds,

that I might break the brotherhood

6 between Judah and Israel. For I will no longer pity the inhabitants of  
the land," says the LORD. "But

indeed I will give everyone into his

neighbor's hand and into the hand of his 15 5And the LORD said to  
me, "Next, take And the governors of Judah shall say in

for yourself the implements of a foolish their heart, "The inhabitants  
of shepherd. Jerusalem are my strength in the LORD

of hosts, their God.'

16

For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in

the land who will not care for those who 6In that day I will make the  
governors of are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal Judah like a  
firepan in the woodpile, and

those that are broken, nor feed those like a fiery torch in the sheaves;

they

that still stand. But he will eat the flesh shall devour all the surrounding peoples

of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces. on the right hand and on the left, but

Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in

17 Woe to the worthless shepherd, Who her own place--Jerusalem. leaves the flock! A sword shall be

against his arm And against his right 7 The LORD will save the tents of Judah eye; His arm shall completely wither, first, so that the glory of the house of

And his right eye shall be totally David and the glory of the inhabitants of

blinded." Jerusalem shall not become greater

than that of Judah.

1 2 sln that day the LORD will defend the The burden of the word of the

LORD against Israel. Thus says the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is

LORD, who stretches out the heavens, feeble among them in that day shall be

lays the foundation of the earth, and like David, and the house of David shall

forms the spirit of man within him: be like God, like the Angel of the LORD

before them.

2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding 'It shall be in that day that I will seek to

peoples, when they lay siege against destroy all the nations that come against

Judah and Jerusalem. Jerusalem.

3And it shall happen in that day that I will <sup>10</sup> 'And I will pour on the house of David

and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the  
make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for

Spirit of grace and supplication; then  
all peoples; all who would heave it away

they will look on Me whom they pierced.  
will surely be cut in pieces, though all

Yes, they will mourn for Him as one  
nations of the earth are gathered

mourns for his only son, and grieve for  
against it.

Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

4In that day," says the LORD, "I will <sup>1</sup> n that day there shall be a great

1

strike every horse with confusion, and

mourning in Jerusalem, like the  
its rider with madness; I will open My

mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain  
eyes on the house of Judah, and will

of Megiddo.

strike every horse of the peoples with  
blindness.

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And the land shall mourn, every family But he will say, "I am no  
prophet, I am

by itself: the family of the house of David a farmer; for a man taught  
me to keep

by itself, and their wives by themselves; cattle from my youth.' the  
family of the house of Nathan by

itself, and their wives by themselves; 6And one will say to him, "What  
are

these wounds between your arms?'

13 he family of the house of Levi by itself,

Then he will answer, "Those with which I  
and their wives by themselves; the was wounded in the house of my  
family of Shimei by itself, and their wives friends.' by themselves;

7 Awake, O sword, against My

14

all the families that remain, every Shepherd, Against the Man who  
is My

family by itself, and their wives by Companion," Says the LORD of  
hosts.

themselves. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will

be scattered; Then I will turn My hand

against the little ones.

1 3 In that day a fountain shall be 8And it shall come to pass in all the opened for the house of David and for land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and in it shall be cut off and die, But one- for uncleanness. third shall be left in it:

2 It shall be in that day," says the LORD 'I will bring the one-third through the fire, of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of

the idols from the land, and they shall no Will refine them as silver is refined, And

test them as gold is tested. They will call longer be remembered. I will also cause

on My name, And I will answer them. I the prophets and the unclean spirit to will say, "This is My people'; And each

depart from the land.

one will say, "The LORD is my God."

A

It shall come to pass that if anyone still prophesies, then his father and mother

who begot him will say to him, "You 1 4Behold, the day of the LORD is

shall not live, because you have spoken coming, And your spoil will be divided in

lies in the name of the LORD.' And his your midst. father and mother who begot him shall

thrust him through when he prophesies. 2For I will gather all the nations to battle

against Jerusalem; The city shall be

4 And it shall be in that day that every taken, The houses rifled, And

the

prophet will be ashamed of his vision women ravished. Half of the city shall go

when he prophesies; they will not wear into captivity, But the remnant of the

a robe of coarse hair to deceive. people shall not be cut off from the city.

3Then the LORD will go forth And fight Benjamin's Gate to the place of the First

against those nations, As He fights in Gate and the Corner Gate, and from the

the day of battle. Tower of Hananel to the king's

winepresses.

4And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces 1 The people shall dwell in it; And no Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount longer shall there be utter destruction,

of Olives shall be split in two, From east But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.

to west, Making a very large valley; Half

of the mountain shall move toward the 1 2And this shall be the plague with which north And half of it toward the south. the LORD will strike all the people who

fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh

5Then you shall flee through My shall dissolve while they stand on their

mountain valley, For the mountain valley feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their

shall reach to Azal. Yes, you shall flee sockets, And their tongues shall

As you fled from the earthquake In the dissolve in their mouths. days of Uzziah king of Judah. Thus the

LORD my God will come, And all the <sup>13</sup>It shall come to pass in that day That a saints with You. great panic from the LORD will be

among them. Everyone will seize the

<sup>6</sup>It shall come to pass in that day That hand of his neighbor, And raise his hand

there will be no light; The lights will against his neighbor's hand; diminish.

<sup>1</sup> 4

Judah also will fight at Jerusalem. And

<sup>7</sup>It shall be one day Which is known to the wealth of all the surrounding nations

the LORD-- Neither day nor night. But at Shall be gathered together: Gold, silver,

evening time it shall happen That it will and apparel in great abundance. be light.

<sup>1</sup> 5

Such also shall be the plague On the

<sup>8</sup>And in that day it shall be That living horse and the mule, On the camel and

waters shall flow from Jerusalem, Half of the donkey, And on all the cattle that will

them toward the eastern sea And half of be in those camps. So shall this plague

them toward the western sea; In both be. summer and winter it shall occur.

<sup>1</sup> 6

And it shall come to pass that

'And the LORD shall be King over all everyone who is left of all the nations

the earth. In that day it shall be-- "The which came against Jerusalem shall go

LORD is one," And His name one. up from year to year to worship the King,

the LORD of hosts, and to keep the

10AII the land shall be turned into a plain Feast of Tabernacles.

from Geba to Rimmon south of

1 7

Jerusalem. Jerusalem shall be raised up And it shall be that whichever of the

and inhabited in her place from families of the earth do not come up to

Jerusalem to worship the King, the 20 n that day "HOLINESS TO THE LORD of hosts, on them there will be no LORD" shall be engraved on the bells of

rain. the horses. The pots in the LORD's

house shall be like the bowls before the

1 altar. ' If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain;

they shall receive the plague with which 21 es, every pot in Jerusalem and the LORD strikes the nations who do not Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of

come up to keep the Feast of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall

Tabernacles. come and take them and cook in them.

In that day there shall no longer be a

1 Canaanite in the house of the LORD of ' This shall be the punishment of Egypt

and the punishment of all the nations hosts. that do not come up to keep the Feast of



Tabernacles.

# Prophet Malachi

8And when you offer the blind as a sacrifice, Is it not evil? And when you

1 offer the lame and sick, Is it not evil? The burden of the word of the LORD

Offer it then to your governor! Would he  
to Israel by Malachi. be pleased with you? Would he accept  
2 you favorably?" Says the LORD of hosts.

I have loved you," says the LORD.

loved us?' Was not Esau Jacob's may be gracious to us. While this is  
"Yet you say, "In what way have You "But now entreat God's favor,  
That He

brother?" Says the LORD. "Yet Jacob I being done by your hands, Will  
He

have loved; accept you favorably?" Says the LORD

3But Esau I have hated, And laid waste of hosts.

his mountains and his heritage For the 104 Who is there even among  
you who jackals of the wilderness." would shut the doors, So that you  
would

not kindle fire on My altar in vain? I have

4Even though Edom has said, "We have no pleasure in you," Says the  
LORD of

been impoverished, But we will return hosts, "Nor will I accept an

offering from

and build the desolate places," Thus your hands. says the LORD of hosts: "They may

build, but I will throw down; They shall <sup>1</sup> 1For from the rising of the sun, even to be called the Territory of Wickedness, its going down, My name shall be great

And the people against whom the LORD among the Gentiles; In every place

will have indignation forever. incense shall be offered to My name,

And a pure offering; For My name shall

<sup>5</sup>Your eyes shall see, And you shall say, be great among the nations," Says the

"The LORD is magnified beyond the LORD of hosts. border of Israel.'

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 'But you profane it, In that you say,

<sup>6</sup> A son honors his father, And a servant "The table of the LORD is defiled; And

his master. If then I am the Father, its fruit, its food, is contemptible.' Where is My honor? And if I am a

Master, Where is My reverence? Says <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> ou also say, "Oh, what a weariness!' the LORD of hosts To you priests who

And you sneer at it," Says the LORD of

despise My name. Yet you say, "In what

hosts. "And you bring the stolen, the

way have we despised Your name?'

lame, and the sick; Thus you bring an

<sup>7</sup> offering! Should I accept this from your

You offer defiled food on My altar, But hand?" Says the LORD.

say, "In what way have we defiled You?'

By saying, "The table of the LORD is

contemptible.'

184 But cursed be the deceiver Who has

But you have departed from the way;

in his flock a male, And takes a vow, But You have caused many to  
stumble at

sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished- the law. You have corrupted  
the

- For I am a great King," Says the LORD covenant of Levi," Says the  
LORD of

of hosts, "And My name is to be feared hosts. among the nations.

"Therefore I also have made you

contemptible and base Before all the

2 people, Because you have not kept My And now, O priests, this

commandment is for you. ways But have shown partiality in the

law."

2lf you will not hear, And if you will not O

1 Have we not all one Father? Has not

take it to heart, To give glory to My

name," Says the LORD of hosts, "I will one God created us? Why do we  
deal

treacherously with one another By

send a curse upon you, And I will curse

profaning the covenant of the fathers?

your blessings. Yes, I have cursed them

already, Because you do not take it to <sup>1</sup>1Judah has dealt treacherously,  
And an heart.

abomination has been committed in

3"Behold, I will rebuke your descendants Israel and in Jerusalem, For  
Judah has

profaned The LORD's holy institution

And spread refuse on your faces, The

which He loves: He has married the

refuse of your solemn feasts; And one

will take you away with it. daughter of a foreign god.

<sup>1</sup> 2

4 May the LORD cut off from the tents of

Then you shall know that I have sent

Jacob The man who does this, being

this commandment to you, That My

awake and aware, Yet who brings an

covenant with Levi may continue," Says

the LORD of hosts. offering to the LORD of hosts!

<sup>1</sup>3And this is the second thing you do:

5 My covenant was with him, one of life and peace, And I gave them  
to him that You cover the altar of the LORD with

he might fear Me; So he feared Me And tears, With weeping and  
crying; So He

was reverent before My name. does not regard the offering anymore,

Nor receive it with goodwill from your

6 hands.

The law of truth was in his mouth, And

injustice was not found on his lips. He <sup>14</sup> et you say, "For what reason?" walked with Me in peace and equity, Because the LORD has been witness And turned many away from iniquity. Between you and the wife of your youth, <sup>7</sup> With whom you have dealt

For the lips of a priest should keep

treacherously; Yet she is your

knowledge, And people should seek the

companion And your wife by covenant.

law from his mouth; For he is the

messenger of the LORD of hosts.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>5</sup> But did He not make them one, Having Then the offering of Judah and a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD,

He seeks godly offspring. Therefore As in the days of old, As in former years.

take heed to your spirit, And let none

deal treacherously with the wife of his <sup>5</sup> And I will come near you for judgment; I youth. will be a swift witness Against sorcerers,

Against adulterers, Against perjurers,

<sup>16</sup> 'For the LORD God of Israel says That Against those who exploit wage earners

He hates divorce, For it covers one's and widows and orphans, And against

garment with violence," Says the LORD those who turn away an alien-- Because

of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your they do not fear Me," Says the LORD of

spirit, That you do not deal hosts. treacherously."

<sup>1</sup> You have wearied the LORD with your Therefore you are not consumed, O

7 6 For I am the LORD, I do not change;

words; Yet you say, "In what way have sons of Jacob. we wearied Him?" In that you say,

"Everyone who does evil is good in the <sup>7</sup>Yet from the days of your fathers You sight of the LORD, And He delights in have gone away from My ordinances

them," Or, "Where is the God of And have not kept them. Return to Me,

justice?" and I will return to you," Says the LORD

of hosts. "But you said, "In what way

shall we return?"

3"Behold, I send My messenger, And

he will prepare the way before Me. And "Will a man rob God? Yet you have

the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly robbed Me! But you say, "In what way

come have we robbed You?' In tithes and to His temple, Even the

Messenger of the covenant, In whom offerings. you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says

the LORD of hosts. <sup>9</sup> You are cursed with a curse, For you

have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.

2 But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand  
when He 10Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, appears? For He is  
like a refiner's fire That there may be food in My house,

And like launderers' soap. And try Me now in this," Says the LORD

of hosts, "If I will not open for you the

3He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of windows of heaven And pour  
out for you

silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, such blessing That there will not  
be

And purge them as gold and silver, That room enough to receive it.  
they may offer to the LORD An offering

in righteousness. 1 1 'And I will rebuke the devourer for your

sakes, So that he will not destroy the

fruit of your ground, Nor shall the vine fail to bear fruit for you in the  
field," Says one who serves God And one who does

the LORD of hosts; not serve Him.

12

And all nations will call you blessed,

For you will be a delightful land," Says 4 For behold, the day is  
coming,

the LORD of hosts. Burning like an oven, And all the proud,

1 yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. 3 Your words have been  
harsh against

And the day which is coming shall burn

Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, them up," Says the LORD of hosts,

"What have we spoken against You?" "That will leave them neither



root nor

branch.

14 ou have said, "It is useless to serve

God; What profit is it that we have kept <sup>2</sup> But to you who fear My  
name The Sun His ordinance, And that we have walked of  
Righteousness shall arise With

as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? healing in His wings; And you  
shall go

out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.

15

So now we call the proud blessed, For

those who do wickedness are raised up; <sup>3</sup>You shall trample the  
wicked, For they They even tempt God and go free." shall be ashes  
under the soles of your

<sup>1</sup> LORD of hosts.

6Then those who feared the LORD feet On the day that I do this," Says  
the

spoke to one another, And the LORD

listened and heard them; So a book of <sup>4</sup> Remember the Law of Moses,  
My remembrance was written before Him servant, Which I  
commanded him in

For those who fear the LORD And who Horeb for all Israel, With the  
statutes

meditate on His name. and judgments.

<sup>15</sup> 7§ "The y shall be Mine," says the LORD Behold, I will send you  
Elijah the of hosts, "On the day that I make them prophet Before the  
coming of the great

My jewels. And I will spare them As a and dreadful day of the LORD.  
man spares his own son who serves

him." 6And he will turn The hearts of the

1 fathers to the children, And the hearts of 8Then you shall again  
discern Between

the children to their fathers, Lest I come

the righteous and the wicked, Between and strike the earth with a  
curse."

# Story of Esther

abundance, according to the generosity  
of the king.

1 Now it came to pass in the days of 8In accordance with the law,  
the drinking Ahasuerus (this was the Ahasuerus who was not  
compulsory; for so the king had reigned over one hundred and  
twenty- ordered all the officers of his household, seven provinces,  
from India to Ethiopia), that they should do according to each

2 man's pleasure.

in those days when King Ahasuerus sat

on the throne of his kingdom, which was 'Queen Vashti also made a  
feast for the

in Shushan the citadel,

women in the royal palace which

3that in the third year of his reign he belonged to King Ahasuerus.

made a feast for all his officials and 10On the seventh day, when the  
heart of servants--the powers of Persia and the king was merry with  
wine, he Media, the nobles, and the princes of commanded Mehuman,  
Biztha, Harbona, the provinces being before him--Bigtha, Abagtha,  
Zethar, and Carcas, 4 seven eunuchs who served in the

when he showed the riches of his

presence of King Ahasuerus,

glorious kingdom and the splendor of his

excellent majesty for many days, one 11to bring Queen Vashti before the king, hundred and eighty days in all. wearing her royal crown, in order to 5 show her beauty to the people and the

And when these days were completed,

officials, for she was beautiful to behold.

the king made a feast lasting seven

days for all the people who were present 1 2But Queen Vashti refused to come at in Shushan the citadel, from great to the king's command brought by his small, in the court of the garden of the eunuchs; therefore the king was furious, king's palace. and his anger burned within him.

6There were white and blue linen 3Then the king said to the wise men

1

curtains fastened with cords of fine linen

and purple on silver rods and marble who understood the times (for this was

pillars; and the couches were of gold the king's manner toward all who knew

and silver on a mosaic pavement of law and justice, alabaster, turquoise, and white and

14

black marble. those closest to him being Carshena,

Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres,

7 Marsena, and Memucan, the seven And they served drinks in golden

vessels, each vessel being different princes of Persia and Media, who had

from the other, with royal wine in

2 1

access to the king's presence, and who And the reply pleased the king and the

ranked highest in the kingdom): princes, and the king did according to  
the word of Memucan.

15a What shall we do to Queen Vashti, according to law, because she did not 2 Then he sent letters to all the king's obey the command of King Ahasuerus provinces, to each province in its own

brought to her by the eunuchs?" script, and to every people in their own

language, that each man should be

16 master in his own house, and speak in

And Memucan answered before the

king and the princes: "Queen Vashti has the language of his own people. not only wronged the king, but also all

the princes, and all the people who are

in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. 2After these things, when the wrath of

1 King Ahasuerus subsided, he 7 For the queen's behavior will become remembered Vashti, what she had done,

known to all women, so that they will and what had been decreed against her.

despise their husbands in their eyes,

when they report, "King Ahasuerus 2 the king's servants who attended Then commanded Queen Vashti to be

him said: "Let beautiful young virgins be  
brought in before him, but she did not sought for the king; come.'

h

1 and let the king appoint officers in all 8This very day the noble  
ladies of

the provinces of his kingdom, that they

king's officials that they have heard of virgins to Shushan the citadel,  
into the the behavior of the queen. Thus there Persia and Media will  
say to all the may gather all the beautiful young

women's quarters, under the custody of

will be excessive contempt and wrath. Hegai the king's eunuch,  
custodian of

1 the women. And let beauty preparations

' If it pleases the king, let a royal decree be given them.

go out from him, and let it be recorded in

the laws of the Persians and the Medes, 4

Then let the young woman who pleases

so that it will not be altered, that Vashti

the king be queen instead of Vashti."

shall come no more before King This thing pleased the king, and he  
did

Ahasuerus; and let the king give her So. royal position to another who  
is better

than she. s

In Shushan the citadel there was a

2 certain Jew whose name was Mordecai 0When the king's decree  
which he will

the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the

make is proclaimed throughout all his son of Kish, a Benjamite.  
empire (for it is great), all wives will

honor their husbands, both great and 6

Kish had been carried away from

small."

Jerusalem with the captives who had

been captured with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar  
the king perfumes and preparations for of Babylon had carried away.  
beautifying women.

7 1 And Mordecai had brought up 3Thus prepared, each young woman  
Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's went to the king, and she was  
given

daughter, for she had neither father nor whatever she desired to take  
with her

mother. The young woman was lovely from the women's quarters to  
the king's

and beautiful. When her father and palace. mother died, Mordecai  
took her as his

own daughter. 14)n the evening she went, and in the

morning she returned to the second

'So it was, when the king's command house of the women, to the  
custody of

and decree were heard, and when many Shaashgaz, the king's eunuch  
who kept

young women were gathered at the concubines. She would not go in  
to

Shushan the citadel, under the custody the king again unless the king delighted

of Hegai, that Esther also was taken to in her and called for her by name. the king's palace, into the care of Hegai

the custodian of the women. <sup>15</sup>Now when the turn came for Esther

the daughter of Abihail the uncle of

'Now the young woman pleased him, Mordecai, who had taken her as his

and she obtained his favor; so he readily daughter, to go in to the king, she

gave beauty preparations to her, requested nothing but what Hegai the

besides her allowance. Then seven king's eunuch, the custodian of the

choice maidservants were provided for women, advised. And Esther obtained

her from the king's palace, and he favor in the sight of all who saw her. moved her and her maidservants to the

best place in the house of the women. <sup>16</sup>So Esther was taken to King

<sup>1</sup> tenth month, which is the month of

<sup>0</sup>Esther had not revealed her people or Ahasuerus, into his royal palace, in the

family, for Mordecai had charged her not Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

to reveal it.

<sup>17</sup>

The king loved Esther more than all



And every day Mordecai paced in front the other women, and she obtained

of the court of the women's quarters, to grace and favor in his sight more than

learn of Esther's welfare and what was all the virgins; so he set the royal crown

happening to her. upon her head and made her queen

instead of Vashti.

<sup>12</sup> Each young woman's turn came to go in to King Ahasuerus after she had <sup>1</sup> <sup>8</sup> Then the king made a great feast, the completed twelve months' preparation, Feast of Esther, for all his officials and

according to the regulations for the servants; and he proclaimed a holiday in

women, for thus were the days of their the provinces and gave gifts according

preparation apportioned: six months to the generosity of a king. with oil of myrrh, and six months with <sup>19</sup> When virgins were gathered together a "Why do you transgress the king's

second time, Mordecai sat within the command?" king's gate.

<sup>4</sup> Now it happened, when they spoke to

<sup>20</sup>

Now Esther had not revealed her him daily and he would not listen to

family and her people, just as Mordecai them, that they told it to Haman, to see

had charged her, for Esther obeyed the whether Mordecai's words would stand;

command of Mordecai as when she was for Mordecai had told them that he was

brought up by him. a Jew.

25 In those days, while Mordecai sat

When Haman saw that Mordecai did  
within the king's gate, two of the king's not bow or pay him homage,  
Haman

eunuchs, Bigthan and Teresh, was filled with wrath. doorkeepers,  
became furious and sought to lay hands on King Ahasuerus. 6 But he  
disdained to lay hands on

Mordecai alone, for they had told him of

22 So the matter became known to the people of Mordecai. Instead,  
Haman

Mordecai, who told Queen Esther, and sought to destroy all the Jews  
who were

Esther informed the king in Mordecai's throughout the whole kingdom  
of

name. Ahasuerus--the people of Mordecai.

27 3And when an inquiry was made into In the first month, which is  
the month of

the matter, it was confirmed, and both Nisan, in the twelfth year of  
King

were hanged on a gallows; and it was Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that  
is, the

written in the book of the chronicles in lot), before Haman to  
determine the day

the presence of the king. and the month, until it fell on the twelfth

month, which is the month of Adar.

3After these things King Ahasuerus 8 Then Haman said to King

Ahasuerus,

"There is a certain people scattered and  
promoted Haman, the son of  
dispersed among the people in all the  
Hammedatha the Agagite, and  
provinces of your kingdom; their laws  
advanced him and set his seat above all are different from all other  
people's, and  
the princes who were with him.

they do not keep the king's laws.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore it is not fitting for the king to And all the king's servants  
who were

let them remain.

within the king's gate bowed and paid

homage to Haman, for so the king had 'If it pleases the king, let a  
decree be

commanded concerning him. But

written that they be destroyed, and I will

Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

pay ten thousand talents of silver into

<sup>3</sup> Then the hands of those who do the work, to the king's servants who  
were bring it into the king's treasuries."

within the king's gate said to Mordecai, <sup>10</sup> So the king took his signet  
ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son <sup>4</sup> When Mordecai  
learned all that had

of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy

happened, he tore his clothes and put

of the Jews.

on sackcloth and ashes, and went out

1 into the midst of the city. He cried out 1 And the king said to  
Haman, "The with a loud and bitter cry.

money and the people are given to you,

to do with them as seems good to you." 2

He went as far as the front of the king's

1 gate, for no one might enter the king's 2Then the

king's scribes were called on gate clothed with sackcloth.

the thirteenth day of the first month, and

a decree was written according to all 3And in every province where  
the king's that Haman commanded--to the king's command and decree  
arrived, there was

satraps, to the governors who were over

great mourning among the Jews, with

each province, to the officials of all

fasting, weeping, and wailing; and many

people, to every province according to

lay in sackcloth and ashes.

its script, and to every people in their

language. In the name of King 4 So Esther's maids and eunuchs came

Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed

with the king's signet and told her, and the queen was deeply ring.

distressed. Then she sent garments to

<sup>1</sup> clothe Mordecai and take his sackcloth <sup>3</sup>And the letters were sent by couriers

away from him, but he would not accept

into all the king's provinces, to destroy,

them.

to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews,

both young and old, little children and <sup>5</sup> Then Esther called Hathach, one of the women, in one day, on the thirteenth king's eunuchs whom he had appointed day of the twelfth month, which is the to attend her, and she gave him a month of Adar, and to plunder their command concerning Mordecai, to learn possessions. what and why this was.

<sup>14</sup>A copy of the document was to be

<sup>6</sup> So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the

issued as law in every province, being city square that was in front of the king's

published for all people, that they should

gate.

be ready for that day.

<sup>1</sup> And Mordecai told him all that had

<sup>5</sup>The couriers went out, hastened by <sup>7</sup>

the king's command; and the decree happened to him, and the sum of money

that Haman had promised to pay into  
was proclaimed in Shushan the citadel.

So the king and Haman sat down to the king's treasuries to destroy the Jews.

drink, but the city of Shushan was 8He also gave him a copy of the written perplexed.

decree for their destruction, which was  
given at Shushan, that he might show it  
to Esther and explain it to her, and that he might command her to go  
in to the which is against the law; and if I perish, I  
king to make supplication to him and perish!" plead before him for her people.

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So Mordecai went his way and did

'So Hathach returned and told Esther according to all that Esther commanded

the words of Mordecai. him.

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Then Esther spoke to Hathach, and  
gave him a command for Mordecai: 5Now it happened on the third day that

1 Esther put on her royal robes and stood 18 ' All the king's servants and the people in the inner court of the king's palace, king's provinces

know that any of the across from the king's house, while the  
man or woman who goes into the inner king sat on his royal throne in  
the royal  
court to the king, who has not been house, facing the entrance of the  
house.  
called, he has but one law: put all to  
death, except the one to whom the king <sup>2</sup>

So it was, when the king saw Queen  
holds out the golden scepter, that he  
Esther standing in the court, that she  
may live. Yet I myself have not been  
found favor in his sight, and the king  
called to go in to the king these thirty  
held out to Esther the golden scepter  
days."

that was in his hand. Then Esther went

<sup>1</sup> near and touched the top of the scepter. <sup>2</sup> So they told Mordecai  
Esther's words.

<sup>1</sup> And the king said to her, "What do you <sup>3</sup> <sup>3</sup>

And Mordecai told them to answer wish, Queen Esther? What is  
your

Esther: "Do not think in your heart that request? It shall be given to  
you--up to

you will escape in the king's palace any half the kingdom!" more than  
all the other Jews.

1 king, let the king and Haman come

4For if you remain completely silent at 4 So Esther answered, "If it pleases the

this time, relief and deliverance will arise today to the banquet that I have

for the Jews from another place, but you prepared for him." and your father's house will perish. Yet

who knows whether you have come to 5

Then the king said, "Bring Haman

the kingdom for such a time as this?" quickly, that he may do as Esther has

1 said." So the king and Haman went to 5Then Esther told them to reply to

the banquet that Esther had prepared.

Mordecai:

6 At the banquet of wine the king said to

16 Go, gather all the Jews who are

Esther, "What is your petition? It shall be

present in Shushan, and fast for me; granted you. What is your request, up to

neither eat nor drink for three days, half the kingdom? It shall be done!" night or day. My maids and I will fast

likewise. And so I will go to the king, 7Then Esther answered and said, "My morning suggest to the king that

petition and request is this: Mordecai be hanged on it; then go

merrily with the king to the banquet."



8 And the thing pleased Haman; so he If I have found favor in the sight of the

king, and if it pleases the king to grant had the gallows made. my petition and fulfill my request, then

let the king and Haman come to the

banquet which I will prepare for them, 6That night the king could not sleep.

and tomorrow I will do as the king has

So one was commanded to bring the said."

book of the records of the chronicles;

and they were read before the king.

'So Haman went out that day joyful and

with a glad heart; but when Haman saw 2

And it was found written that Mordecai Mordecai in the king's gate, and that he

had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of did not stand or tremble before him, he the king's eunuchs, the doorkeepers

was filled with indignation against who had sought to lay hands on King

Mordecai.

Ahasuerus.

10 Nevertheless Haman 3Then the king said, "What honor or restrained himself and went home, and he sent

dignity has been bestowed on Mordecai

and called for his friends and his wife

for this?" And the king's servants who

Zeresh.

attended him said, "Nothing has been

<sup>1</sup> done for him." <sup>1</sup>Then Haman told them of his great riches, the  
multitude of his children, <sup>4</sup>

So the king said, "Who is in the court?"

everything in which the king had

Now Haman had just entered the outer

promoted him, and how he had

court of the king's palace to suggest that

advanced him above the officials and

the king hang Mordecai on the gallows

servants of the king.

that he had prepared for him.

<sup>12</sup>Moreover Haman said, "Besides,

<sup>5</sup>The king's servants said to him,

Queen Esther invited no one but me to "Haman is there, standing in  
the court."

come in with the king to the banquet that And the king said, "Let him  
come in."

she prepared; and tomorrow I am again

invited by her, along with the king. <sup>6</sup>

So Haman came in, and the king asked

13 him, "What shall be done for the man

Yet all this avails me nothing, so long

whom the king delights to honor?" Now

as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the

king's gate." Haman thought in his heart, "Whom

would the king delight to honor more

1 than me?" 4Then his wife Zeresh and all his friends said to him, "Let  
a gallows be

made, fifty cubits high, and in the 7And Haman answered the king,  
"For against him but will surely fall before

the man whom the king delights to him." honor,

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While they were still talking with him,

8Let a royal robe be brought which the the king's eunuchs came, and  
hastened

king has worn, and a horse on which the to bring Haman to the  
banquet which

king has ridden, which has a royal crest Esther had prepared. placed  
on its head.

delivered to the hand of one of the king's with Queen Esther. most  
noble princes, that he may array Then let this robe and horse be 7So  
the king and Haman went to dine

the man whom the king delights to 2 honor. Then parade him on  
horseback And on the second day, at the banquet

through the city square, and proclaim of wine, the king again said to

Esther,

before him: "Thus shall it be done to the "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It

man whom the king delights to honor!' shall be granted you. And what is your

request, up to half the kingdom? It shall

1 be done!" 0 Then the king said to Haman, "Hurry,

take the robe and the horse, as you 3Then Queen Esther answered and said,

have suggested, and do so for Mordecai

the Jew who sits within the king's gate! "If I have found favor in your sight, O

Leave nothing undone of all that you king, and if it pleases the king, let my life

be given me at my petition, and my

have spoken."

people at my request.

11

So Haman took the robe and the horse, 4

For we have been sold, my people and

arrayed Mordecai and led him on

I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be

horseback through the city square, and

annihilated. Had we been sold as male

proclaimed before him, "Thus shall it be

and female slaves, I would have held  
done to the man whom the king delights  
my tongue, although the enemy could  
to honor!"

never compensate for the king's loss."

<sup>12</sup>Afterward Mordecai went back to the king's gate. But Haman  
hurried to his <sup>5</sup>So King Ahasuerus answered and said

to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where  
house, mourning and with his head  
covered. is he, who would dare presume in his  
heart to do such a thing?"

<sup>13</sup>When Haman told his wife Zeresh and

<sup>6</sup> And Esther said, "The adversary and  
all his friends everything that had  
happened to him, his wise men and his enemy is this wicked Haman!"  
So

wife Zeresh said to him, "If Mordecai, Haman was terrified before the  
king and

before whom you have begun to fall, is queen. of Jewish descent, you  
will not prevail <sup>7</sup>Then the king arose in his wrath from tears to  
counteract the evil of Haman

the banquet of wine and went into the the Agagite, and the scheme  
which he

palace garden; but Haman stood before had devised against the Jews.  
Queen Esther, pleading for his life, for

he saw that evil was determined against <sup>4</sup> And the king held out the

golden him by the king. scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose

and stood before the king,

8When the king returned from the palace

garden to the place of the banquet of sand said, "If it pleases the king, and if I wine, Haman had fallen across the have found favor in his sight and the

couch where Esther was. Then the king thing seems right to the king and I am

said, "Will he also assault the queen pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to

while I am in the house?" As the word revoke the letters devised by Haman,

left the king's mouth, they covered the son of Hammedatha the Agagite,

Haman's face. which he wrote to annihilate the Jews

who are in all the king's provinces.

'Now Harbonah, one of the eunuchs,

said to the king, "Look! The gallows, fifty 6 For how can I endure to see the evil cubits high, which Haman made for that will come to my people? Or how

Mordecai, who spoke good on the king's can I endure to see the destruction of

behalf, is standing at the house of my countrymen?" Haman." Then the king said, "Hang him

on it!" 7

Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen

1 Esther and Mordecai the Jew, "Indeed, I 0 So they hanged Haman on the gallows have given Esther the house of Haman,

that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then and they have hanged him on the

the king's wrath subsided. gallows because he tried to lay his hand  
on the Jews.

8On that day King Ahasuerus gave sYou yourselves write a decree  
Queen Esther the house of Haman, the concerning the Jews, as you  
please, in

enemy of the Jews. And Mordecai came the king's name, and seal it  
with the

before the king, for Esther had told how king's signet ring; for  
whatever is written

he was related to her. in the king's name and sealed with the

king's signet ring no one can revoke."

2So the king took off his signet ring, which he had taken from Haman,  
and 'So the king's scribes were called at that

gave it to Mordecai; and Esther time, in the third month, which is the  
appointed Mordecai over the house of month of Sivan, on the twenty-  
third day;

Haman. and it was written, according to all that

Mordecai commanded, to the Jews, the

3Now Esther spoke again to the king, fell satraps, the governors, and  
the princes of the provinces from India to Ethiopia, down at his feet,  
and implored him with one hundred and twenty-seven provinces in  
all, to every province in its 16The Jews had light and gladness, joy  
own script, to every people in their own and honor. language, and to  
the Jews in their own

script and language. 17

And in every province and city,

And he wrote in the name of King decree came, the Jews had joy  
and

Ahasuerus, sealed it with the king's gladness, a feast and a holiday.  
Then

signet ring, and sent letters by couriers many of the people of the land  
became

on horseback, riding on royal horses Jews, because fear of the Jews  
fell

bred from swift steeds. upon them.

11By these letters the king permitted the Jews who were in every city  
to gather 9Now in the twelfth month, that is, the

together and protect their lives--to

month of Adar, on the thirteenth day, the

destroy, kill, and annihilate all the forces time came for the king's  
command and

of any people or province that would

his decree to be executed. On the day

assault them, both little children and

that the enemies of the Jews had hoped

women, and to plunder their

to overpower them, the opposite

possessions,

occurred, in that the Jews themselves

1 overpowered those who hated them.



on one day in all the provinces of King

Ahasuerus, on the thirteenth day of the 2 The Jews gathered together in their twelfth month, which is the month of

cities throughout all the provinces of

Adar.

King Ahasuerus to lay hands on those

u who sought their harm. And no one

A copy of the document was to be could withstand them, because fear of

issued as a decree in every province them fell upon all people. and published for all people, so that the

Jews would be ready on that day to 3And all the officials of the provinces, the

avenge themselves on their enemies. satraps, the governors, and all those

1 doing the king's work, helped the Jews,

4 The couriers who rode on royal horses because the fear of Mordecai fell upon

went out, hastened and pressed on by them. the king's command. And the decree

was issued in Shushan the citadel. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's

1 palace, and his fame spread throughout 5 So Mordecai went out from the all the provinces; for this man Mordecai

presence of the king in royal apparel of became increasingly prominent. blue and white, with a great crown of

gold and a garment of fine linen and 5

Thus the Jews defeated all their

purple; and the city of Shushan rejoiced

enemies with the stroke of the sword,

and was glad. with slaughter and destruction, and did what they  
pleased with those who hated <sup>15</sup>And the Jews who were in Shushan  
them. gathered together again on the

fourteenth day of the month of Adar and

<sup>6</sup> killed three hundred men at Shushan; And in Shushan the citadel the  
Jews

killed and destroyed five hundred men. but they did not lay a hand on  
the

plunder.

<sup>7</sup>Also Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, <sup>6</sup>The remainder of the Jews in  
the

1

<sup>8</sup> king's provinces gathered together and

Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha,

protected their lives, had rest from their

enemies, and killed seventy-five

'Parmashta, Arisai, Aridai, and thousand of their enemies; but they did  
Vajezatha-- not lay a hand on the plunder.

<sup>10</sup> he ten sons of Haman the son of <sup>7</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This was on the thirteenth day of the

Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews-- month of Adar. And on the  
fourteenth of

they killed; but they did not lay a hand the month they rested and

made it a day

on the plunder. of feasting and gladness.

<sup>11</sup> On that day the number of those who <sup>1</sup> ' But the Jews who were at Shushan were killed in Shushan the citadel was assembled together on the thirteenth

brought to the king. day, as well as on the fourteenth; and

<sup>1</sup> on the fifteenth of the month they rested, <sup>2</sup> And the king said to Queen Esther,

and made it a day of feasting and

"The Jews have killed and destroyed gladness. five hundred men in Shushan the citadel,

they done in the rest of the king's dwelt in the unwall'd towns celebrated provinces? Now what is your petition? It and the ten sons of Haman. What have <sup>1</sup> ' Therefore the Jews of the villages who

the fourteenth day of the month of Adar

shall be granted to you. Or what is your with gladness and feasting, as a holiday,

further request? It shall be done." and for sending presents to one another.

<sup>13</sup> Then Esther said, "If it pleases the <sup>2</sup> 0

And Mordecai wrote these things and

king, let it be granted to the Jews who sent letters to all the Jews, near and far,

are in Shushan to do again tomorrow who were in all the provinces of King

according to today's decree, and let Ahasuerus, Haman's ten sons be hanged on the

gallows." 2 1to establish among them that they

1 should celebrate yearly the fourteenth 4 So the king commanded this to be and fifteenth days of the month of Adar, done; the decree was issued in

Shushan, and they hanged Haman's ten 22as the days on which the Jews had sons. rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for should not perish among their them, and from mourning to a holiday; descendants. that they should make them days of

feasting and joy, of sending presents to 2 ' Then Queen Esther, the daughter of one another and gifts to the poor. Abihail, with Mordecai the Jew, wrote

with full authority to confirm this second

23

So the Jews accepted the custom letter about Purim.

which they had begun, as Mordecai had

written to them, 30 And Mordecai sent letters to all the

Jews, to the one hundred and twenty-

24because Haman, the son of seven provinces of the kingdom of

Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and

all the Jews, had plotted against the truth, Jews to annihilate them, and had cast

Pur (that is, the lot), to consume them 31to confirm these days of Purim at their

and destroy them; appointed time, as Mordecai the Jew

25

but when Esther came before the king, them, and as they had  
decreed for

he commanded by letter that this wicked themselves and their  
descendants

plot which Haman had devised against concerning matters of their  
fasting and

the Jews should return on his own head, lamenting. and that he and  
his sons should be

hanged on the gallows. 32 So the decree of Esther confirmed

these matters of Purim, and it was

26

So they called these days Purim, after written in the book.

the name Pur. Therefore, because of all

the words of this letter, what they had

seen concerning this matter, and what 1 OAnd King  
Ahasuerus imposed had happened to them,

tribute on the land and on the islands of

2 the sea. 7 he Jews established and imposed it upon themselves and  
their descendants 2 and all who would join them, that without Now all  
the acts of his power and his

fail they should celebrate these two might, and the account of the  
greatness

days every year, according to the written of Mordecai, to which the  
king advanced

instructions and according to the him, are they not written in the book  
of

prescribed time, the chronicles of the kings of Media and

hat these days should be 3For Mordecai the Jew was second to remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, King Ahasuerus, and was great among and every city, that these days of Purim the Jews and well received by the should not fail to be observed among multitude of his brethren, seeking the the Jews, and that the memory of them

good

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people

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## Story of Ezra

with precious things, besides all that  
was willingly offered.

1 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of

Persia, that the word of the LORD by <sup>7</sup>King Cyrus also brought out the  
articles

the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, of the house of the LORD,  
which

the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus Nebuchadnezzar had taken  
from

Jerusalem and put in the temple of his  
king of Persia, so that he made a  
proclamation throughout all his kingdom, gods;

and also put it in writing, saying, <sup>8</sup> and Cyrus king of Persia brought  
them <sup>2</sup> out by the hand of Mithredath the

Thus says Cyrus king of Persia: All the

treasurer, and counted them out to  
kingdoms of the earth the LORD God of

Sheshbazzar the prince of Judah.  
heaven has given me. And He has

commanded me to build Him a house at

Jerusalem which is in Judah. <sup>9</sup>This is the number of them: thirty gold  
platters, one thousand silver platters,

<sup>3</sup>Who is among you of all His people? twenty-nine knives,

May his God be with him, and let him go 10thirty gold basins, four hundred and up to Jerusalem which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of ten silver basins of a similar kind, and

Israel (He is God), which is in Jerusalem. one thousand other articles.

411 And whoever is left in any place where All the articles of gold and silver were

he dwells, let the men of his place help five thousand four hundred. All these

him with silver and gold, with goods and Sheshbazzar took with the captives who

livestock, besides the freewill offerings were brought from Babylon to for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. Jerusalem.

5Then the heads of the fathers' houses 2Now these are the people of the of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests province who came back from the

and the Levites, with all whose spirits captivity, of those who had been carried

God had moved, arose to go up and away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king

build the house of the LORD which is in of Babylon had carried away to Babylon,

Jerusalem. and who returned to Jerusalem and

Judah, everyone to his own city.

6And all those who were around them

encouraged them with articles of silver 2 Those who came with Zerubbabel were and gold, with goods and livestock, and Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah,

Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, and Baanah. The number



of the 16th people of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety- men of the people of  
Israel: eight;

the people of Parosh, two thousand 17th people of Bezai, three  
hundred one hundred and seventy-two; and twenty-three;

41 the people of Shephatiah, three 8th people of Jorah, one hundred  
and hundred and seventy-two; twelve;

s 1 the people of Arah, seven hundred and ' the people of Hashum, two  
hundred seventy-five; and twenty-three;

62 the people of Pahath-Moab, of the 0th people of Gibbar, ninety-  
five; people of Jeshua and Joab, two

thousand eight hundred and twelve; 2 1

the people of Bethlehem, one hundred  
and twenty-three;

7th people of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; 2 the  
men of Netophah, fifty-six;

82 the people of Zattu, nine hundred and 3th men of Anathoth, one  
hundred and forty-five; twenty-eight;

the people of Zaccai, seven hundred 2 4

the people of Azmaveth, forty-two;  
and sixty;

2 5th people of Kirjath Arim, Chephirah,

10 the people of Bani, six hundred and

and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-

forty-two; three;

1 2 1 he people of Bebai, six hundred and 6the people of Ramah and Geba, six twenty-three; hundred and twenty-one;

1 2 7 2 he people of Azgad, one thousand the men of Michmas, one hundred and two hundred and twenty-two; twenty-two;

1 2 8 3 he people of Adonikam, six hundred the men of Bethel and Ai, two hundred and sixty-six; and twenty-three;

14 he people of Bigvai, two thousand and

2 ' the people of Nebo, fifty-two;

fifty-six;

1 30the people of Magbish, one hundred

5 he people of Adin, four hundred and and fifty-six;

fifty-four;

3 4 1 he people of the other Elam, one 3The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the thousand two hundred and fifty-four; sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth,

3 4 4 2 he people of Harim, three hundred the sons of Keros, the sons of Siaha, and twenty; the sons of Padon,

33 he people of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, 45the sons of Lebanah, the sons of seven hundred and twenty-five; Hagabah, the sons of Akkub,

34 4 he people of Jericho, three hundred 6the sons of Hagab, the sons  
of and forty-five; Shalmal, the sons of Hanan,

3 47 5 he people of Senaah, three thousand the sons of Giddel, the  
sons of Gahar, six hundred and thirty. the sons of Reaiah,

36 The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the 48

the sons of Rezin, the sons of Nekoda,

house of Jeshua, nine hundred and the sons of Gazzam, seventy-three;

3

7 he sons of Immer, one thousand and 4 ' the sons of Uzza, the sons of  
Paseah,

the sons of Besai,

fifty-two;

5 0

3 the sons of Asnah, the sons of 8 he sons of Pashhur, one thousand

Meunim, the sons of Nephusim,

two hundred and forty-seven;

51

3 the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of 9 he sons of Harim, one thousand  
and

Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,

seventeen.

5 2

4 the sons of Bazluth, the sons of 0The Levites: the sons of Jeshua and

Mehida, the sons of Harsha,

Kadmiel, of the sons of Hodaviah,

seventy-four. <sup>53</sup>

the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera,

<sup>4</sup> the sons of Tamah, <sup>1</sup> The singers: the sons of Asaph, one hundred and twenty-eight. <sup>54</sup>

the sons of Neziah, and the sons of

<sup>4</sup> Hatipha. <sup>2</sup>The sons of the gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, the sons of Ater, the sons of <sup>55</sup>

The sons of Solomon's servants: the

Talmon, the sons of Akkub, the sons of

sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth,

Hatita, and the sons of Shobai, one

the sons of Peruda,

hundred and thirty-nine in all.

<sup>56</sup>

the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon,

the sons of Giddel, <sup>5 6 7</sup> he sons of Shephatiah, the sons of <sup>6</sup>Their horses were seven hundred and Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim, thirty-six, their mules two hundred and

and the sons of Ami. forty-five,

<sup>5 6 7</sup>

' All the Nethinim and the children of their camels four hundred and thirty-

Solomon's servants were three hundred five, and their donkeys six thousand

and ninety-two. seven hundred and twenty.

5 6 8 these were the ones who came ' And Some of the heads of the fathers' up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub, houses, when they came to the house of

Addan, and Immer; but they could not the LORD which is in Jerusalem, offered

identify their father's house or their freely for the house of God, to erect it in

genealogy, whether they were of Israel: its place:

6 6 0 he sons of Delaiah, the sons of

' According to their ability, they gave to

Tobiah, and the sons of Nekoda, six the treasury for the work sixty-one

hundred and fifty-two; thousand gold drachmas, five thousand

minas of silver, and one hundred priestly

61 garments.

and of the sons of the priests: the sons

of Habaiah, the sons of Koz, and the

sons of Barzillai, who took a wife of the 70 So the priests and the Levites, some daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and of the people, the singers, the

was called by their name. gatekeepers, and the Nethinim, dwelt in

their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

These sought their listing among those  
who were registered by genealogy, but  
they were not found; therefore they were 3And when the seventh  
month had excluded from the priesthood as defiled.

come, and the children of Israel were in

6 the cities, the people gathered together 3And the governor said to  
them that

as one man to Jerusalem.

they should not eat of the most holy

things till a priest could consult with the 2 Then Jeshua the son of  
Jozadak and Urim and Thummim. his brethren the priests, and  
Zerubbabel

6 the son of Shealtiel and his brethren, 4 The whole assembly together  
was arose and built the altar of the God of

forty-two thousand three hundred and Israel, to offer burnt offerings  
on it, as it

sixty, is written in the Law of Moses the man

of God.

65besides their male and female

servants, of whom there were seven 3Though fear had come upon  
them

thousand three hundred and thirty- because of the people of those

seven; and they had two hundred men countries, they set the altar on  
its bases;

and women singers. and they offered burnt offerings on it to

the LORD, both the morning and sons of Henadad with their sons and evening burnt offerings. their brethren the Levites.

41 They also kept the Feast of 0When the builders laid the foundation  
Tabernacles, as it is written, and offered of the temple of the LORD,  
the priests

the daily burnt offerings in the number stood in their apparel with  
trumpets, and

required by ordinance for each day. the Levites, the sons of Asaph,  
with

cymbals, to praise the LORD, according

5 to the ordinance of David king of Israel. Afterwards they offered the  
regular

burnt offering, and those for New Moons 1And they sang responsively,  
praising

and for all the appointed feasts of the 1 LORD that were consecrated,  
and those and giving thanks to the LORD: "For He

of everyone who willingly offered a is good, For His mercy endures  
forever

freewill offering to the LORD. toward Israel." Then all the people

shouted with a great shout, when they

6 praised the LORD, because the From the first day of the seventh  
month

they began to offer burnt offerings to the foundation of the house of  
the LORD

LORD, although the foundation of the was laid. temple of the LORD  
had not been laid.

1 2But many of the priests and Levites

7 and heads of the fathers' houses, old They also gave money to the masons

and the carpenters, and food, drink, and men who had seen the first temple, wept

oil to the people of Sidon and Tyre to with a loud voice when the foundation of

bring cedar logs from Lebanon to the this temple was laid before their eyes.

sea, to Joppa, according to the Yet many shouted aloud for joy, permission which they had from Cyrus

king of Persia. <sup>1</sup> 3

so that the people could not discern

the noise of the shout of joy from the

8Now in the second month of the second noise of the weeping of the people, for

year of their coming to the house of God the people shouted with a loud shout,

at Jerusalem, Zerubbabel the son of and the sound was heard afar off. Shealtiel, Jeshua the son of Jozadak,

and the rest of their brethren the priests

and the Levites, and all those who had 4Now when the adversaries of Judah

come out of the captivity to Jerusalem,

and Benjamin heard that the

began work and appointed the Levites

descendants of the captivity were

from twenty years old and above to

building the temple of the LORD God of



oversee the work of the house of the

Israel,

LORD.

<sup>2</sup> they came to Zerubbabel and the

'Then Jeshua with his sons and heads of the fathers' houses, and said to brothers, Kadmiel with his sons, and the

them, "Let us build with you, for we seek

sons of Judah, arose as one to oversee

your God as you do; and we have

those working on the house of God: the sacrificed to Him since the days of Erech and Babylon and Shushan, the

Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who Dehavites, the Elamites, brought us here."

<sup>10</sup>

and the rest of the nations whom the

3

But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the great and noble Osnapper took captive

rest of the heads of the fathers' houses and settled in the cities of Samaria and

of Israel said to them, "You may do the remainder beyond the River -- and so

nothing with us to build a house for our forth. God; but we alone will build to the

LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus the <sup>1</sup> 1(This is a copy of the letter that they king of Persia has commanded us." sent him) To King Artaxerxes from your

servants, the men of the region beyond

4Then the people of the land tried to the River, and so forth:  
discourage the people of Judah. They

troubled them in building, <sup>1</sup> 2

Let it be known to the king that the

Jews who came up from you have come

sand hired counselors against them to to us at Jerusalem, and are  
building the

frustrate their purpose all the days of rebellious and evil city, and are  
finishing

Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign its walls and repairing the  
foundations.

of Darius king of Persia.

<sup>13</sup>Let it now be known to the king that, if

<sup>6</sup>In the reign of Ahasuerus, in the this city is built and the walls  
completed,

beginning of his reign, they wrote an they will not pay tax, tribute, or  
custom,

accusation against the inhabitants of and the king's treasury will be  
Judah and Jerusalem. diminished.

<sup>7</sup> <sup>1</sup> In the days of Artaxerxes also, Bishlam, <sup>4</sup>Now because we receive  
support from Mithredath, Tabel, and the rest of their the palace, it was  
not proper for us to

companions wrote to Artaxerxes king of see the king's dishonor;  
therefore we

Persia; and the letter was written in have sent and informed the king,  
Aramaic script, and translated into the

Aramaic language. <sup>1</sup> <sup>5</sup>that search may be made in the book

of the records of your fathers. And you

8Rehum the commander and Shimshai will find in the book of the records and

the scribe wrote a letter against know that this city is a rebellious city,

Jerusalem to King Artaxerxes in this harmful to kings and provinces, and that

fashion: they have incited sedition within the city

in former times, for which cause this city

'From was destroyed. Rehum the commander,

Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their 6We inform the king that if this city is

companions--representatives <sup>1</sup> of the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the rebuilt and its walls are completed, the

Tarpelites, the people of Persia and

result will be that you will have no

dominion beyond the River. 5Then the prophet Haggai and

<sup>1</sup> Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophets, 7 The king sent an answer: To Rehum prophesied to the Jews who were in

the commander, to Shimshai the scribe, Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of

to the rest of their companions who the God of Israel, who was over them.

dwell in Samaria, and to the remainder

beyond the River: Peace, and so forth. <sup>2</sup>

So Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel and

1 Jeshua the son of Jozadak rose up and 8The letter which you sent to us has

began to build the house of God which  
been clearly read before me. is in Jerusalem; and the prophets of  
God were with them, helping them.

1 ' And I gave the command, and a search has been made, and it was  
SAI the same time Tattenai the governor

found that this city in former times has of the region beyond the River  
and

revolted against kings, and rebellion and Shethar-Boznai and their  
companions

sedition have been fostered in it. came to them and spoke thus to  
them:

2 temple and finish this wall?" 0There have also been mighty kings  
"Who has commanded you to build this

over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all

the region beyond the River; and tax, 4 Then, accordingly, we told  
them the tribute, and custom were paid to them. names of the men  
who were

constructing this building.

21

Now give the command to make these

men cease, that this city may not be 5 But the eye of their God was  
upon the built until the command is given by me. elders of the Jews,  
so that they could

not make them cease till a report could

22

Take heed now that you do not fail to go to Darius. Then a written

answer was

do this. Why should damage increase to returned concerning this matter. the hurt of the kings?

6 This is a copy of the letter that Tattenai

23 Now when the copy of King sent: The governor of the region beyond Artaxerxes' letter was read before the River, and Shethar-Boznai, and his

Rehum, Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, the Persians who were in

companions, they went up in haste to the region beyond the River, to Darius

Jerusalem against the Jews, and by the king. force of arms made them cease.

7 (They sent a letter to him, in which was

24 Thus the work of the house of God written thus) To Darius the king: All

which is at Jerusalem ceased, and it peace. was discontinued until the second year

of the reign of Darius king of Persia. 8 Let it be known to the king that we went

into the province of Judea, to the temple of the great God, which is being built 15 And he said to him, "Take these with heavy stones, and timber is being articles; go, carry them to the temple

laid in the walls; and this work goes on site that is in Jerusalem, and let the

diligently and prospers in their hands. house of God be rebuilt on its former

site.'

"Then we asked those elders, and

spoke thus to them: "Who commanded Then the same Sheshbazzar came

you to build this temple and to finish and laid the foundation of the house of

these walls?" God which is in Jerusalem; but from that

time even until now it has been under

10We also asked them their names to construction, and it is not finished."

inform you, that we might write the

1 7

names of the men who were chief Now therefore, if it seems good to the

among them. king, let a search be made in the king's

treasure house, which is there in

11 Babylon, whether it is so that a decree

And thus they returned us an answer,

saying: "We are the servants of the God was issued by King Cyrus to build this

of heaven and earth, and we are house of God at Jerusalem, and let the

rebuilding the temple that was built king send us his pleasure concerning

many years ago, which a great king of this matter. Israel built and completed.

12But because our fathers provoked the 6Then King Darius issued a decree,

God of heaven to wrath, He gave them and a search was made in the archives,

into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of where the treasures were stored in

Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed Babylon. this temple and carried the people away

to Babylon. <sup>2</sup> And at Achmetha, in the palace that is

<sup>1</sup> in the province of Media, a scroll was <sup>3</sup>However, in the first year of Cyrus king

found, and in it a record was written

of Babylon, King Cyrus issued a decree thus: to build this house of God.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup>In the first year of King Cyrus, King <sup>4</sup> Also, the gold and silver articles of the Cyrus issued a decree concerning the

house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar house of God at Jerusalem: "Let the

had taken from the temple that was in house be rebuilt, the place where they

Jerusalem and carried into the temple of offered sacrifices; and let the Babylon--those King Cyrus took from foundations of it be firmly laid, its height

the temple of Babylon, and they were sixty cubits and its width sixty cubits,

given to one named Sheshbazzar,

whom he had made governor. <sup>4</sup> with three rows of heavy stones and

one row of new timber. Let the

expenses be paid from the king's Also I issue a decree that whoever  
treasury. alters this edict, let a timber be pulled

from his house and erected, and let him

5 be hanged on it; and let his house be Also let the gold and silver  
articles of

the made a refuse heap because of this. house of God, which

Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple

## 1 2

which is in Jerusalem and brought to And may the God who causes  
His

Babylon, be restored and taken back to name to dwell there destroy  
any king or

the temple which is in Jerusalem, each people who put their hand to  
alter it, or

to its place; and deposit them in the to destroy this house of God  
which is in

house of God"-- Jerusalem. I Darius issue a decree; let it

be done diligently.

6Now therefore, Tattenai, governor of the region beyond the River,  
and 1 3Then Tattenai, governor of the region Shethar-Boznai, and your  
companions beyond the River, Shethar-Boznai, and

the Persians who are beyond the River, their companions diligently  
did keep yourselves far from there. according to what King Darius had  
sent.

7 14 Let the work of this house of God So the elders of the Jews built,  
and alone; let the governor of the Jews and they prospered through



the prophesying

the elders of the Jews build this house of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the

of God on its site. son of Iddo. And they built and finished

it, according to the commandment of the

8 God of Israel, and according to the Moreover I issue a decree as to what

you shall do for the elders of these Jews, command of Cyrus, Darius, and

for the building of this house of God: Let Artaxerxes king of Persia. the cost be paid at the king's expense

from taxes on the region beyond the 15Now the temple was finished on the River; this is to be given immediately to third day of the month of Adar, which

these men, so that they are not hindered. was in the sixth year of the reign of King

Darius.

'And whatever they need--young bulls,

rams, and lambs for the burnt offerings 1 6

Then the children of Israel, the priests

of the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and the Levites and the rest of the

and oil, according to the request of the descendants of the captivity, celebrated

priests who are in Jerusalem--let it be the dedication of this house of God with

given them day by day without fail, joy.

11 0 hat they may offer sacrifices of sweet 7And they offered sacrifices

at the aroma to the God of heaven, and pray dedication of this house of God, one

for the life of the king and his sons. hundred bulls, two hundred rams, four

hundred lambs, and as a sin offering for

all Israel twelve male goats, according

to the number of the tribes of Israel.

14 ' They assigned the priests to their the son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, divisions and the Levites to their the son of Bukki, divisions, over the service of God in

Jerusalem, as it is written in the Book of s the son of Abishua, the son of Moses. Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of

Aaron the chief priest--

1 ' And the descendants of the captivity

kept the Passover on the fourteenth day 6 this Ezra came up from Babylon; and of the first month. he was a skilled scribe in the Law of

2 had given. The king granted him all his

0For the priests and the Levites had Moses, which the LORD God of Israel

purified themselves; all of them were request, according to the hand of the

ritually clean. And they slaughtered the LORD his God upon him. Passover lambs for all the descendants

of the captivity, for their brethren the 7Some of the children of Israel, the priests, and for themselves. priests, the Levites, the singers, the

gatekeepers, and the Nethinim came up

21

Then the children of Israel who had to Jerusalem in the seventh

year of King

returned from the captivity ate together Artaxerxes. with all who had separated themselves

from the filth of the nations of the land in 8And Ezra came to Jerusalem in the fifth order to seek the LORD God of Israel. month, which was in the seventh year of

the king.

22And they kept the Feast of Unleavened Bread seven days with joy; 'On the first day of the first month he for the LORD made them joyful, and began his journey from Babylon, and on

turned the heart of the king of Assyria the first day of the fifth month he came

toward them, to strengthen their hands to Jerusalem, according to the good

in the work of the house of God, the hand of his God upon him. God of Israel.

1 0For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the LORD, and to do it,

7Now after these things, in the reign of and to teach statutes and ordinances in

Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son Israel. of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son

of Hilkiah, 1 This is a copy of the letter that King

Artaxerxes gave Ezra the priest, the

2 scribe, expert in the words of the the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok,

the son of Ahitub, commandments of the LORD, and of

His statutes to Israel:

b

the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah,

the son of Meraioth, <sup>1 2 2</sup> 0 And whatever more may be needed  
Artaxerxes, king of kings, To Ezra the

priest, a scribe of the Law of the God of for the house of your God,  
which you

heaven: Perfect peace, and so forth. may have occasion to provide,  
pay for it

from the king's treasury.

<sup>1 3</sup> issue a decree that all those of the people of Israel and the priests  
and <sup>2 1</sup>

And I, even I, Artaxerxes the king,

Levites in my realm, who volunteer to go issue a decree to all the  
treasurers who

up to Jerusalem, may go with you. are in the region beyond the River,  
that

whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of

<sup>14</sup> And whereas you are being sent by the Law of the God of heaven,  
may

the king and his seven counselors to require of you, let it be done  
diligently,

inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, with regard to the Law of <sup>2</sup>  
up to one hundred talents of silver, your God which is in your hand;  
one hundred kors of wheat, one

hundred baths of wine, one hundred

<sup>15</sup> baths of oil, and salt without prescribed

and whereas you are to carry the silver

and gold which the king and his limit. counselors have freely offered  
to the

God of Israel, whose dwelling is in <sup>2 3</sup> Whatever is commanded by the  
God Jerusalem; of heaven, let it diligently be done for the

house of the God of heaven. For why

16 should there be wrath against the realm

and whereas all the silver and gold

that you may find in all the province of of the king and his sons?  
Babylon, along with the freewill offering

of the people and the priests, are to be Also we inform you that it shall  
not be <sup>24</sup>

freely offered for the house of their God lawful to impose tax, tribute,  
or custom

in Jerusalem-- on any of the priests, Levites, singers,

gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of

17now therefore, be careful to buy with this house of God.

this money bulls, rams, and lambs, with <sup>5</sup>And you, Ezra, according to  
your God-

their grain offerings and their drink <sup>2</sup>offerings, and offer them on the  
altar of given wisdom, set magistrates and

the house of your God in Jerusalem. judges who may judge all the  
people

who are in the region beyond the River,

<sup>1</sup> all such as know the laws of your God; ' And whatever seems good to  
you and

your brethren to do with the rest of the and teach those who do not  
know them.

silver and the gold, do it according to the <sup>6</sup>Whoever will not observe  
the law of

will of your God. <sup>2</sup>

your God and the law of the king, let

<sup>1</sup> judgment be executed speedily on him, ' Also the articles that are given to you

for the service of the house of your God, whether it be death, or banishment, or

deliver in full before the God of confiscation of goods, or imprisonment.

Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> <sup>9</sup> Blessed be the LORD God of our of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of

fathers, who has put such a thing as this Jehiel, and with him two hundred and

in the king's heart, to beautify the house eighteen males; of the LORD which is in Jerusalem,

<sup>1</sup> <sup>0</sup> the sons of Shelomith, Ben-

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup> and has extended mercy to me before Josiphiah, and with him one hundred

the king and his counselors, and before and sixty males; all the king's mighty princes. So I was

encouraged, as the hand of the LORD <sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the my God was upon me; and I gathered son of Bebai, and with him twenty-eight

leading men of Israel to go up with me. males;

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son

<sup>8</sup> These are the heads of their fathers' of Hakkatan, and with him one hundred

houses, and this is the genealogy of and ten males; those who went up with me from

Babylon, in the reign of King Artaxerxes: <sup>1</sup> <sup>3</sup> f the last sons of Adonikam, whose

names are these--Eliphelet, Jeiel, and

<sup>2</sup> Shemaiah--and with them sixty males; of the sons of Phinehas,  
Gershom; of

the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons

of David, Hattush; <sup>14</sup>

also of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and

Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

S

of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of

Parosh, Zechariah; and registered with <sup>1</sup> 5Now I gathered them by the  
river that him were one hundred and fifty males; flows to Ahava, and  
we camped there

three days. And I looked among the

<sup>4</sup> people and the priests, and found none of the sons of Pahath-Moab,  
Eliehoenai

the son of Zerahiah, and with him two of the sons of Levi there.  
hundred males;

<sup>16</sup>Then I sent for Eliezer, Ariel,

<sup>s</sup> Shemaiah, Elnathan, Jarib, Elnathan, of the sons of Shechaniah, Ben-  
Jahaziel, and with him three hundred Nathan, Zechariah, and  
Meshullam,

males; leaders; also for Joiarib and Elnathan,

men of understanding.

<sup>6</sup>of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of <sup>7</sup>And I gave them a command for  
Iddo

Jonathan, and with him fifty males; <sup>1</sup>

the chief man at the place Casiphia, and

7 I told them what they should say to Iddo of the sons of Elam,  
Jeshaiah the son

of Athaliah, and with him seventy males; and his brethren the  
Nethinim at the

place Casiphia--that they should bring

us servants for the house of our God.

'of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah

the son of Michael, and with him eighty

males;

1' Then, by the good hand of our God counselors and his princes, and  
all

upon us, they brought us a man of Israel who were present, had  
offered.

understanding, of the sons of Mahli the

son of Levi, the son of Israel, namely 2 6 weighed into their hand six  
hundred Sherebiah, with his sons and brothers, and fifty talents of  
silver, silver articles

eighteen men; weighing one hundred talents, one

hundred talents of gold,

1 ' and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his  
brothers and 2 7

twenty gold basins worth a thousand

their sons, twenty men; drachmas, and two vessels of fine

polished bronze, precious as gold.

20

also of the Nethinim, whom David and

the leaders had appointed for the 2 ' And I said to them, "You are holy  
to service of the Levites, two hundred and the LORD; the articles are



holy also;

twenty Nethinim. All of them were and the silver and the gold are a freewill

designated by name. offering to the LORD God of your  
fathers.

21

Then I proclaimed a fast there at the  
river of Ahava, that we might humble <sup>2</sup> ' Watch and keep them until  
you weigh ourselves before our God, to seek from them before the  
leaders of the priests  
Him the right way for us and our little and the Levites and heads of  
the  
ones and all our possessions. fathers' houses of Israel in Jerusalem, in

<sup>2</sup> LORD."

<sup>2</sup>For I was ashamed to request of the the chambers of the house of the  
king an escort of soldiers and horsemen  
to help us against the enemy on the <sup>30</sup> So the priests and the Levites  
received road, because we had spoken to the the silver and the gold  
and the articles

king, saying, "The hand of our God is by weight, to bring them to  
Jerusalem to  
upon all those for good who seek Him, the house of our God. but His  
power and His wrath are against  
all those who forsake Him." <sup>3</sup> <sup>1</sup>Then we departed from the river of

<sup>2</sup> Ahava on the twelfth day of the first <sup>3</sup> So we fasted and entreated  
our God month, to go to Jerusalem. And the

for this, and He answered our prayer. hand of our God was upon us,  
and He

delivered us from the hand of the enemy

24

And I separated twelve of the leaders and from ambush along the  
road.

of the priests--Sherebiah, Hashabiah,

and ten of their brethren with them-- 32 So we came to Jerusalem, and  
stayed

there three days.

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and weighed out to them the silver, the

gold, and the articles, the offering for the 33 Now on the fourth day  
the silver and

house of our God which the king and his the gold and the articles  
were weighed

in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the  
priest, rulers has been foremost in this

and with him was Eleazar the son of trespass." Phinehas; with them  
were the Levites,

Jozabad the son of Jeshua and Noadiah 3 So when I heard this thing, I  
tore my the son of Binnui, garment and my robe, and plucked out

some of the hair of my head and beard,

34 with the number and weight of and sat down astonished.  
everything. All the weight was written

down at that time. 4 Then everyone who trembled at the

3 me, because of the transgression of

5The children of those who had been words of the God of Israel  
assembled to

carried away captive, who had come those who had been carried  
away

from the captivity, offered burnt offerings captive, and I sat astonished  
until the

to the God of Israel: twelve bulls for all evening sacrifice. Israel,  
ninety-six rams, seventy-seven

lambs, and twelve male goats as a sin 5At the evening sacrifice I arose  
from my offering. All this was a burnt offering to fasting; and having  
torn my garment and

the LORD. my robe, I fell on my knees and spread

out my hands to the LORD my God.

36And they delivered the king's orders to the king's satraps and the  
governors in 6And I said: "O my God, I am too

the region beyond the River. So they ashamed and humiliated to lift  
up my

gave support to the people and the face to You, my God; for our  
iniquities

house of God. have risen higher than our heads, and

our guilt has grown up to the heavens.

97 When these things were done, theSince the days of our fathers to  
this day

leaders came to me, saying, "The we have been very guilty, and for  
our

people of Israel and the priests and the iniquities we, our kings, and  
our priests

Levites have not separated themselves have been delivered into the  
hand of the

from the peoples of the lands, with kings of the lands, to the sword, to respect to the abominations of the captivity, to plunder, and to humiliation,

Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, as it is this day. the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the

Moabites, the Egyptians, and the 8And now for a little while grace has Amorites. been shown from the LORD our God, to

leave us a remnant to escape, and to

2 give us a peg in His holy place, that our For they have taken some of their

daughters as wives for themselves and God may enlighten our eyes and give us

their sons, so that the holy seed is a measure of revival in our bondage.

mixed with the peoples of those lands.

Indeed, the hand of the leaders and 'For we were slaves. Yet our God did

not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the in our guilt, though no one can stand

kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair before You because of this!" the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins,

and to give us a wall in Judah and

Jerusalem. 1 ONow while Ezra was praying, and

1 while he was confessing, weeping, and 0

And now, O our God, what shall we

bowing down before the house of God,

say after this? For we have forsaken

a very large assembly of men, women,

Your commandments,

and children gathered to him from Israel;

1 for the people wept very bitterly. 1 which You commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, "The land 2

And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, one

which you are entering to possess is an of the sons of Elam, spoke up and said

unclean land, with the uncleanness of to Ezra, "We have trespassed against

the peoples of the lands, with their

our God, and have taken pagan wives

abominations which have filled it from from the peoples of the land; yet now

one end to another with their impurity.

there is hope in Israel in spite of this.

12 3Now therefore, let us make a covenant

Now therefore, do not give your

daughters as wives for their sons, nor with our God to put away all these wives

take their daughters to your sons; and and those who have been born to them,

never seek their peace or prosperity,

according to the advice of my master

that you may be strong and eat the good and of those who tremble at the

of the land, and leave it as an commandment of our God; and let it be

inheritance to your children forever.' done according to the law.

<sup>13</sup>And after all that has come upon us for

<sup>4</sup>Arise, for this matter is your

our evil deeds and for our great guilt,

responsibility. We also are with you. Be

since You our God have punished us of good courage, and do it." less  
than our iniquities deserve, and

have given us such deliverance as this, <sup>5</sup>Then Ezra arose, and made the  
leaders <sup>1</sup> of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel <sup>4</sup>

should we again break Your swear an oath that they would do  
commandments, and join in marriage according to this word. So they  
swore

with the people committing these an oath. abominations? Would You  
not be angry

with us until You had consumed us, so <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra rose up from  
before the

that there would be no remnant or

house of God, and went into the

survivor?

chamber of Jehohanan the son of

<sup>1</sup> Eliashib; and when he came there, he <sup>5</sup> O LORD God of Israel, You  
are ate no bread and drank no water, for he righteous, for we are left  
as a remnant, mourned because of the guilt of those as it is this day.  
Here we are before You, from the captivity.

7 <sup>1</sup> And they issued a proclamation <sup>4</sup>Please, let the leaders of our entire throughout Judah and Jerusalem to all assembly stand; and let all those in our

the descendants of the captivity, that cities who have taken pagan wives

they must gather at Jerusalem, come at appointed times, together with  
the elders and judges of their cities, until

<sup>8</sup> the fierce wrath of our God is turned and that whoever would not come

within three days, according to the away from us in this matter." instructions of the leaders and elders, all

<sup>1</sup> 5

his property would be confiscated, and Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and

he himself would be separated from the Jahaziah the son of Tikvah opposed this,

assembly of those from the captivity. and Meshullam and Shabbethai the

Levite gave them support.

'So all the men of Judah and Benjamin <sup>6</sup>Then the descendants of the captivity

gathered at Jerusalem within three days. <sup>1</sup> It was the ninth month, on the twentieth did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain

of the month; and all the people sat in heads of the fathers' households, were

the open square of the house of God, set apart by the fathers' households,

trembling because of this matter and each of them by name; and they sat

because of heavy rain. down on the first day of the tenth month

to examine the matter.

10Then Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, "You have transgressed and 1 7By the first day of the first month they have taken pagan wives, adding to the finished questioning all the men who guilt of Israel. had taken pagan wives.

11 1 ' And among the sons of the priests Now therefore, make confession to the LORD God of your fathers, and do His who had taken pagan wives the

will; separate yourselves from the following were found of the sons of peoples of the land, and from the pagan Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his

wives." brothers: Maaseiah, Eliezer, Jarib, and

Gedaliah.

12

Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, "Yes! As you 1' And they gave their promise that they have said, so we must do. would put away their wives; and being

guilty, they presented a ram of the flock

13 as their trespass offering.

But there are many people; it is the

season for heavy rain, and we are not 0Also of the sons of Immer: Hanani and

able to stand outside. Nor is this the 2 work of one or two days, for there are Zebadiah; many of us who have transgressed in



this matter. 2 1 f the sons of Harim: Maaseiah, Elijah,

Shemaiah, Jehiel, and Uziah;

22 of the sons of Pashhur: Elioenai, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemariah;

Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad,

and Elasah. 33 the sons of Hashum: Mattenai,

Mattattah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai,

23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, Shimei, Manasseh, and Shimei; Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethahiah,

Judah, and Eliezer. 34 the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram,

Uel,

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Also of the singers: Eliashib; and of 35 Benaiah, Bedeiah, Cheluh, the gatekeepers: Shallum, Telem, and Uri.

36 Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib,

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And others of Israel: of the sons of

Parosh: Ramiah, Jeziah, Malchiah, 37 Mattaniah, Mattenai, Jaasai, Mijamin, Eleazar, Malchijah, and

Benaiah; 38 Bani, Binnui, Shimei,

26 the sons of Elam: Mattaniah, 9 Shelemiah, Nathan, Adaiah, 3 Zechariah, Jehiel, Abdi, Jeremoth, and

Elijah; 40 Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai,

2 7 f the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Eliashib, 1Azarel, Shelemiah,  
Shemariah, 4

Mattaniah, Jeremoth, Zabad, and Aziza;

42Shallum, Amariah, and Joseph;

2' of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan,

Hananiah, Zabbai, and Athlai; 4 3 the sons of Nebo: Jeiel, Mattithiah,

2 Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, Joel, and 9of the sons of Bani: Meshullam,

Benaiah.

Malluch, Adaiah, Jashub, Sheaf, and

Ramoth; 4 4All these had taken pagan wives, and

3 some of them had wives by whom they 0 the sons of Pahath-Moab:  
Adna,

had children.

Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah,

Bezalel, Binnui, and Manasseh;

31 f the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Ishijah,

Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimeon,

# Story of Nehemiah

7We have acted very corruptly against You, and have not kept the  
1 commandments, the statutes, nor the The words of Nehemiah the  
son of

ordinances which You commanded Your  
Hachaliah. It came to pass in the month servant Moses. of Chislev, in  
the twentieth year, as I

was in Shushan the citadel, 8 Remembe r, I pray, the word that You 2  
commanded Your servant Moses,

that Hanani one of my brethren came saying, "If you are unfaithful, I  
will

with men from Judah; and I asked them

scatter you among the nations;  
concerning the Jews who had escaped,

who had survived the captivity, and 9 concerning Jerusalem. but if you  
return to Me, and keep My

commandments and do them, though

3And they said to me, "The survivors some of you were cast out to the

farthest part of the heavens, yet I will  
who are left from the captivity in the gather them from there, and

bring them

province are there in great distress and to the place which I have chosen as a

reproach. The wall of Jerusalem is also dwelling for My name.' broken down, and its gates are burned

with fire." <sup>1</sup> 0 Now these are Your servants and Your <sup>4</sup> people, whom You have redeemed by

So it was, when I heard these words, Your great power, and by Your strong

that I sat down and wept, and mourned hand. for many days; I was fasting and praying

before the God of heaven. <sup>11</sup> 0 Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be <sup>5</sup> attentive to the prayer of Your servant,

And I said: "I pray, LORD God of and to the prayer of Your servants who

heaven, O great and awesome God, desire to fear Your name; and let Your

You who keep Your covenant and servant prosper this day, I pray, and

mercy with those who love You and grant him mercy in the sight of this

observe Your commandments, man." For I was the king's cupbearer.

<sup>6</sup> please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the

<sup>2</sup> And it came to pass in the month of

prayer of Your servant which I pray

before You now, day and night, for the Nisan, in the twentieth year of

King

children of Israel Your servants, and Artaxerxes, when wine was before him,

confess the sins of the children of Israel that I took the wine and gave it to the

which we have sinned against You. Both king. Now I had never been sad in his

my father's house and I have sinned. presence before.

29 Therefore the king said to me, "Why is Then I went to the governors in the your face sad, since you are not sick? region beyond the River, and gave them

This is nothing but sorrow of heart." So I the king's letters. Now the king had sent became dreadfully afraid, captains of the army and horsemen with

me.

h

and said to the king, "May the king live

10

forever! Why should my face not be sad, When Sanballat the Horonite and

when the city, the place of my fathers' Tobiah the Ammonite official heard of it,

tombs, lies waste, and its gates are they were deeply disturbed that a man

burned with fire?" had come to seek the well-being of the

children of Israel.

4Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of 1 So I came to Jerusalem and was there heaven. three days.

And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, then I arose in the night, I and a few

king, and if your servant has found favor in the eyes of the king, I told no one what my God

in your sight, I ask that you send me to go and put in my heart to do at Jerusalem;

Judah, to the city of my fathers' tombs, nor was there any animal with me,

that I may rebuild it." except the one on which I rode.

61 Then the king said to me (the queen and I went out by night through the city also sitting beside him), "How long will it take to the Serpent Well and the

your journey be? And when will you return, and viewed the walls of

Jerusalem?" So it pleased the king to send me to Jerusalem which were broken down and

me; and I set him a time. its gates which were burned with fire.

71 Furthermore I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given to me and to the King's Pool, but there was no

me for the governors of the region room for the animal under me to pass.

beyond the River, that they must permit

me to pass through till I come to Judah, 15 So I went up in the night by the valley,

and viewed the wall; then I turned back

and sent a letter to Asaph the keeper of the pool and entered by the Valley

Gate, and so

king's forest, that he must give me returned. timber to make beams for the gates of

the citadel which pertains to the temple, <sup>16</sup>And the officials did not know where I for the city wall, and for the house that I had gone or what I had done; I had not

will occupy." And the king granted them yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles,

to me according to the good hand of my the officials, or the others who did the

God upon me. work.

<sup>14</sup> 7

Then I said to them, "You see the And next to them Meremoth the son of

distress that we are in, how Jerusalem Urijah, the son of Koz, made repairs.

lies waste, and its gates are burned with Next to them Meshullam the son of

fire. Come and let us build the wall of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel,

Jerusalem, that we may no longer be a made repairs. Next to them Zadok the

reproach." son of Baana made repairs.

<sup>15</sup> 8And I told them of the hand of my God Next to them the Tekoites made

which had been good upon me, and repairs; but their nobles did not put their

also of the king's words that he had shoulders to the work of their Lord. spoken to me. So they said, "Let us rise

up and build." Then they set their hands 6 Moreover Jehoiada the son of Paseah to this good work. and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah

repaired the Old Gate; they laid its

1 ' But when Sanballat the Horonite, beams and hung its doors, with its bolts

Tobiah the Ammonite official, and and bars. Geshem the Arab heard of it, they

laughed at us and despised us, and said, 7 And next to them Melatiah the "What is this thing that you are doing? Gibeonite, Jadon the Meronothite, the

Will you rebel against the king?" men of Gibeon and Mizpah, repaired the

residence of the governor of the region

20

So I answered them, and said to them, beyond the River.

"The God of heaven Himself will prosper

us; therefore we His servants will arise 8 Next to him Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, and build, but you have no heritage or one of the goldsmiths, made repairs.

right or memorial in Jerusalem." Also next to him Hananiah, one of the

perfumers, made repairs; and they

fortified Jerusalem as far as the Broad

3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up Wall.

with his brethren the priests and built the 9 And next to them Rephaiah the son of Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and hung its doors. They built as far as the Hur, leader of half the district of

Tower of the Hundred, and consecrated Jerusalem, made repairs. it, then as far as the Tower of Hananel.



Next to them Jedaiah the son of

2 Harumaph made repairs in front of his Next to Eliashib the men of Jericho built.

And next to them Zaccur the son of Imri house. And next to him Hattush the son

built. of Hashabniah made repairs.

3Also the sons of Hassenaah built the 1 1Malchijah the son of Harim and Fish Gate; they laid its beams and hung Hashub the son of Pahath-Moab

its doors with its bolts and bars. repaired another section, as well as the

Tower of the Ovens.

1 1 2 And next to him was Shallum the son ' And next to him Ezer the son of of Hallohesh, leader of half the district of Jeshua, the leader of Mizpah, repaired

Jerusalem; he and his daughters made another section in front of the Ascent to

repairs. the Armory at the buttress.

1 2 3 0After him Baruch the son of Zabbai Hanun and the inhabitants of Zanoah repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, carefully repaired the other section, from

hung its doors with its bolts and bars, the buttress to the door of the house of

and repaired a thousand cubits of the Eliashib the high priest. wall as far as the Refuse Gate.

2 1After him Meremoth the son of Urijah,

14Malchijah the son of Rechab, leader of the son of Koz, repaired

another section,

the district of Beth Haccerem, repaired from the door of the house of Eliashib to

the Refuse Gate; he built it and hung its the end of the house of Eliashib. doors with its bolts and bars.

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And after him the priests, the men of

15Shallun the son of Col-Hozeh, leader the plain, made repairs.

of the district of Mizpah, repaired the

Fountain Gate; he built it, covered it, 2 3After him Benjamin and Hasshub hung its doors with its bolts and bars, made repairs opposite their house. After

and repaired the wall of the Pool of them Azariah the son of Maaseiah, the

Shelah by the King's Garden, as far as son of Ananiah, made repairs by his

the stairs that go down from the City of house. David.

2 4

1 After him Binnui the son of Henadad 6After him Nehemiah the son of Azbuk,

repaired another section, from the

leader of half the district of Beth Zur, house of Azariah to the buttress, even

made repairs as far as the place in front as far as the corner. of the tombs of David, to the man-made

pool, and as far as the House of the 2 5Palal the son of Uzai made repairs Mighty.

opposite the buttress, and on the tower

1 which projects from the king's upper 7 After him the Levites, under Rehum house that was by the court of the

the son of Bani, made repairs. Next to prison. After him Pedaiah the son of

him Hashabiah, leader of half the district Parosh made repairs. of Keilah, made repairs for his district.

2 6Moreover the Nethinim who dwelt in

18After him their brethren, under Bavai

Ophel made repairs as far as the place

the son of Henadad, leader of the other in front of the Water Gate toward the

half of the district of Keilah, made east, and on the projecting tower. repairs.

2 7After them the Tekoites repaired another section, next to the great projecting tower, and as far as the wall the heaps of rubbish--stones that are

of Ophel. burned?"

2' Beyond the Horse Gate the priests 3Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside

made repairs, each in front of his own house, and he said, "Whatever they build,

house. if even a fox goes up on it, he will break

down their stone wall."

2' After them Zadok the son of Immer made repairs in front of his own house. 4Hear, O our God, for we are despised; After him Shemaiah the son of turn their reproach on their own heads,

Shechaniah, the keeper of the East and give them as plunder to a land of

Gate, made repairs. captivity!

3 5 0 After him Hananiah the son of Do not cover their iniquity, and do not

Shelemiah, and Hanun, the sixth son of let their sin be blotted out from before

Zalaph, repaired another section. After You; for they have provoked You to

him Meshullam the son of Berechiah anger before the builders. made repairs in front of his dwelling.

3 After him Malchijah, one of the was joined together up to half its height,

1 6 So we built the wall, and the entire wall

goldsmiths, made repairs as far as the for the people had a mind to work. house of the Nethinim and of the

merchants, in front of the Miphkad Gate, 7 Now it happened, when Sanballat, and as far as the upper room at the Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and

corner. the Ashdodites heard that the walls of

32 And between the upper room at the Jerusalem were being restored and the

gaps were beginning to be closed, that

corner, as far as the Sheep Gate, the they became very angry, goldsmiths and the merchants made

repairs. 8 and all of them conspired together to

come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

4But it so happened, when Sanballat

heard that we were rebuilding the wall, Nevertheless we made our prayer to

that he was furious and very indignant, our God, and because of them we set a

and mocked the Jews. watch against them day and night.

21 0Then Judah said, "The strength of the

And he spoke before his brethren and

the army of Samaria, and said, "What laborers is failing, and there is so much

are these feeble Jews doing? Will they rubbish that we are not able to build the

fortify themselves? Will they offer wall." sacrifices? Will they complete it in a

day? Will they revive the stones from 11 18Every one of the builders had his And our adversaries said, "They will

neither know nor see anything, till we sword girded at his side as he built. And

come into their midst and kill them and the one who sounded the trumpet was

cause the work to cease." beside me.

11 2

so it was, when the Jews who dwelt ' Then I said to the nobles, the rulers,

near them came, that they told us ten and the rest of the people, "The work is

times, "From whatever place you turn, great and extensive, and we are

they will be upon us." separated far from one another on the

wall.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; <sup>20</sup>Wherever you hear the sound of the and I set the people according to their trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will families, with their swords, their spears, fight for us." and their bows.

<sup>21</sup>

So we labored in the work, and half of

<sup>14</sup>

And I looked, and arose and said to the men held the spears from daybreak

the nobles, to the leaders, and to the until the stars appeared. rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of

them. Remember the Lord, great and <sup>2</sup> At the same time I also said to the awesome, and fight for your brethren, people, "Let each man and his servant

your sons, your daughters, your wives, stay at night in Jerusalem, that they may

and your houses." be our guard by night and a working

party by day."

<sup>15</sup>And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>

So neither I, my brethren, my servants,

God had brought their plot to nothing, nor the men of the guard who followed

that all of us returned to the wall, me took off our clothes, except that everyone to his work. everyone took them off for washing.

So it was, from that time on, that half  
 of my servants worked at construction, 5And there was a great outcry  
 of the  
 while the other half held the spears, the  
 shields, the bows, and wore armor; and people and their wives against  
 their

Jewish brethren.

the leaders were behind all the house of

Judah. 2 For there were those who said, "We,

17Those who built on the wall, and those our sons, and our daughters  
 are many;

therefore let us get grain, that we may

who carried burdens, loaded themselves

eat and live."

so that with one hand they worked at

construction, and with the other held a 3There were also some who  
 said, "We

weapon.

have mortgaged our lands and vineyards and houses, that we might  
 11Restore now to them, even this day, buy grain because of the  
 famine." their lands, their vineyards, their olive

groves, and their houses, also a

4 hundredth of the money and the grain, There were also those who  
 said, "We

have borrowed money for the king's tax the new wine and the oil, that

you have

on our lands and vineyards. charged them."

51 2So they said, "We will restore it, and Yet now our flesh is as the  
flesh of our brethren, our children as their children; will require  
nothing from them; we will

and indeed we are forcing our sons and do as you say." Then I called  
the priests,

our daughters to be slaves, and some of and required an oath from  
them that

our daughters have been brought into they would do according to this  
promise.

slavery. It is not in our power to redeem 3Then I shook out the fold of  
my

them, for other men have our lands and 1 vineyards." garment and  
said, "So may God shake

out each man from his house, and from

6 his property, who does not perform this And I became very angry  
when I heard

their outcry and these words. promise. Even thus may he be shaken

out and emptied." And all the assembly

7 said, "Amen!" and praised the LORD.

After serious thought, I rebuked the

Then the people did according to this

nobles and rulers, and said to them,

promise.

"Each of you is exacting usury from his



brother." So I called a great assembly <sup>1</sup> 4Moreover, from the time that I was against them.

appointed to be their governor in the  
<sup>8</sup> land of Judah, from the twentieth year

And I said to them, "According to our

until the thirty-second year of King  
ability we have redeemed our Jewish

Artaxerxes, twelve years, neither I nor  
brethren who were sold to the nations. my brothers ate the governor's  
Now indeed, will you even sell your

provisions.  
brethren? Or should they be sold to us?"

Then they were silenced and found <sup>1</sup> 5But the former governors who were nothing to say.

before me laid burdens on the people,  
and took from them bread and wine,

"Then I said, "What you are doing is not

besides forty shekels of silver. Yes,  
good. Should you not walk in the fear of

even their servants bore rule over the  
our God because of the reproach of the

people, but I did not do so, because of  
nations, our enemies?

the fear of God.

10a also, with my brethren and my 6 ndeed, I also continued the work on

1

servants, am lending them money and

this wall, and we did not buy any land.

grain. Please, let us stop this usury!

All my servants were gathered there for

the work.

17 6In it was written: It is reported among

And at my table were one hundred and

fifty Jews and rulers, besides those who the nations, and Geshem says, that you

came to us from the nations around us. and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore,

according to these rumors, you are

1 rebuilding the wall, that you may be their ' Now that which was prepared daily

was one ox and six choice sheep. Also king. fowl were prepared for me, and once

every ten days an abundance of all 7And you have also appointed prophets kinds of wine. Yet in spite of this I did to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem,

not demand the governor's provisions, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now

because the bondage was heavy on this these matters will be reported to the

people. king. So come, therefore, and let us

consult together.

<sup>19</sup>Remember me, my God, for good, according to all that I have done for this <sup>8</sup> Then I sent to him, saying, "No such people. things as you say are being done, but

you invent them in your own heart."

<sup>6</sup>Now it happened when Sanballat, For they all were trying to make us

Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest afraid, saying, "Their hands will be

of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt weakened in the work, and it will not be

the wall, and that there were no breaks done." Now therefore, O God, left in it (though at that time I had not strengthen my hands.

hung the doors in the gates), <sup>0</sup>Afterward I came to the house of

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<sup>2</sup> Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me,

saying, "Come, let us meet together Mehetabel, who was a secret informer;

among the villages in the plain of Ono." and he said, "Let us meet together in the

But they thought to do me harm. house of God, within the temple, and let

us close the doors of the temple, for

<sup>3</sup> they are coming to kill you; indeed, at So I sent messengers to them, saying, night they will come to kill you." "I am doing a great work, so

that I

cannot come down. Why should the <sup>1</sup> work cease while I leave it and go down And I said, "Should such a man as I

to you?" flee? And who is there such as I who

would go into the temple to save his

<sup>4</sup> life? I will not go in!"

But they sent me this message four

times, and I answered them in the same <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>Then I perceived that God had not manner.

sent him at all, but that he pronounced

<sup>5</sup> this prophecy against me because

Then Sanballat sent his servant to me

Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

as before, the fifth time, with an open

letter in his hand.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup>For this reason he was hired, that I that I gave the charge of Jerusalem to

should be afraid and act that way and my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the

sin, so that they might have cause for an leader of the citadel, for he was a faithful

evil report, that they might reproach me. man and feared God more than many.

<sup>14</sup> <sup>3</sup>

My God, remember Tobiah and And I said to them, "Do not let the

Sanballat, according to these their gates of Jerusalem be opened until the

works, and the prophetess Noadiah and sun is hot; and while they stand guard,

the rest of the prophets who would have let them shut and bar the doors; and

made me afraid. appoint guards from among the

inhabitants of Jerusalem, one at his

15 watch station and another in front of his

So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. own house."

1 Now the city was large and spacious,

6 And it happened, when all our 4

enemies heard of it, and all the nations but the people in it were few, and the

around us saw these things, that they houses were not rebuilt. were very disheartened in their own

eyes; for they perceived that this work 5 Then my God put it into my heart to was done by our God. gather the nobles, the rulers, and the

people, that they might be registered by

17 Also in those days the nobles of Judah genealogy. And I found a register of the

sent many letters to Tobiah, and the genealogy of those who had come up in

letters of Tobiah came to them. the first return, and found written in it:

6 These are the people of the province

1' For many in Judah were pledged to him, because he was the son-in-law of who came back from the captivity, of

Shechaniah the son of Arah, and his those who had been carried away, son Jehohanan had married the whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of daughter of Meshullam the son of Babylon had carried away, and who Berechiah. returned to Jerusalem and Judah,

everyone to his city.

19 Also they reported his good deeds 7 before me, and reported my words to Those who came with Zerubbabel were

him. Tobiah sent letters to frighten me. Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah,

Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, and Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of

7Then it was, when the wall was built Israel: and I had hung the doors, when the

gatekeepers, the singers, and the 8the sons of Parosh, two thousand one Levites had been appointed, hundred and seventy-two;

'the sons of Shephatiah, three hundred 2 3the sons of Bezai, three hundred and and seventy-two; twenty-four;

1 2 0 he sons of Arah, six hundred and fifty- 4

the sons of Hariph, one hundred and two; twelve;

1 2 1 he sons of Pahath-Moab, of the sons 5the sons of Gibeon, ninety-five; of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight

hundred and eighteen; 2 6the men of Bethlehem and Netophah,

one hundred and eighty-eight;

12 he sons of Elam, one thousand two hundred and fifty-four; 2 7

the men of Anathoth, one hundred and

twenty-eight;

13 he sons of Zattu, eight hundred and

forty-five; 2 8the men of Beth Azmaveth, forty-two;

14 he sons of Zaccai, seven hundred and

2 ' the men of Kirjath Jearim, Chephirah,

sixty; and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty-

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5 he sons of Binnui, six hundred and three;

forty-eight; 30the men of Ramah and Geba, six

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6 he sons of Bebai, six hundred and hundred and twenty-one;

twenty-eight; 31 the men of Michmas, one hundred and

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7 he sons of Azgad, two thousand three twenty-two;

hundred and twenty-two; 32 the men of Bethel and Ai, one hundred

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8 he sons of Adonikam, six hundred and twenty-three;

and sixty-seven; ti the men of the other Nebo, fifty-two;

1' the sons of Bigvai, two thousand and 34the sons of the other Elam,

one

sixty-seven; thousand two hundred and fifty-four;

20 he sons of Adin, six hundred and fifty- 35

the sons of Harim, three hundred and

five; twenty;

21 he sons of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety- 36the sons of Jericho, three  
hundred and

eight; forty-five;

22 he sons of Hashum, three hundred 37the sons of Lod, Hadid, and  
Ono,

and twenty-eight; seven hundred and twenty-one; 3' the sons of  
Senaah, three thousand 50the sons of Reaiah, the sons of Rezin, nine  
hundred and thirty. the sons of Nekoda,

3 51 9The priests: the sons of Jedaiah, of the

the sons of Gazzam, the sons of Uzza,

house of Jeshua, nine hundred and the sons of Paseah, seventy-three;

52

4 the sons of Nephishesim, 0 he sons of Immer, one thousand and the  
sons of Besai, the sons of Meunim,

fifty-two;

53the sons of Bakbuk, the sons of

41 he sons of Pashhur, one thousand

Hakupha, the sons of Harhur,



two hundred and forty-seven;

54

4 the sons of Harsha, 2 he sons of Harim, one thousand and the sons of Bazlith, the sons of Mehida, seventeen.

55

the sons of Barkos, the sons of Sisera,

43

The Levites: the sons of Jeshua, of the sons of Tamah, Kadmiel, and of the sons of Hodevah, seventy-four. 56the sons of Neziah, and the sons of

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4The singers: the sons of Asaph, one Hatipha.

hundred and forty-eight. 57The sons of Solomon's servants: the

4 the sons of Perida, 5The gatekeepers: the sons of Shallum, sons of Sotai, the sons of Sophereth,

the sons of Ater, the sons of Talmon,

the sons of Akkub, the sons of Hatita, 58the sons of Jaala, the sons of Darkon, the sons of Shobai, one hundred and the sons of Giddel, thirty-eight.

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6The Nethinim: the sons of Ziha, the 5' the sons of Shephatiah, the sons of

Hattil, the sons of Pochereth of Zebaim,

sons of Hasupha, the sons of Tabbaoth, and the sons of Amon.

4 6 7 he sons of Keros, the sons of Sia, the OAIL the Nethinim, and the sons of sons of Padon, Solomon's servants, were three hundred

and ninety-two.

4' the sons of Lebana, the sons of

Hagaba, the sons of Salmai, 6 1And these were the ones who came

up from Tel Melah, Tel Harsha, Cherub,

49 he sons of Hanan, the sons of Giddel,

Addon, and Immer, but they could not

the sons of Gahar, identify their father's house nor their

lineage, whether they were of Israel:

6 7 2 he sons of Delaiah, the sons of 1

Some of the heads of the fathers'

Tobiah, the sons of Nekoda, six hundred houses gave to the treasury of the work

and forty-two; twenty thousand gold drachmas, and

two thousand two hundred silver minas.

63

and of the priests: the sons of Habaiah,

72

the sons of Koz, the sons of Barzillai, And that which the rest of the people

who took a wife of the daughters of gave was twenty thousand gold Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called by drachmas, two thousand silver minas,

their name. and sixty-seven priestly garments.

67 4These sought their listing among those 3

So the priests, the Levites, the

who were registered by genealogy, but it gatekeepers, the singers,  
some of the

was not found; therefore they were people, the Nethinim, and all  
Israel

excluded from the priesthood as defiled. dwelt in their cities. When  
the seventh

month came, the children of Israel were

65And the governor said to them that in their cities.

they should not eat of the most holy

things till a priest could consult with the

Urim and Thummim. 8Now all the people gathered together

6 as one man in the open square that was 6Altogether the whole  
assembly was

in front of the Water Gate; and they told

forty-two thousand three hundred and Ezra the scribe to bring the  
Book of the

sixty, Law of Moses, which the LORD had

commanded Israel.

67besides their male and female servants, of whom there were seven 2  
So Ezra the priest brought the Law thousand three hundred and thirty-  
before the assembly of men and women

seven; and they had two hundred and and all who could hear with  
forty-five men and women singers. understanding on the first day of  
the

8Their horses were seven hundred and seventh month.

thirty-six, their mules two hundred and 3Then he read from it in the open square

forty-five, that was in front of the Water Gate from

morning until midday, before the men

6' their camels four hundred and thirty- and women and those who could

five, and donkeys six thousand seven understand; and the ears of all the

hundred and twenty. people were attentive to the Book of the

Law.

70And some of the heads of the fathers' houses gave to the work. The governor 4So Ezra the scribe stood on a platform gave to the treasury one thousand gold of wood which they had made for the

drachmas, fifty basins, and five hundred purpose; and beside him, at his right

and thirty priestly garments. hand, stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah,

Urijah, Hilkeiah, and Maaseiah; and at his So the Levites quieted all the people,

left hand Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do

Hashum, Hashbadana, Zechariah, and not be grieved." Meshullam.

And all the people went their way to

5And Ezra opened the book in the sight eat and drink, to send portions and

of all the people, for he was standing rejoice greatly, because they above all the people; and when he understood the words that were

opened it, all the people stood up. declared to them.

6 1 And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great 3Now on the second day the heads of God. Then all the people answered, the fathers' houses of all the people,

"Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their with the priests and Levites, were

hands. And they bowed their heads and gathered to Ezra the scribe, in order to

worshiped the LORD with their faces to understand the words of the Law. the ground.

And they found written in the Law,

7Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, which the LORD had commanded by

Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Moses, that the children of Israel should

Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, dwell in booths during the feast of the Pellaiah, and the Levites, helped the seventh month, people to understand the Law; and the

people stood in their place. <sup>15</sup>and that they should announce and

proclaim in all their cities and in

'So they read distinctly from the book, in Jerusalem, saying, "Go out to the

the Law of God; and they gave the mountain, and bring olive branches,

sense, and helped them to understand branches of oil trees, myrtle branches,

the reading. palm branches, and branches of leafy

trees, to make booths, as it is written."

'And Nehemiah, who was the governor,

Ezra the priest and scribe, and the <sup>16</sup>Then the people went out and brought Levites who taught the people said to all them and made themselves booths,

the people, "This day is holy to the each one on the roof of his house, or in

LORD your God; do not mourn nor their courtyards or the courts of the

weep." For all the people wept, when house of God, and in the open square of

they heard the words of the Law. the Water Gate and in the open square

of the Gate of Ephraim.

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send <sup>17</sup>

So the whole assembly of those who

portions to those for whom nothing is had returned from the captivity

made

prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. booths and sat under the booths; for

Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD since the days of Joshua the son of Nun

is your strength." until that day the children of Israel had

not done so. And there was very great <sup>6</sup>You alone are the LORD; You have

gladness. made heaven, The heaven of heavens,

with all their host, The earth and

<sup>1</sup> everything on it, The seas and all that is ' Also day by day, from the first day until

the last day, he read from the Book of in them, And You preserve them all. The

the Law of God. And they kept the feast host of heaven worships You. seven days; and on the eighth day there

was a sacred assembly, according to <sup>7</sup> You are the LORD God, Who chose the prescribed manner. Abram, And brought him out of Ur of the

Chaldeans, And gave him the name

Abraham;

<sup>9</sup>Now on the twenty-fourth day of this

month the children of Israel were <sup>8</sup>You found his heart faithful before You,

assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, And made a covenant with him To give

and with dust on their heads. the land of the Canaanites, The Hittites,

the Amorites, The Perizzites, the

2 Jebusites, And the Gergashites-- To give Then those of Israelite lineage it to his descendants. You have

separated themselves from all

performed Your words, For You are  
foreigners; and they stood and

righteous.

confessed their sins and the iniquities of

their fathers.

"You saw the affliction of our fathers in

3 Egypt, And heard their cry by the Red And they stood up in their  
place and Sea. read from the Book of the Law of the

LORD their God for one-fourth of the 10 You showed signs and wonders  
day; and for another fourth they against Pharaoh, Against all his  
confessed and worshiped the LORD servants, And against all the  
people of their God.

his land. For You knew that they acted

4 proudly against them. So You made a

Then Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel,

name for Yourself, as it is this day.

Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and

Chenani stood on the stairs of the 1 Levites and cried out with a loud  
voice And You divided the sea before them,

to the LORD their God. So that they went through the midst of

the sea on the dry land; And their

5 persecutors You threw into the deep, As



And the Levites, Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani,

a stone into the mighty waters.

Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah,

Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said: "Stand <sup>1</sup> 2 Moreover You led them by day with a up and bless the LORD your God Forever and ever!  
"Blessed be Your cloudy pillar, And by night with a pillar of

glorious name, Which is exalted above fire, To give them light on the road

all blessing and praise! Which they should travel.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> <sup>3</sup> You came down also on Mount Sinai, O ou also gave Your good Spirit to And spoke with them from heaven, And instruct them, And did not withhold Your

gave them just ordinances and true laws, manna from their mouth, And gave them

Good statutes and commandments. water for their thirst.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 41

You made known to them Your holy Forty years You sustained them in the

Sabbath, And commanded them wilderness; They lacked nothing; Their precepts, statutes and laws, By the clothes did not wear out And their feet

hand of Moses Your servant. did not swell.

<sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup> 5 ou gave them bread from heaven for 2 Moreover You gave them kingdoms their hunger, And brought them water and nations, And divided them into

out of the rock for their thirst, And told districts. So they took possession of the

them to go in to possess the land Which land of Sihon, The land of the king of

You had sworn to give them. Heshbon, And the land of Og king of

Bashan.

16 But they and our fathers acted proudly, Hardened their necks, And did 2 3 ou also multiplied their children as not heed Your commandments. the stars of heaven, And brought them

into the land Which You had told their

17 fathers To go in and possess.

They refused to obey, And they were not mindful of Your wonders That You did among them. But they hardened 2 4

So the people went in And possessed

their necks, And in their rebellion They the land; You subdued before them the

appointed a leader To return to their inhabitants of the land, The Canaanites,

bondage. But You are God, Ready to And gave them into their hands, With

pardon, Gracious and merciful, Slow to their kings And the people of the land,

anger, Abundant in kindness, And did That they might do with them as they

not forsake them. wished.

1 2 "" Even when they made a molded calf 5 And they took strong cities and a rich for themselves, And said, "This is your land, And possessed houses full of all

god That brought you up out of Egypt,' goods, Cisterns already dug,

vineyards,

And worked great provocations, olive groves, And fruit trees in

abundance. So they ate and were filled

1 and grew fat, And delighted themselves ' Yet in Your manifold  
mercies You did

not forsake them in the wilderness. The in Your great goodness. pillar  
of the cloud did not depart from

2 6

them by day, To lead them on the road; Nevertheless they were  
disobedient

Nor the pillar of fire by night, To show And rebelled against You, Cast  
Your law

them light, And the way they should go. behind their backs And killed  
Your

prophets, who testified against them To

turn them to Yourself; And they worked

great provocations.

27Therefore You delivered them into the our princes, Our priests and  
our

hand of their enemies, Who oppressed prophets, Our fathers and on all  
Your

them; And in the time of their trouble, people, From the days of the  
kings of

When they cried to You, You heard from Assyria until this day.  
heaven; And according to Your

abundant mercies You gave them 33However You are just in all that  
has

deliverers who saved them From the befallen us; For You have dealt  
faithfully,

hand of their enemies. But we have done wickedly.

2 8 But after they had rest, They again 34Neither our kings nor our  
princes, Our

did evil before You. Therefore You left priests nor our fathers, Have  
kept Your

them in the hand of their enemies, So law, Nor heeded Your  
commandments

that they had dominion over them; Yet and Your testimonies, With  
which You

when they returned and cried out to You, testified against them. You  
heard from heaven; And many

times You delivered them according to 35For they have not served  
You in their

Your mercies,

kingdom, Or in the many good things

2 that You gave them, Or in the large and

' And testified against them, That You rich land which You set before  
them;

might bring them back to Your law. Yet Nor did they turn from their  
wicked

they acted proudly, And did not heed works. Your commandments,  
But sinned

man does, he shall live by them.' And land that You gave to our  
fathers, To eat they shrugged their shoulders, Stiffened against Your  
judgments, "Which if a 3 6 Here we are, servants today! And the

its fruit and its bounty, Here we are,

their necks, And would not hear.

servants in it!

30 37And it yields much increase to the

Yet for many years You had patience  
with them, And testified against them by

kings You have set over us, Because of  
Your Spirit in Your prophets. Yet they

our sins; Also they have dominion over  
would not listen; Therefore You gave

our bodies and our cattle At their  
them into the hand of the peoples of the

pleasure; And we are in great distress.  
lands.

31Nevertheless in Your great mercy You 38 'And because of all this,  
We make a

sure covenant and write it; Our leaders,  
did not utterly consume them nor

our Levites, and our priests seal it."  
forsake them; For You are God,  
gracious and merciful.

32 Now therefore, our God, The great, 1 ONow those who placed  
their seal the mighty, and awesome God, Who on the document were:  
Nehemiah the

keeps covenant and mercy: Do not let governor, the son of Hacaliah,

and all the trouble seem small before You Zedekiah, That has come upon us, Our kings and 2 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 0Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir,

3Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 2 1Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua,

4 2 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 2Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah,

5 2 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 3Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub,

6 2 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 4Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek,

7 2 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin,5Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah,

8 2 6Ahijah, Hanan, Anan,

Maaziah, Bilgai, and Shemaiah. These

were the priests.

2 7MaIIuch, Harim, and Baanah.

"The Levites: Jeshua the son of Azaniah,

Binnui of the sons of Henadad, and Now the rest of the people--the priests, 2 8

Kadmiel. the Levites, the gatekeepers, the

singers, the Nethinim, and all those who

10Their brethren: Shebaniah, Hodijah, had separated themselves from the

Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, peoples of the lands to the Law of God,

their wives, their sons, and their

<sup>11</sup>Micha, Rehob, Hashabiah,

daughters, everyone who had knowledge and understanding--

<sup>12</sup>Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah,

<sup>2</sup> ' these joined with their brethren, their

<sup>1</sup> nobles, and entered into a curse and an <sup>3</sup>Hodijah, Bani, and Beninu.

oath to walk in God's Law, which was

<sup>1</sup> given by Moses the servant of God, and <sup>4</sup>The leaders of the people:  
Parosh,

to observe and do all the

Pahath-Moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, commandments of the LORD our  
Lord,

<sup>1</sup>  
<sup>5</sup>Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, and His ordinances and His statutes:

<sup>30</sup>We would not give our daughters as

<sup>16</sup>Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin,

wives to the peoples of the land, nor

take their daughters for our sons;

<sup>17</sup>  
Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur,  
<sup>31</sup>if the peoples of the land brought

<sup>18</sup>Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai,

wares or any grain to sell on the

Sabbath day, we would not buy it from

19Hariph, Anathoth, Nebai,

them on the Sabbath, or on a holy day;  
and we would forego the seventh year's  
produce and the exacting of every debt.

32

Also we made ordinances for tithes to the house of our God, to the  
ourselves, to exact from ourselves rooms of the storehouse. yearly one-  
third of a shekel for the  
service of the house of our God: 3' For the children of Israel and the

33 or the showbread, for the regular children of Levi shall bring the  
offering of

the grain, of the new wine and the oil, to

grain offering, for the regular burnt the storerooms where the articles  
of the

offering of the Sabbaths, the New sanctuary are, where the priests  
who

Moons, and the set feasts; for the holy minister and the gatekeepers  
and the

things, for the sin offerings to make singers are; and we will not  
neglect the

atonement for Israel, and all the work of house of our God. the house  
of our God.

34We cast lots among the priests, the 1 1 Now the leaders of the  
people

Levites, and the people, for bringing the dwelt at Jerusalem; the rest



of the

according to our fathers' houses, at the to dwell in Jerusalem, the holy city, and appointed times year by year, to burn on wood offering into the house of our God, people cast lots to bring one out of ten

nine-tenths were to dwell in other cities.

the altar of the LORD our God as it is

written in the Law. <sup>2</sup>

And the people blessed all the men

35And we made ordinances to bring the who willingly offered themselves to dwell

at Jerusalem.

firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits

of all fruit of all trees, year by year, to <sup>3</sup>These are the heads of the province

the house of the LORD;

who dwelt in Jerusalem. (But in the

<sup>3</sup> cities of Judah everyone dwelt in his <sup>6</sup> bring the firstborn of our sons and

own possession in their cities--Israelites,

our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and priests, Levites, Nethinim, and the firstborn of our herds and our flocks, descendants of Solomon's servants.)

to the house of our God, to the priests

who minister in the house of our God; <sup>4</sup>

Also in Jerusalem dwelt some of the

3 children of Judah and of the children of 7 bring the firstfruits of our dough, our

Benjamin. The children of Judah:

offerings, the fruit from all kinds of trees, Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of

the new wine and oil, to the priests, to Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son

the storerooms of the house of our God; of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of

and to bring the tithes of our land to the the children of Perez; Levites, for the Levites should receive

the tithes in all our farming communities. s

and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the

3' And the priest, the descendant of son of Col-Hozeh, the son of Hazaiah,

the son of Adaiah, the son of Joiarib, the

Aaron, shall be with the Levites when son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. the Levites receive tithes; and the

Levites shall bring up a tenth of the 61 All the sons of Perez who dwelt at 5Also of the Levites: Shemaiah the son Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty- of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son

eight valiant men. of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni;

71 And these are the sons of Benjamin: 6Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the heads Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of of the Levites, had the oversight of the

Joed, the son of Pedaiah, the son of business outside of the house of God;

Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of

Ithiel, the son of Jeshaiiah; <sup>1</sup> 7 Mattaniah the son of Micha, the son of

Zabdi, the son of Asaph, the leader who

'and after him Gabbai and Sallai, nine began the thanksgiving with prayer;

hundred and twenty-eight. Bakkukiah, the second among his

brethren; and Abda the son of

'Joel the son of Zichri was their Shammua, the son of Galal, the son of overseer, and Judah the son of Senuah Jeduthun. was second over the city.

<sup>18</sup>

All the Levites in the holy city were two

<sup>10</sup> hundred and eighty-four.

Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of  
Joiarib, and Jachin;

<sup>1</sup> Moreover the gatekeepers, Akkub,

<sup>11</sup> Talmon, and their brethren who kept the

Seraiah the son of Hilkiah, the son of  
Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of gates, were one hundred and seventy-

Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, was the two. leader of the house of God.

<sup>2</sup> 0

And the rest of Israel, of the priests

<sup>12</sup> and Levites, were in all the cities of

Their brethren who did the work of the

house were eight hundred and twenty- Judah, everyone in his inheritance.

two; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the 1But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel. And

son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son 2 of Zechariah, the son of Pashhur, the Ziha and Gishpa were over the Nethinim.

son of Malchijah,

2 2Also the overseer of the Levites at

h and his brethren, heads of the fathers' Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the

houses, were two hundred and forty- son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah,

two; and Amashai the son of Azarel, the the son of Micha, of the sons of Asaph,

son of Ahzai, the son of Meshillemoth, the singers in charge of the service of

the son of Immer, the house of God.

1 2 4 3For it was the king's command

and their brethren, mighty men of valor,

were one hundred and twenty-eight. concerning them that a certain portion

Their overseer was Zabdiel the son of should be for the singers, a quota day

one of the great men. by day.

24 ethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of

the children of Zerah the son of Judah, 1 2Now these are the  
priests and the was the king's deputy in all matters

Levites who came up with Zerubbabel  
concerning the people.

the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua:  
2 Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra,  
5

And as for the villages with their fields,  
some of the children of Judah dwelt in 2

Amariah, Malluch, Hattush,  
Kirjath Arba and its villages, Dibon and

its villages, Jekabzeel and its villages; 3Shechaniah, Rehum,  
Meremoth,

26in Jeshua, Moladah, Beth Pelet,

4lddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah,

27 Hazar Shual, and Beersheba and its 5

Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah,  
villages;

2 6 8 n Ziklag and Meconah and its villages;Shemaiah, Joiarib,  
Jedaiah,

' in En Rimmon, Zorah, Jarmuth, 7Saflu, Amok, Hilkiah, and Jedaiah.

These were the heads of the priests and

30Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages; in their brethren in the days of  
Jeshua. Lachish and its fields; in Azekah and its 8

Moreover the Levites were Jeshua,  
villages. They dwelt from Beersheba to  
the Valley of Hinnom. Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and

Mattaniah who led the thanksgiving

3 psalms, he and his brethren. 1Also the children of Benjamin from

Geba dwelt in Michmash, Aija, and 9Also Bakbukiah and Unni, their  
Bethel, and their villages; brethren, stood across from them in

32in Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; their duties.

thin Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim; Eliashib, Eliashib begot Joiada, 1 0Jeshua  
begot Joiakim, Joiakim begot

34in Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; 11 Joiada begot Jonathan, and  
Jonathan

35 n Lod, Ono, and the Valley of begot Jaddua.

Craftsmen. 1 2 Now in the days of Joiakim, the priests,

the heads of the fathers' houses were:

36 Some of the Judean divisions of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah,  
Levites were in Benjamin. Hananiah;

1 3 Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah,  
Jehohanan;

14

of Melichu, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, gatekeepers keeping the watch  
at the

Joseph; storerooms of the gates.

1 2 5 f Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 6 These lived in the days of  
Joiakim the

son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and

16 in the days of Nehemiah the governor,

Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon,

Meshullam; and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

1 2 7 7 f Abijah, Zichri; the son of Minjamin; Now at the dedication of  
the wall of of Moadiah, Piltai; Jerusalem they sought out the Levites  
in

all their places, to bring them to

1 Jerusalem to celebrate the dedication

' of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah,

Jehonathan; with gladness, both with thanksgivings

and singing, with cymbals and stringed

1 instruments and harps. 9 f Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi;

2 And the sons of the singers gathered of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber;  
 together from the countryside around  
 2 Jerusalem, from the villages of the  
 1 of Hilkiah, Hashabiah; and of Jedaiah, Netophathites,  
 Nethanel.

2 ' from the house of Gilgal, and from the

22 During the reign of Darius the Persian, fields of Geba and  
 Azmaveth; for the

a record was also kept of the Levites singers had built themselves  
 villages all

and priests who had been heads of their around Jerusalem. fathers'  
 houses in the days of Eliashib,

Joiada, Johanan, and Jaddua. 3 0Then the priests and Levites purified 2  
 themselves, and purified the people, the

3 The sons of Levi, the heads of the gates, and the wall.

fathers' houses until the days of

Johanan the son of Eliashib, were 31 So I brought the leaders of Judah  
 up written in the book of the chronicles. on the wall, and appointed  
 two large

2 thanksgiving choirs. One went to the 4And the heads of the Levites  
 were

right hand on the wall toward the Refuse

Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the Gate. son of Kadmiel, with their  
 brothers

across from them, to praise and give 32

After them went Hoshaiiah and half of



thanks, group alternating with group, the leaders of Judah, according to the command of David the

man of God. Stand Azariah, Ezra, Meshullam,

25Mattaniah, Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, and Akkub were Judah, Benjamin, Shemaiah, Jeremiah, 34

35and some of the priests' sons with 43Also that day they offered great trumpets--Zechariah the son of sacrifices, and rejoiced, for God had Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son made them rejoice with great joy; the

of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the women and the children also rejoiced,

son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard

afar off.

36

and his brethren, Shemaiah, Azarel, 4And at the same time some were

Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, Judah, 4 and Hanani, with the musical appointed over the rooms of the instruments of David the man of God. storehouse for the offerings, the

And Ezra the scribe went before them. firstfruits, and the tithes, to gather into

them from the fields of the cities the

37 portions specified by the Law for the By the Fountain Gate, in front of them,

they went up the stairs of the City of priests and Levites; for Judah rejoiced

David, on the stairway of the wall, over the priests and Levites who

beyond the house of David, as far as the ministered.

Water Gate eastward. 5Both the singers and the gatekeepers

4

3' The other thanksgiving choir went the kept the charge of their God and the

opposite way, and I was behind them charge of the purification, according to

with half of the people on the wall, going the command of David and Solomon his

past the Tower of the Ovens as far as son.

the Broad Wall, 6For in the days of David and Asaph of

4

3 old there were chiefs of the singers, and ' and above the Gate of Ephraim, above

the Old Gate, above the Fish Gate, the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

Tower of Hananel, the Tower of the

Hundred, as far as the Sheep Gate; and 47 n the days of Zerubbabel and in the they stopped by the Gate of the Prison. days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the

portions for the singers and the

40 gatekeepers, a portion for each day.

So the two thanksgiving choirs stood

in the house of God, likewise I and the They also consecrated holy

things for

half of the rulers with me; the Levites, and the Levites consecrated  
them for the children of Aaron.

4 1

and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah,  
Minjamin, Michaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah,  
and Hananiah, with trumpets; 1 3 On that day they read from the  
Book of Moses in the hearing of the

42

also Maaseiah, Shemaiah, Eleazar, people, and in it was found  
written that

Uzzi, Jehohanan, Malchijah, Elam, and no Ammonite or Moabite  
should ever

Ezer. The singers sang loudly with come into the assembly of God,  
Jezrahiah the director.

2 1 because they had not met the children 0 also realized that the  
portions for the of Israel with bread and water, but hired Levites had  
not been given them; for

Balaam against them to curse them. each of the Levites and the singers  
who

However, our God turned the curse into did the work had gone back  
to his field.

a blessing.

1 So I contended with the rulers, and

3

So it was, when they had heard the said, "Why is the house of God  
Law, that they separated all the mixed forsaken?" And I gathered them  
multitude from Israel. together and set them in their place.

4 1 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, 2 Then all Judah brought the tithe of the having authority over the storerooms of grain and the new wine and the oil to the

the house of our God, was allied with storehouse. Tobiah.

1 3 And I appointed as treasurers over the

5 And he had prepared for him a large storehouse Shelemiah the priest and

room, where previously they had stored Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites,

the grain offerings, the frankincense, the Pedaiah; and next to them was Hanan

articles, the tithes of grain, the new wine the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah;

and oil, which were commanded to be for they were considered faithful, and

given to the Levites and singers and their task was to distribute to their

gatekeepers, and the offerings for the brethren. priests.

1 4 Remember me, O my God, concerning

6 But during all this I was not in this, and do not wipe out my good deeds

Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year that I have done for the house of my

of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I had God, and for its services! returned to the king. Then after certain

days I obtained leave from the king, 1 5 n those days I saw people in Judah

treading wine presses on the Sabbath,

7 and I came to Jerusalem and and bringing in sheaves, and loading

discovered the evil that Eliashib had donkeys with wine, grapes, figs,  
and all

done for Tobiah, in preparing a room for kinds of burdens, which they  
brought

him in the courts of the house of God. into Jerusalem on the Sabbath  
day. And

I warned them about the day on which  
8 they were selling provisions. And it grieved me bitterly; therefore I

threw all the household goods of Tobiah 6Men of Tyre dwelt there  
also, who

out of the room. 1

brought in fish and all kinds of goods,  
"Then I commanded them to cleanse the and sold them on the Sabbath  
to the  
rooms; and I brought back into them the children of Judah, and in  
Jerusalem.

articles of the house of God, with the  
grain offering and the frankincense.

1 2 74

Then I contended with the nobles of And half of their children spoke  
the  
Judah, and said to them, "What evil language of Ashdod, and could  
not

thing is this that you do, by which you speak the language of Judah,  
but spoke

profane the Sabbath day? according to the language of one or the  
other people.

1' Did not your fathers do thus, and did

2 5

not our God bring all this disaster on us So I contended with them and cursed

and on this city? Yet you bring added them, struck some of them and pulled

wrath on Israel by profaning the out their hair, and made them swear by

Sabbath." God, saying, "You shall not give your

daughters as wives to their sons, nor

1 take their daughters for your sons or ' So it was, at the gates of Jerusalem,

as it began to be dark before the yourselves. Sabbath, that I commanded the gates to

2 6

be shut, and charged that they must not Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by

be opened till after the Sabbath. Then I these things? Yet among many nations

posted some of my servants at the there was no king like him, who was

gates, so that no burdens would be beloved of his God; and God made him

brought in on the Sabbath day. king over all Israel. Nevertheless pagan

women caused even him to sin.

20Now the merchants and sellers of all kinds 2 7 of wares lodged outside

Should we then hear of your doing all

Jerusalem once or twice. this great evil, transgressing against our

God by marrying pagan women?"

21

Then I warned them, and said to them,

"Why do you spend the night around the 2' And one of the sons of Joiada, the son wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands of Eliashib the high priest, was a son-in-

on you!" From that time on they came law of Sanballat the Horonite; therefore I

no more on the Sabbath. drove him from me.

2 2 2 And I commanded the Levites that ' Remember them, O my God, because

they should cleanse themselves, and they have defiled the priesthood and the

that they should go and guard the gates, covenant of the priesthood and the

to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember Levites. me, O my God, concerning this also,

and spare me according to the 3 0

Thus I cleansed them of everything

greatness of Your mercy! pagan. I also assigned duties to the

2 service, 3 n those days I also saw Jews who priests and the Levites, each to his

had married women of Ashdod, Ammon,

and Moab. 31 and to bringing the wood offering and

the firstfruits at appointed times.

Remember me, O my God, for good!

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Lord Jesus, you know my requests, if these will be your requests too, then I will know that you went with my requests. Amen.

One of your friends, brothers and servants.

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